

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please speak to the pastor or elder standing at the left of the pulpit, or you may call the church office during the week.

**CONGRATULATIONS** — The First Presbyterian Church family congratulates:

- Mary Pillow and Patrick Thompson, on the birth of their son, Henry Kirk Thompson, born on June 21. Proud grandparents are Mary Pillow Kirk and Douglas Kirk.
- Casey and John Stringham, on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Lauren Stringham, born on July 17. Proud grandparents are Anne and Jack Stringham.

**SYMPATHY** — The First Presbyterian Church family extends sympathy to:

- Keith Moore, on the death of his sister, Rebecca Jane Lancaster, who died on July 29.

*If any member of the church desires the Christian support of a Stephen Minister, call Sandra Randleman (298-9502).  
Stephen Ministers are trained lay ministers of the church.*

**MUSIC NOTE** — A portion of today's New Testament text led to the selection of the closing voluntary: "until all of us come to the unity of the faith", Ephesians 4:11-13. Buxtehude's *Passacaglia* is built on a four-bar repeating pattern played in the pedal; the pattern appears in three keys with each of the three sections containing seven variations on the seven-note ostinato. The piece beautifully amplifies the various gifts (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers) which equip believers for ministry, all coming together for the "unity of faith" and "to maturity".

**YOUNG CHILDREN & WORSHIP** is a ministry of worship preparation for young children and their parents. Parents and their children who are age 4 or 5 by September 1, 2012 are invited to participate (this includes children in the Faith, Hope, Love, and Grace Sunday School classes). This ministry is offered during both 8:30 and 11:00 worship services and meets in Room CW-110, which is located in the Children's Ministry wing. Please reference the worship bulletin to know when to exit the sanctuary. We ask that children who are attending for the first time be accompanied by a parent. Please visit the church web site to enroll your child in YC&W. Contact Deb O'Brien (dobrien@fpcnashville.org) with questions.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY** — Sunday School meets from 9:45 to 10:45 every Sunday. Guests can find assistance in locating a class for your child at the Welcome Desk in the Children's Ministry Wing (Ages 3-6) and at the Welcome Cart at the top of C-Wing in Oak Hill School (children entering 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades). Nursery care for children 6 weeks to age 3 is available during both worship services and Sunday School. Check-in at the Welcome Desk in the Children's Ministry Wing.

**MOTHER AND INFANT QUIET ROOM** — Mothers of infants who need a quiet place for nursing or calming babies are welcome to use the Quiet Room. An audio feed of the worship service is provided. Check in with Karen Fitts in the Nursery to see if the Quiet Room is available for your use.

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE & DONUTS** — As is our Sunday morning custom, the First Presbyterian Church family gathers for a time of informal fellowship each Sunday between worship services in Courtenay Hall. Please join us downstairs this morning for coffee and doughnuts.

**HOLY COMMUNION** — A pastor offers communion each Sunday immediately following the 11:00 AM worship service in the Session Room, except for those Sundays when communion is offered during the 8:30 and 11:00 AM worship services.

**ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES** — Hearing devices, large-print hymnals, large-print bulletins, and large-print Bibles are available for worship and are located in the narthex on the table on the right side as you enter the front doors. If anyone has a need or disability requiring assistance or accommodation for any church activity, please contact the church office (383-1815).

**A/V OF WORSHIP AVAILABLE** — The audio-video transfer of Sunday morning worship services is available in Courtenay Hall for your convenience.

**OFFICER PRAYER TIME** — Prayer requests for our congregation can be submitted to the church officers by filling out prayer request cards and depositing them in the Prayer Request Boxes, located in the narthex on the southeast wall and at the Welcome Center. Prayer request cards can be found in a rack attached to the Prayer Request Box. Officers meet each Wednesday at 5:00 PM in the Memorial Library to lift up prayer requests to God.

**ADDRESS CHANGE?** — Change of address cards are available in the pew rack. Please inform the church of any change in your address and/or telephone number by completing a form and placing it in the collection plate.

**RADIO BROADCAST** — First Presbyterian's 11:00 AM worship service is broadcast each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 PM on WAMB 1200 AM.

**SERMONS** preached at First Presbyterian Church are published weekly. You can log onto the church website ([www.fpcnashville.org](http://www.fpcnashville.org)) to listen to an audio version or read a printed version of the sermon (under "Quick Links" click on "Sermons"). Printed copies of the sermon can also be found in literature areas of the church (in the narthex and Welcome Center).

**AND MUCH MORE...** — Please find out all of the mission and ministry, the fun and fellowship, the education and activities that go on at First Presbyterian Church. Pick up a copy of the church newsletter *First Edition*, plus brochures that detail the life of the church, in the literature rack on the wall of the Narthex or on the Welcome Desk in the administration lobby.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



**August 5, 2012**

**The Mission of First Presbyterian Church**  
To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love  
through worship, education, and service.

## ***First Presbyterian Church***

4815 Franklin Road, Nashville, TN 37220  
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Radio broadcast of the 11:00 Sunday worship service airs at 4:00 P.M.  
each Sunday on WAMB 1200 AM

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Mark DeVries

†VOLUNTARY *Chanson* Edward Elgar

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Sam Cooper

(11:00) Sandra Randleman

Leader: We are called to lead a life worthy of God's call.

People: **We are called to live a life filled with humility and gentleness, patience and love.**

Leader: We are called to work and live in the unity of the Spirit.

People: **We are called to worship one Lord.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 464 HYMN TO JOY

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Mark DeVries

MINUTE FOR MISSION Erica Greene

CALL TO CONFESSION (8:30) Sam Cooper

(11:00) Sandra Randleman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the lowly and the mighty,  
You know the ugliness of Your people  
when we harm and destroy one another,  
yet You offer us forgiveness of our sins  
if we but turn to You.  
Expand our hearts to receive the mercy You give us,  
that, in turn,  
we may share Your grace and mercy with others  
each moment of our lives.  
Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have - mer - cy; Lord, - have - mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* Hymn 579

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

~ Children are invited to come to the front for the baptism. ~

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00) Sandra Randleman  
Melinda Eva March is presenting herself for baptism. Assisting Elder:  
Benjamin Carswell

†HYMN FOR BAPTISM 492 (stanza 3) BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children,  
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of mercy,  
You promised never to break Your covenant with us.  
Amid all the changing words of our generation,  
speak Your eternal Word that does not change.  
Then may we respond to Your gracious promises  
with faithful and obedient lives;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Testament: Ephesians 4:1-16, *page 193*

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a, *page 285*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

‡ Children ages 4 and 5 are invited to *Young Children and Worship*  
in Room CW-110.

‡HYMN OF PREPARATION 345 (seated) REST

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

SERMON Mark DeVries

*The Blindside*

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30) Stuart Gordon

(11:00) Catherine Foster

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Hymnal Page 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Traditional - debts) Hymnal Page 16

OFFERTORY

(8:30) *Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep* John Arnn

Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep, keep Thy lambs in safety keep;  
nothing can Thy power withstand, none can pluck him from Thy hand.  
May he praise Thee every day, gladly all Thy will obey;  
like Thy blessed ones above, happy in Thy precious love.  
Loving Shepherd teach Thy lambs Thy voice to hear;  
suffer not his steps to stray from the straight and narrow way;  
where Thou ledest may he go, walking in Thy steps below.  
Then, before Thy Father's throne, claim him for Thine own.

(11:00) *Go Not Far From Me* Niccolo Antonio Zingarelli

Go not far from me, O God;  
cast me not away in the time of age;  
forsake me not when my strength faileth me.  
O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise,  
that I may sing Thy glory and honor all the day long. (from Psalm 71)

\*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE 592 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 281 CWM RHONDDA

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Mark DeVries

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AR HYD Y NOS

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own,  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

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*The congregation will be seated for a moment of silent prayer after the Benediction.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Passacaglia* Dietrich Buxtehude

\* — Those who are able, please stand † — Latecomers may be seated

Please silence your cell phone as you enter the sanctuary.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Sam Cooper, Executive Pastor  
Catherine Foster, Associate Pastor for Young Adults  
Stuart Gordon, Associate Pastor for Discipleship  
Sandra Randleman, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions  
Mark DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families  
Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist  
8:30 Sanctuary Chorale: Keith Moore, conductor  
11:00 Sanctuary Choir: Raphael Bundage, conductor