

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Hymn 581

THE WORD

Children are invited to come to the front for Children's Time.

†CHILDREN'S TIME

Adam DeVries

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

ANTHEM

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen

I heard there was a secret chord
That David played and it pleased the lord
But you don't really care for music, do you
Well it goes like this the fourth, the fifth
The minor fall and the major lift
The baffled king composing hallelujah
Hallelujah.
Maybe I've been here before
I've seen this room and I've walked this floor
I used to live alone before I knew you
I've seen your flag on the marble arch
But love is not a victory march
It's a cold and it's a broken hallelujah
Hallelujah
I did my best, it wasn't much
I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch
I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool you
And even though it all went wrong
I'll stand before the Lord of Song
With nothing on my tongue but Hallelujah.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Stuart Gordon

**Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them,
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Amy Gilmore

Exodus 12:1-13, *page 58*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Stuart Gordon

Ephesians 6:1-10, *page 195*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION 440 (seated)

ABERYSTWYTH

Jesus, Lover of my Soul

Wearing True Religion

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30) Josh Rodriguez
 (11:00) Sandra Randleman
 The Apostles' Creed Hymnal Page 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
 (8:30) (debts) Hymnal Page 35

COMMISSIONING OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OFFICERS AND
 THE LORD'S PRAYER (11:00) Sandra Randleman

OFFERTORY
 (8:30) *Praise the Lord* G.F. Handel
 (from Judas Maccabeus) arr. Hal H. Hopson
 Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia.
 Praise His name forevermore.
 Shout, sing and dance; come dance and celebrate.
 Rejoice; let all within us, praise His name.
 Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia.
 Sing for joy. Rejoice. O praise His holy name forevermore

(11:00) W. A. Mozart
Laudate Dominum omnes gentes (Psalm 117)
 (from *Vesperae Solennes De Confessore* K.339)
 Laudate Dominum omnes gentes; O praise the Lord, all ye nations;
 Laudate eum omnes populi. praise Him, all ye people.
 Quoniam confirmata est super nos For His merciful kindness
 misericordia ejus, is great toward us,
 et veritas Domini manet in and the truth of the Lord
 eternum. endureth for ever.
 Gloria Patri Glory be to the Father
 et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, and to the Son
 and to the Holy Ghost,
 sicut erat in principio, as it was in the beginning, is now,
 et nunc, et semper and ever shall be,
 et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. world without end. Amen.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 326 SINE NOMINE
For All the Saints

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Stuart Gordon

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 547 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.**

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

Please silence your cell phone as you enter the sanctuary.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor

Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families

Sandra Randleman,

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministry

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Psalmody Ensemble, Carol McClure, Director

Bill Kirby, Bass; Sam Levine, Alto Saxophone

(8:30) Sanctuary Chorale: Keith Moore, Conductor

(11:00) Sanctuary Choir: Raphael Bundage, Conductor; Daphne Garey,

Soprano; Elisabeth Small, Violin

Welcome! — First Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. We are delighted you have chosen to join us. Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, please note your attendance today in the fellowship pad found in your pew.

Guests — Please take a moment to fill out a Connect Card so that we may more personally welcome you into community. We also invite you to visit the Welcome Center in the church narthex for additional information or if you are interested in becoming a member. There, you may visit with one of our elders, staff or pastors. You may also contact the church office at 615-383-1815, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- **FLOWERS** in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Katherine Ann Fredericks and Matthew James Wild and in loving memory of Sada & Tate Pierce and Howard & Kay Lee.
- **FELLOWSHIP, COFFEE & DONUTS** — Please join us between services downstairs in Courtenay Hall for coffee and donuts.
- **ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES** — Hearing devices, large-print hymnals, large-print bulletins, and large-print Bibles are located in the narthex across from the Welcome Center. If anyone has a need or disability requiring assistance or accommodation for any church activity, please contact the church office at 615-383-1815.
- **LIVE STREAM IN COURTENAY HALL** — Each of the Sunday morning worship services is streamed live in Courtenay Hall.
- **HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** — Prayer request cards can be found in the pews and deposited in the offering plate or the Prayer Request Boxes, located in the narthex on the southeast wall and at the Hospitality Center. Church officers meet weekly to lift up prayer requests to God.
- **SERMONS** can be found on our website at fpcnashville.org.

Greet those who worship around you. Be a Worship Friend!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COMMISSIONING** — At the 11:00 A.M. worship service, the following individuals will be commissioned for service as officers of the Presbyterian Women of our church: Elizabeth Coble, Moderator; Nancy Eason, Moderator Elect; Beth Singer and Linda Sauer, Circle Leader Coordinators; Mary Lee Bartlett and Robin Thompson, Bible Leader Coordinators; Laura Rouse, Event Coordinator; Suzan Hindman, Recording Secretary; Anita Goodcase and Nancy Alexander, Corresponding Secretaries; Kim Hardin, Treasurer; Myra Ishee and Shelia Odusote, Local Missions Coordinators; Karen Pasquale and Mary Marraccini, Foreign Mission Coordinators; Myrtle Ann Archer and Betty Jane Chalfant, Presbytery Representatives; Helen Dale, Nominations Committee Chair; Itice Goldthorpe and Kristin Wright, Helping Hands Coordinators; Bekah Caruso, Manna Freezer Coordinator; and Mary Loch Smith, New Moms Visitation Coordinator.

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Josh Rodriguez is preaching “Population Explosion” in The Gathering Place. Nursery care: six weeks to age three.

■ **A SPECIAL FALL EVENT: YOUR OWN SACRED JOURNEY** — For four weeks this fall, Emmett Russell, IV will facilitate a discussion of our lives as sacred journeys. Using Buechner’s memoir *The Sacred Journey* and another of his works, *The Alphabet of Grace*, as models, Emmett will lead the group to read and reflect on our own seemingly ordinary lives. They are not just journeys from birth to death, but sacred journeys filled with spiritual connection to each other and to God himself. You’re invited to join Emmett on four Sundays, beginning September 17. The group will meet in the Edgar Room during the Sunday School hour.

■ **DIVORCECARE** is a weekly seminar/support group that will help you heal from the hurt in a warm, caring environment. The sessions include “Facing My Anger,” “Facing My Loneliness,” “Depression,” “New Relationships,” “Kidcare” and “Forgiveness.” Our next group begins on Wednesday, September 13, at 6:15 P.M. in the Memorial Library. For more info, contact Sandra Randleman at srandleman@fpcnashville.org.

■ **ADULT FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES** — We are offering many new and existing Sunday School classes. You can view the complete list in our August newsletter, and you can also view this info online.

■ **FALL WEDNESDAY NIGHTS** — With hectic schedules, crazy traffic, and work duties, we have made some changes to Wednesday nights. Come make a mid-week pause for some quality time at church. Meet your own family or your church family for dinner and a class beginning September 13. Visit our website for info about classes for adults, youth and children.

■ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU: SEPTEMBER 13** — Pork Tenderloin, Roasted Summer Vegetables, Potato Casserole, Dinner Rolls, Tomato Basil Soup and full Salad. Kids: Cheese Pizza. Dessert: Key Lime Pie and Cookies. Make your reservations online. Food service begins at 5:00 P.M. and classes run from 6:00-7:00 P.M. The cost of meals is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children (free for children age two and under). Family maximum is \$22.

■ **FALL 6-WEEK PARABLE GROUPS** — Are you looking for a place to get plugged in with a small group for six weeks? Our spring Lenten groups were such a big success that we’ll be launching a new series this fall. These groups will start meeting in mid-October, and the theme will be the Parables. There will be a variety of small group choices — different days, different times of day and different neighborhoods! If you are interested

in leading a group, hosting a group in your home, writing a devotional, or being in a group, please email Sarah Ward at swardfpc@gmail.com.

■ **FROM OVERWHELMED BY LIFE TO OVERWHELMED BY GOD** — As women, we often are overwhelmed by the demands and circumstances of life, resulting in stress, fear, worry, impatience, fatigue, frustration, and even depression. The truth is that we were created to be overwhelmed... not by life but by God! When we learn to be overwhelmed by God, the fruit in our lives goes from rotten to fragrant—filling our days with peace, hope, love, and joy. Leslee Bechtel leads this group for women of all ages beginning September 20 through November 15 on Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:00 A.M., in Vance Hall. For more information or questions about this study group, please contact Leslee at llbdesigns@aol.com.

■ **UPCOMING INQUIRERS' CLASS** — If you are interested in uniting as members or just wish to learn more about the history and mission of our church and the Presbyterian Church, you are invited to attend. The class will meet for five consecutive weeks (starting today) during the Sunday School hour in Courtenay Lounge. Registration is not necessary. For more info, please call 615-383-1815.

■ **MUSIKGARTEN MUSIC CLASS** — Classes meet on Mondays or Wednesdays for 30 minutes. Parents will learn how to play musically with their baby or toddler to bouncing and rocking songs, wiggle and peek-a-boo games, and other fun activities. This is a wonderful time for moms to meet other parents. Cost is \$50. To register, visit music.fpcnashville.org/children/musikgarten/.

■ **PASTORS' WEEKDAY STUDIES** (Dates on church website):

- Senior Pastor's Study (Todd Jones): Thursdays at 11:00 A.M. We will be studying the book of Genesis.
- Your Faith At Work (Stuart Gordon): Wednesday/Thursday/Friday at 12:00 P.M. We will look at Bible passages expressing the Christian calling to be Stewards, Reconcilers, and People of Hope.
- Thursday Night Study (Stuart Gordon): 7:00 P.M. We will discuss *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis' published lectures on the basics of the Christian faith.
- Tuesday Morning Men's Study (Sandra Randleman): 7:00 A.M.
- Contemplative Prayer (Sandra Randleman): Wednesdays at 4:00 P.M.
- Women's Bible Study (Sandra Randleman): Thursdays at 7:00 A.M. This study will explore individual parables and interpret their meaning for us today using William Barclay's book as a guide.

■ **GOLF TOURNAMENT** — Monday, October 16, at Nashville Golf and Athletic. Sign up as single(s) or group(s). Cost is \$110 and includes driving range (open all day), cart, lunch, hors d'oeuvres, beverage tickets, and special prizes. Register online now!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

■ **SYMPATHY** — The First Presbyterian Church family extends sympathy to the friends and family of the following during their time of loss:

- Melba & Bill Blevins, on the death of their nephew, James Alan Jensen, who died on August 24. Sympathy also to Kim & Brad Blevins, Jill Keogh and Clay Blevins.
- Brigitte & David Wiley III, Joanna & Price Wiley, Ann & Anthony Tavakoli, on the death of David, Price and Ann's mother, Ann Boone Hendricks 'Boonie' Wiley, who died on September 2. Sympathy also

to Cate & Will Lane, Kirby Wiley, Helen Wiley, Grace Wiley, Emma & Philip Lovell and Wiley Hunt.

- Trudy & Whit Clark, on the death of Whit's mother, Gloria Gambill Clark, who died on September 3. Sympathy also to Emily & Justin King and Cotton Clark.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **SUNDAY LUNCHEON: SEPTEMBER 17** — Meet in the foyer after the 11:00 worship service to ride the bus to Tupelo Honey in Franklin. RSVP by September 15.

■ **THURSDAY LUNCHEON/PROGRAM: SEPTEMBER 21** — Joe Elmore, TV Host of the highly awarded local PBS show, *Tennessee Crossroads*, will be guest speaker. Buffet lunch is served at 12:00 P.M.; cost is \$6. RSVP by September 18.

■ **BOOK DISCUSSION: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28** — Pastor Todd Jones will lead the discussion on *Me Before You*, a novel by JoJo Moyes. We meet in the Memorial Library at 2:00 P.M.

*Make all reservations at 615-383-1815 or
hospitalitycenter@fpcnashville.org.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **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 located by Courtenay Hall and our Bookstore.

■ **OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN DURING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES**

- **Children's Bulletin, Sermon Sheet & Worship Bag:** All children are encouraged to use these to stay engaged during the service. These are located both in the Narthex and at the Pulpit Entrance.
- **Young Children & Worship:** Children who are age 4, 5 or 6 (not in 1st grade) are invited. After the children come up during worship services for Children's Time or a baptism, they will exit the Sanctuary and go to Room CW-110. Parents are welcome to join their child or stay for the remainder of the service.
- **Nursery Care** for children six weeks–three years is available during 8:30 & 11:00 A.M. worship services and Sunday School from 9:45 to 10:45. Ask an Elder or Deacon to help you locate the Children's Hospitality Center.

■ **CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS** — Children's choir rehearsals continue today from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. in Grundy Hall.

*For Children's Ministry info, contact Deb O'Brien
at 615-298-9582 or dobrien@fpcnashville.org.*

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **A HABITAT HOME: LET'S BUILD ONE!** — Come join your church family in building a home for our partner family over four weekends from September 16 to October 8. We specifically need volunteers for our first weekend, Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17. Sign-ups are in Courtenay Hall and online from the church website. Contact Mike Crout at 615-298-9593.

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love through worship, education, and service.

■ **PROVIDE DINNER FOR SAFE HAVEN FAMILIES** — Volunteers are needed to provide and serve dinner for 25-30 residents at Safe Haven Family Shelter on Monday evening, October 2. Safe Haven helps families experiencing homelessness by keeping the family together and providing for their immediate needs of shelter and stability. For more information, contact Annette Crout at 615-351-6692.

*For Mission Ministry info, email Mike Crout at
missions@fpcnashville.org.*

YOUTH MINISTRY

■ We'd love to know if your youth would like to be involved in an FPC small group for this upcoming year! Sign up on the website. Youth Small Groups begin today.

■ **CRUD DAY** is coming! Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 17, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

■ **THE CHURCH-FAMILY MISSION TRIP** will take place October 11-15! Register online today to attend this amazing trip to Kentucky where we will serve with our local mission partner, Barefoot Republic Camp.

■ Please let the Youth Department know of any directory changes! New school? New email or cell? Please email youth@fpcnashville.org.

*For Youth Ministry info, contact
at 615-298-9570 or youth@fpcnashville.org.*

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

■ **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

- **Young Adult Sunday School (L-201)** led by Steve and Mary Lee Bartlett, Warner McNeilly and Allison Milam.

*For Young Adult Ministry info,
contact Josh Rodriguez at jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org.*



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