



SEPTEMBER 17, 2017
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY *Air* Gerre Hancock

*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Adam DeVries
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might,

People: and He has become my salvation.

Leader: This is my God, and I will exalt Him,

People: the God of my father and mother, Whom I will praise.

All: The Lord will reign forever and ever.

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fertile earth, that day by day

Unfoldest blessings on your way, O sing ye! Alleluia!

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,

Let them God's glory also show!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, your Creator bless,

And worship God in humbleness. O sing ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

PRESENTATION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES (8:30) Deb O'Brien
and Todd Jones

MINUTE FOR MISSION Adeline, Allyssa
and Zachary Truesdell

CALL TO CONFESSION

(8:30) Adam DeVries
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In Your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name.

(A moment for 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 581

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

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

†CHILDREN'S TIME (8:30) Adam DeVries

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) Todd Jones

Julie and Jordan Marshall are presenting their daughter, Molly Jane
Marshall, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Benjamin Carswell

†HYMN FOR BAPTISM TALLIS' CANON

Lord Je - sus Christ, our Lord most dear, as
You were once an in - fant here, so give this child of
Yours, we pray, Your grace and bless - ing day by day

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Todd Jones

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

Tinsley Sheppard

I Samuel 18:1–4, *page 262*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Todd Jones

New Testament: John 15:9–17, *page 109*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION 703 (seated)

ST. CATHERINE

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

SERMON

The Elixir of Friendship

Todd Jones

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(8:30) Sandra Randleman

(11:00) Stuart Gordon

The Apostles' Creed

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(debts)

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OFFERTORY

(8:30)

How Shall I Sing that Majesty?

J.R. Daniels

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?

Let dust in dust and silence lie; Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.

Thousands of thousands stand around Thy throne, O God most high;

Ten thousand times ten thousand sound Thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears; Whilst I Thy footsteps trace,

A sound of God comes to my ears, But they behold Thy face.

They sing because Thou art their sun; Lord send a beam on me;

For where heav'n is but once begun, There alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart, Inflame it with love's fire;

Then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.

I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;

Yet, when Thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is Thine, Which doth all beings keep!

Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.

Thou art a sea without a shore, A sun without a sphere;

Thy time is now and evermore, Thy place is ev'rywhere.

(Text by John Mason, from *Spiritual Songs*, 1683)

(11:00)

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

Arr. Shane Warby

Why should I feel discouraged, Why when the shadows come,

Why should my heart be lonely, And yearn for heaven and home,

When Jesus is my portion, My constant friend is He,

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
I can sing because I'm happy, I can sing because I'm free!
Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise,
When song gives place to sighing, When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, From care He sets me free,
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.
"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender words I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears,
Tho' by the path He leadeth, But one step I may see,
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 804 MARION
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Todd Jones

*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.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Herbert Sumsion
Ceremonial March

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

Please silence your cell phone as you enter the sanctuary.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Todd Jones, Pastor

Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor

Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families

Sandra Randleman,

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

Esperance Ndayizere, Cross Bearer

Eli Thomson, Bible Bearer

(11:00) Aleki Ndayishimye, Baptism Buddy

(11:00) Jennifer Deo, Worship Helper

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

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

(11:00) Sanctuary Choir: Raphael Bundage, Conductor

TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

■ **FLOWERS** in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of DeWitt C. Thompson III by his family.

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.

■ **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.

Be a Worship Friend: "Love one another!" John 15:14-17

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **BIBLE PRESENTATION TO THIRD GRADE CHILDREN** — The presentation of a Bible to each third grade child begins our Third Grade Milestone, *Exploring the Word of God*. We have selected *The Student Study Bible*, New Revised Standard translation. It is our prayer that each child will know, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). This morning's recipients are: Isla Drew Allender, Evelyn Thompson Barrett, Bryan Cartwright Bass, William Powell Booker, Josephine Anna Jane Bowman, Catherine Austin Coltea, Zoë Crymes, Elizabeth Parish DeVries, Nolen Hunt Dickson, Karlyn Fulk, Ryan Henry Harr, Owen Marshall Hastings, Miller Margaret Holstein, Sophia Cockrill Huddleston, Emilee Mansfield Jennings, Luke Montgomery Ketcham, David Mapangala, Mary Charles McDaniel, Katherine Elliott McGuire, Lillian Madeline Mosher, Victoria Noelle Newman, Knox Hartwell Polk, Connor Knox Reese, Ruby Mae Russell, Kaylee Grace Sheldon, Claire Patterson Smith, Lilah Gardner Smith, Julia Christina Spengler, Caroline Bliss Todd, Chloë D. Ullman, Stella Rose Vlahos and Lila Elizabeth Welch

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Ashley Higgins is preaching "Forgetting, Fooling and Faith!" in The Gathering Place. Nursery care: six weeks to age three.

■ **HOLY COMMUNION** will be observed on Sunday, October 1, at the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. worship services. Prepare your hearts to celebrate this sign of Christ's love.

■ **A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called for Sunday, September 24, following both worship services. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the slate of candidates presented by the Officer Nominating Committee.

■ **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE** — During the month of September, bring items (hand towels, washcloths, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, bars of soap, toothbrushes, adhesive bandage strips) to help us create hygiene kits for disaster survivors. Collection bins are at the Children's Hospitality Desk, Hospitality Center, and in Courtenay Hall.

■ **BE A PART OF A SIX WEEK SMALL GROUP AROUND THE PARABLES** Beginning October 16, each week we will focus on a different parable with a lead devotional written by Todd Jones and daily readings written by members of our congregation. Visit our website to register or visit the table in Courtenay Hall today.

■ **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.

■ **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

- Bethel Leaders; Led by Bill Akin, Becky Campbell & Donna Robers
- Coffee and Bible in the Round; Led by Trish Callison
- Cornerstone; Led by Ben Merrill, Darryl Thompson, Chris Kirkland, Julia Wilk & John Hollins
- Current Issues Discussion Class; Led by Justin & Maureen Milam
- Discipleship Class; Led by David Goodcase & Charlie Bryan
- Family Fellowship Class; Led by Guest Member Speakers
- Good News Class; Led by Rev. John Musgrave
- Inquirers' Class; Led by Sandra Randleman
- June Ramsey Class; Led by Guest Speakers
- Logos Class; Led by Stuart Gordon
- Young Adults Class; Led by Steve & Mary Lee Bartlett, Warner McNeilly & Allison Milam
- Your Own Sacred Journey; Led by Emmett Russell

■ **ADULT WEDNESDAY NIGHT OPPORTUNITIES**

- The Meaning of Marriage; Led by Miller Folk, From Within Counseling
- Genesis; Led by Chuck Grice
- Loving Jesus; Led by Stuart Gordon
- DivorceCare; Led by Sandra Randleman

■ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU THIS WEEK** — Salmon or Roasted Chicken Breast, Sweet Potato, Asparagus, Vegetable Soup & Full Salad; Kids: Sloppy Joes; Dessert: White Cake/Cookies. Make your reservations online. Food service begins at 5:00 P.M., and classes run from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. Cost: \$8 for adults, \$4 for children (free for children age two and under). Family max is \$22.

■ **GOLF TOURNAMENT** — Monday, October 16, at Nashville Golf and Athletic. Lunch will be at 11:00 A.M. Sign up as single(s) or group(s). Cost: \$110 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:

- 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, Haden & Brian Cook, Helen Wiley, Grace Wiley, Emma & Philip Lovell and Wiley Hunt.
- Nancy & Hugh Entrekin and Janie & Kevin Hughart, on the death of Hugh and Janie's mother, Jane Edwards Entrekin, who died on September 4. Sympathy also to Hawkins Entrekin, Andrew Entrekin, Macy & Chris Johnson, Sara Hughart and John Hughart, Jr.
- Jackie Postell, on the death of her cousin, Archie Lawrence Davis, who died on September 11.

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **A HABITAT HOME: LET'S BUILD ONE!** — Come join your church family in building a home for our partner family from September 16 to October 8. We need volunteers for September 24, October 1 and October 7. Sign-ups are in Courtenay Hall and on our website.

■ **DISASTER RESPONSE COMMITTEE** — The committee has voted to allocate an initial \$15,000 in support of the hurricane damage in Texas. These funds will go to local and/or national organizations to support relief efforts in the Houston area. They have also voted to contribute \$5,000 to our mission partner, The Outreach Foundation, towards relief efforts in war-torn South Sudan to provide food and supplies. The congregation is invited to make contributions to assist in our efforts via checks payable to First Presbyterian Church (please note either: Texas Hurricane or South Sudan).

■ **PROVIDE DINNER FOR SAFE HAVEN FAMILIES** — Volunteers are needed to provide and serve dinner for 25–30 residents 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 info, contact 615-351-6692.

■ **NOVEMBER 2017 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP** — November 4–10. Physicians, dentists, nurses and other medical personnel needed along with non-medical participants to provide medical service and construction labor on a new clinic. Cost is \$1,250; \$800 deposit and copy of your passport are due NOW. Dr. Jim Cato is trip leader.

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

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

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

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

- **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.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **CRUD DAY** takes place this afternoon on the church grounds from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. It is very helpful if everyone registers online at the website. Release forms and insurance card information needs to be sent in prior to participation. It is going to be a beautiful day of muddy fun!
- 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.*



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