



SEPTEMBER 24, 2017  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY *Allegretto from Sonata no. 4* Felix Mendelssohn

†INTROIT (8:30) *I Will Call Upon the Lord* I WILL CALL  
*(See Hymn 621 for text.)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Stuart Gordon  
(11:00) Josh Rodriguez

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless His name;

**People: tell of His salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare His glory among the nations,

**People: His marvelous works among all the peoples!**

**All: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

†\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 664 BUNESSAN  
*Morning Has Broken*

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

CALL TO CONFESSION (8:30) Stuart Gordon  
(11:00) Josh Rodriguez

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth,**

**God of wonder and beauty,**

**we confess that our lives do not always reflect**

**Your beauty and grace,**

**though we are created in the Divine image,**

**and made to bear a certain God-given dignity.**

**We have received so much,**

**and yet we worry and fret over whether we will have enough.**

**We long to live by grace,**

**yet we are chronic scorekeepers with others.**

**We want for friends or family to think the best of us,**

**then we turn around and think the worst of someone else.**

**Almighty God, fill us with the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Grant that as we reckon with the grace**

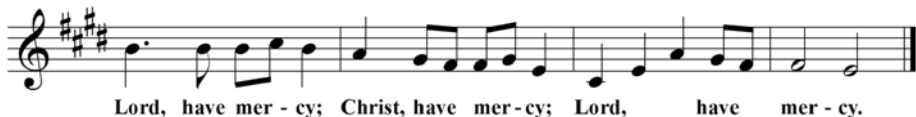
**that surrounds and sustains us all our days,**

**that we may ourselves more gracious be.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.**

*(A moment for silent confession.)*

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



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) Stuart Gordon

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) Todd Jones  
Dorothy and Travis Holland are presenting their son, Harry Stephenson Holland, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Robert Holland

†HYMN FOR BAPTISM TALLIS' CANON

3 Lord Je - sus Christ, our Lord most dear, as  
6 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 Sloan Rogers  
Exodus 16:2–15, page 62

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Todd Jones  
Matthew 20:1–16, page 21

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION 716 (seated)

BEACH SPRING

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

SERMON

Todd Jones

*The Vantage Point of Grace*

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(8:30) Adam DeVries

(11:00) Sandra Randleman

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, Page 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(debts)

Hymnal, Page 35

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

*O For a Closer Walk*

C.V. Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame;  
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!  
Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn, and drove Thee from my breast.  
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

(11:00)

*The Road Home*

Stephen Paulus

Tell me where is the road I can call my own,  
that I left, that I lost, so long ago?  
All these years I have wandered, Oh when will I know  
There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?  
After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,  
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day,  
through the air there's a calling from far away,  
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.  
Rise up, follow Me, come away is the call,  
with the love in your heart as the only song;  
there is no such beauty as where you belong.  
Rise up, follow Me, I will lead you home.

\*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Todd Jones

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 39

FAITHFULNESS

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

\*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

Felix Mendelssohn

*Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata no. 4*

\* 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

Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministry

Kathleen Kerr, Cross Bearer

Claire Smith, Bible Bearer

(11:00) Joyce Mapangala, Baptism Buddy

(11:00) David Mapangala, Worship Helper

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

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

(8:30) Doxology Singers: Jerry Monds, Director

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

**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** on the chancel table are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Ashley Elizabeth Settle and Charles Morgan Weingartner.

■ **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](http://fpcnashville.org).

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

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Stuart Gordon is preaching “What’s in a Name?” in The Gathering Place. Nursery care: six weeks to age three.
- **A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held today immediately following both worship services for the purpose of voting on a slate of candidates presented by the Officer Nominating Committee. Nominated for Elder, Class of 2020 are Lee Barfield, Les Coble, Marty Dickens, William Hastings, Suzan Hindman, Mickey Martin, Austin McMullen, Ben Merrill, Shelia Odusote, Todd Smith, Jack Stringham, Rebecca Walker and Jimmy Webb. Nominated for Deacon, Class of 2020 are Brian Austin, Steve Becker, Mike Crout, Bob Elliott, Barbara Fisher, Rex Gardner, Will Hannon, Betsy Hilt, Rob Hull, Chris Kirkland, Jenny Lenderman, Mark McDonald, Allison Milam, Kathryn Peffen, Mary Raymond, Lauren Ross, Doug Sellers, Jerry Sewell, Robert West, Hobbs Yarbrough. Nominated as Congregation-at-Large Members for next year’s Officer Nominating Committee are Missy Eason, Anne Gernert and Steele Yancey.
- **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.
- **LEAD, HOST AND/OR JOIN A SIX-WEEK PARABLE STUDY GROUP** — Each week 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.
- **NEED A FLU SHOT?** — FPC members may get their flu shots on October 11, from 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. in The Gathering Place. The cost is \$24 per person. FPC members may sign up by emailing [missons@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missons@fpcnashville.org), or call the Hospitality Desk at 615-383-1815 or Mike Crout at 615-298-9593.
- **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 WEDNESDAY NIGHT OPPORTUNITIES** from 6:15 to 7:00 P.M.
  - 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** — BBQ pork or BBQ chicken breast, baked beans, coleslaw, white bean soup, cornbread, salad, lemon cake and cookies. Kids: hot dog. Make your reservations online. Buffet begins at 5:00 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 as a group. 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:

- Connie Allen, on the death of her mother, Janet Moss Hasslock, who died on September 8. Sympathy also to Janet & Michael Dyer.
- Julia Payne, on the death of her husband, Joseph H. Payne, who died on September 9. Sympathy also to Julia Payne, Leigh & Michael Maguire, Caitlin Pinhey, Emma Trotter, Linda Payne, Lee & Phil Wheeler, Ellen Wheeler and David Wheeler.
- Ashley & Jake Higgins, on the death of her grandfather, Herbert Wayne Carr, who died on September 10. Sympathy also to Mia Higgins.
- Angie & Tony Weeks, on the death of Angie's grandmother, Jewell Davis Reeves, who died on September 15. Sympathy also to Porter and Norah Weeks.

## MISSION MINISTRY

■ **A HABITAT HOME; LET'S BUILD ONE!** — Come join your church family in building a home for our partner family from now through October 8. Sign-ups are in Courtenay Hall and on our website.

■ **DISASTER RESPONSE 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).

■ **JAMAICA MISSION TRIP 2018** — February 17-24. Construction, education and dentist team members will be needed. Cost is \$1,300. Deposit and a copy of your passport will be due November 1. JT Martin is trip leader. Contact [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9593 to sign up.

■ **MISSION TRIP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** — Financial assistance is available for members to participate in any church-sponsored mission trip. Contact Sandra Randleman at [srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9502 to submit a request.

## OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **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.

*For more Older Adult Ministry info, contact Brenda Geise at [bgeise@fpcnashville.org](mailto:bgeise@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 to three years is available during 8:30 & 11:00 services and Sunday School from 9:45 to 10:45. Ask an Elder/Deacon to help you locate the Children's Hospitality Center.

*For more Children's Ministry info, contact Deb O'Brien  
at 615-298-9582 or [dobrien@fpcnashville.org](mailto:dobrien@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. It is not too late to join one of these fun groups.
- **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.
- **PRESTON TAYLOR TUESDAYS!** — Join Adam, Anna and/or Kody from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday afternoons to volunteer at PTM! You can meet at church at 3:30 to get a ride with one of the youth staff or meet at PTM at 3:45 P.M. Let us know at 615-298-9570 if you need a ride.
- Please let the Youth Department know of any directory changes! New school? New email or cell? Please email [youth@fpcnashville.org](mailto:youth@fpcnashville.org).

*For Youth Ministry info, contact  
at 615-298-9570 or [youth@fpcnashville.org](mailto:youth@fpcnashville.org).*

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### COLLEGE

- We need updated contact information for the new school year. Text Josh at 765-618-2261 any changes to mailing addresses, emails or cell phone numbers.
- **BARNABAS TRIP:** October 2–5 to Rhodes, Alabama and Ole Miss.

### **The Mission of First Presbyterian Church**

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

## CENTER

- **TITANS GAME** — November 5. Cost is \$35. Space is limited. Contact Josh at [jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org](mailto:jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org) to purchase your ticket.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Led by Steve and Mary Lee Bartlett, Warner McNeilly and Allison Milam and meets in Room L-201.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. at Beth Singer's home.
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. in The Gathering Place.

## COVENANT

- **FAMILY FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Meets at 9:45 A.M. in the Jones Session Room.
- **MOM'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** — Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M., beginning October 5, at Leslee Bechtel's home.
- **MOM'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** — Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. in The Gathering Place.



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