



**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
OCTOBER 29, 2017
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM**

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY Dietrich Buxtehude
Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott

†INTROIT Eddie Espinosa
(11:00) *Change My Heart O God*
(Hymn 695)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Adam DeVries
(11:00) Josh Rodriguez

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after;

**People: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

Leader: to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in God's temple. (Psalm 27:4)

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

**All: The eternal God is your dwelling place,
and underneath are the everlasting arms.**
(Deuteronomy 33:27)

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 275 EIN' FESTE BURG
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

MINUTE FOR MISSION Jake Higgins and Hayes Hill

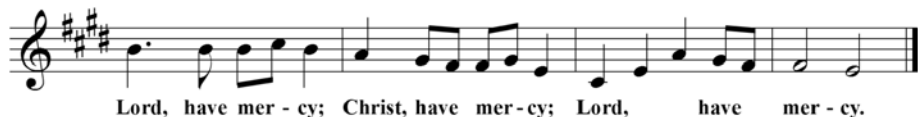
CALL TO CONFESSION (8:30) Adam DeVries
(11:00) Josh Rodriguez

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, Who art both merciful and just,
holy in all Your ways,
we accept Your gracious invitation to confess.
By our own standards we have fallen short.
How much more have we sinned against Your holy law!
Forgive us our fear of the new,
our presumptions of righteousness,
and our preference for convenience and comfort
over conviction and courage.
As we remember today those who have gone before us,**

whose lives changed the course of history
because of their willingness to say,
“Here I stand; I can do no other,”
so fill us with confidence in the Gospel,
which is the power of God unto salvation.
Grant to us deep sorrow for our sins,
and open our hearts to live by grace alone,
by faith alone, by Scripture alone,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

CHILDREN'S TIME (8:30) Adam DeVries
(11:00) Josh Rodriguez

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Todd Jones

Gracious God,
we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from Your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today
in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Emily Anderson
Jeremiah 31:31–34, *page 735*

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Dennis Olson
Romans 3:19–28, *page 154*

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

SERMON Dennis Olson

*The Reforming God:
Grace, Death, and New Life*

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Todd Jones
The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Hymnal, *page 35*

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott
(from *Cantata 80*)

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott,	A sure, safe refuge is our God,
Ein gute Wehr und Waffen;	a good defense and weapon:
Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not,	He helps us from the mortal need
Die uns itzt hat betroffen.	that now on us has fallen.
Der alte böse Feind,	The old and evil foe,
Mit Ernst er's jetzt meint,	he's dead earnest now.
Groß Macht und viel List	Brute force and deceit
Sein grausam Rüstung ist,	strew victims at his feet.
Auf Erd ist nicht seins gleichen.	On earth is not his equal.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Todd Jones

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SURSUM CORDA (*Lift Up Your Hearts*)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts) Hymnal, page 35

SERVING OF THE ELEMENTS Todd Jones and Stuart Gordon

If able, please hold the cup until all have been served.

All communion bread is gluten-free today.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 643 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Now Thank We All Our God

*CHARGE AND BLESSING Dennis Olson

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.**

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

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Georg Philipp Telemann

Die Wurde (The Majesty)

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

Please silence your cell phone as you enter the sanctuary.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Dennis T. Olson, Charles T. Haley Professor of Old Testament Theology,
Princeton Theological Seminary

Todd Jones, Pastor

Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor

Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families

Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministry

Hayes Hill, Cross Bearer

William Booker, Bible Bearer

(8:30) Alex Vorhaus, Banner Bearer

(11:00) McKenzie Cooper, Banner Bearer

(8:30) Jacob Kirkpatrick, Vexilloid Bearer

(11:00) Evatt Howerton, Vexilloid Bearer

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Sanctuary Choir: Raphael Bundage, Conductor

Jeff Bailey, Preston Bailey, Alec Blazek, Trumpets; Matthew Curley,
Timpani; Allison Hoffman, Violin; Jeremy Williams, Viola; Julia Tanner,
Cello; Quentin Flowers, Bass

(11:00) Sunday School Choir: Jerry Monds, Director

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 loving memory of June Brock Baker and Todd Baker by their family.

■ **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

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Stuart Gordon is preaching “The Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat” in The Gathering Place. Nursery care: six weeks to age three.

■ **REFORMATION SUNDAY** — Today, we are celebrating the 500th Anniversary of Luther’s nailing his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. We have Dennis Olson preaching at both worship services and speaking at our joint Sunday School lecture between the services in Courtenay Hall. Dennis comes to us through the generosity of the Barry Gibbs Fund, one of our church’s endowment funds.

■ **HOLY COMMUNION** will be observed today October 29, at the 8:30, 11:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. worship services. Prepare your hearts to celebrate this sign of Christ’s love.

■ **MUSIC NOTE** — Special music will be provided at both morning worship services today. In addition to voluntaries and hymns, the First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Choir, along with trumpets, strings and timpani, will present the opening movement of *Ein’ feste Burg ist unser Gott*, J.S. Bach’s cantata based on Luther’s iconic hymn, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.” The instrumentalists for today’s special music come to us through the generosity of the Henry Fusner and Virginia Rubin Memorial Funds.

■ **MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR ADVENT** — A memorial fund has been established for chancel and sanctuary flowers during Advent. Please send your contribution and the name(s) of those to be memorialized to the church office by December 8. You may also contribute online by clicking register/payments on the bottom of our front page. Contact us in order for your loved ones’ names to be included this Advent.

■ **STEWARDSHIP BREAKFAST** — Please join us Sunday, November 19, between services to enjoy fellowship with other members, to learn how stewardship gifts are used for the outreach of our ministries, and to hear inspiring words from Todd Jones about “Costly Grace, Costly Gratitude.”

■ **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** — On Wednesday, November 22, join your church family for a time of worship at 5:30 P.M. in the Stanford Chapel. Todd Jones will be preaching; the choir will sing; and the congregation will give thanks and praise to God for our many blessings.

■ **THANKSGIVING LUNCH** — On Thursday, November 23, join us for a potluck lunch. The potluck lunch will be at 12:00 P.M., and you can make reservations at hospitality@fpcnashville.org.

■ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU** — Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans, garlic bread, salad bar and hearty pasta fagioli soup. 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. Classes begin at 6:00 P.M.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Abbi & Josh Rodriguez, on the death of Abbi's grandmother, Lucille M. Wright, who died on October 15. Sympathy also to Jameson Rodriguez.
- Felice & Bill Oldacre and Leslie & Doug Sellers, on the death of Bill & Leslie's mother, Leah Oldacre Taylor, who died on October 15. Sympathy also to Mary D. & Hunter Oldacre, Allison & Jake Griffin, Annie Oldacre, Oliver Oldacre, Douglas Sellers and William Sellers.

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **SERVE WHILE YOU SLEEP** — Room In The Inn needs overnight hosts on Wednesday nights from 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. (with a leader's assistance). We also need van drivers, laundry help, breakfasts and sandwiches (dropped off the night before). Sign up in Courtenay Hall or online.

■ **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 are due Wednesday, November 1. JT Martin is trip leader.

■ **MISSION TRIP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** is available for members.

*For more Mission Ministry info, contact Mike Crout
at 615-298-9593 or missions@fpcnashville.org.*

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **NOVEMBER PROGRAM AND LUNCHEON** — On Thursday, November 16, at 12:00 P.M., we will celebrate NFL Hall of Famer Raymond Berry. Cost is \$6. Location: Courtenay Hall. RSVP by November 13.

■ **DAYTRIP TO FRIST CENTER** — On Monday, November 20, from 9:30 to 2:00 P.M., we will visit the Frist Center for the Visual Arts to see the World War I and American Art exhibit on Senior Monday. Admission is half-off, and purchases are discounted 15% for seniors. We will eat lunch in the Museum Café. RSVP by November 17.

*For more Older Adult Ministry info, contact Brenda Geise
at 615-298-9515 or bgeise@fpcnashville.org.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

- **CHOIR PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** — Children's Choirs will rehearse this afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. in Grundy Hall. If you have not joined choir yet, this is a great time since they are beginning to prepare for the Christmas Eve Family Service.
- **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.*

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **YOUTH BASKETBALL MEETING** — There is a mandatory basketball meeting for players, parents and coaches this Wednesday, November 1, from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. in The Gathering Place.
- **PRAYER PARTNER BREAKFAST** is Sunday, November 12, during the Sunday School hour in The Enrichment Center. Watch for your emailed invitation soon!

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

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

EVENTS

- **SOUP NIGHT** — Join us tonight in The Gathering Place for food and a time of fellowship after The Five Thirty.
- **TITANS GAME** — November 5. Cost is \$35. Space is limited. Visit the registration page of our website to purchase your tickets.

CENTER

- **WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES**
 - Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. in Room L-201.
 - Women's Monday Bible Study from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.
 - Tuesday Bible Study from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.
 - Men's Thursday Bible Study from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

COVENANT

- **WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES**
 - Family Fellowship Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. in the Jones Session Room.
 - Mom's Tuesday Bible Study from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.
 - Mom's Thursday Bible Study from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.

For Young Adult Ministry info, contact Josh Rodriguez at 615-298-9598 or jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org.

