



NOVEMBER 26, 2017
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Stuart Gordon

†VOLUNTARY *Trumpet Tune in C major* David Johnson

*CALL TO WORSHIP Adam DeVries

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into His presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God;

People: it is He that made us, and we are His.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise.

**People: For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever.**

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263 CORONATION
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Stuart Gordon

CALL TO CONFESSION Adam DeVries

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, You crowned Jesus Lord of all
in His death and resurrection.**

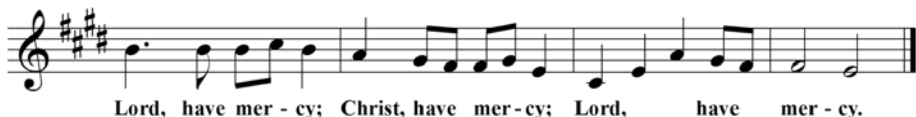
**We confess our need to deepen our allegiance to Him,
for though we confess Him as Savior
and we rejoice in His grace,
we struggle to walk in His way.**

**Please forgive us for being proud of our achievements
when we should be grateful for Your gift;
for being protective of our possessions
when we should be generous toward others;
for being judgmental of others
when we should be turning from our own sins.**

**By Your Holy Spirit, continue to work a new thing in us,
cleansing us of sin, renewing us in Your grace,
and transforming our lives into the image
of our Savior and Lord.**

(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

THE WORD

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

CHILDREN'S TIME Adam DeVries

‡ Children who are age 4, 5 or 6 (not in 1st grade) are invited to
Young Children and Worship in Room CW-110.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Stuart Gordon

**God, source of all light,
by Your Word You give light to the soul.
Pour out upon us
the spirit of wisdom and understanding
that, being taught by You in Holy Scripture,
our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things
that pertain to life and holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Maggie McConnell
Matthew 25:31-46, page 29

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Stuart Gordon
Revelation 5:1-14, page 248

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION 274 (seated) PICARDY
You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

SERMON Stuart Gordon
The Lion Is a Lamb

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Sandra Randleman
The Apostles' Creed Hymnal, page 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(debts) Hymnal, page 35

OFFERTORY

(8:30) *King of Glory, King of Peace* Harold Friedell
King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee.
And, that love may never cease, I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee.
And the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me.
And alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee:
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee:
Eternity's too short to extol Thee.

(11:00) *Lift Up Your Heads* G.F. Handel
(from *Messiah*)
Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of Glory shall come in.
Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of Glory shall come in.
Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 268 DIADEMATA
Crown Him with Many Crowns

*CHARGE AND BLESSING 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.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Healey Willan
Finale Jubilante

* 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

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Cross Bearer: Connor Jorgenson

Bible Bearer: Allison Andrews

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

(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

- **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.

Need help? Have a question?

Visit the Hospitality Center in the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Mark DeVries is preaching *Exodus 4* in The Gathering Place. Nursery care: six weeks to age three.
- **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 home page.

■ **ADVENT VESPERS** — Join us on November 29 and December 13 at 6:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary chancel. We'll sing Advent songs of anticipation, reflect on the promise of the season, and prepare ourselves for the joy of Christmas. Dinner is available beginning at 5:00 P.M. in Courtenay Hall. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age 3 to 12, free for children age two and under, \$5 for soup & salad only. Family maximum is \$22. Register for dinner on our website.

■ **ANNUAL ADVENT BREAKFASTS** — Wednesday, December 6, 13 and 20 at 7:00 A.M. in Courtenay Hall. Speakers for the breakfasts are: Todd Jones on December 6, Stuart Gordon on December 13, and Bill Caruso on December 20. Cost for breakfast is \$5 per person.

■ **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING** — On Wednesday, December 6, join us for a pancake supper at 5:00 P.M. in Courtenay Hall (please register online), followed by caroling and a candle lighting. Enjoy hot chocolate outside while we light the Christmas Tree at 6:30 P.M. in front of the Sanctuary!

■ **UPCOMING CONCERTS** — The second weekend in December will be a busy one for music at First Presbyterian Church. On **Saturday, December 9**, at 7:00 P.M., the Nashville Chamber Singers, led by Angela Tipps, will present their annual Christmas concert, a diverse program featuring contemporary choral music, Celtic and Appalachian folk songs, and African American spirituals. On **Sunday, December 10**, at 4:00 P.M., the Sanctuary Choir and members of the Nashville Symphony, directed by Raphael Bundage, will present "Glory to God in the Highest," a festive concert featuring choral music by Bach, Holst, and Vaughan Williams, as well as orchestral works and congregational carols. Both concerts are free and open to the public.

■ **RETURN GIFTS FOR "FORGOTTEN ANGELS"** — Collection deadline is Tuesday, December 12, for an unwrapped toy or clothing item valued at \$15 for a boy or girl ages 12 and under. The Salvation Army uses these items for children whose name wasn't selected from a shopping mall Christmas tree. Gift suggestions are available from Vicki Sells at 615-260-5146 or the collection box at the Hospitality Center.

■ **A PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS** — Please join us Tuesday, December 12, for a morning of hope and joy. There will be a program at 10:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary with lunch following in Courtenay Hall at 11:30 A.M. Cost is \$20. Visit the Events section of the website for more information.

■ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU** — Creamy tomato & spinach pasta, roasted vegetables, rolls, chicken noodle soup. Make your reservations online. Buffet begins at 5:00 P.M. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children (free for children age two and under). Family maximum is \$22.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Lattie Brown, on the death of her cousin, Dr. Allen F. Anderson, who died on November 12. Sympathy also to Lattie M. Brown, Hunt Brown and Rhonda & Parke Brown.

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS** — For 16 years, we have provided comfort and joy to Davidson County children in foster care during the Christmas season. Beginning today, in Courtenay Hall between services, you can select Christmas wish lists (including age, clothing size, and requested gifts) for these children. Gifts must be returned no later than December 17. You may also serve as a last-minute Angel Shopper for children placed into emergency foster care shortly before Christmas. Lists of gifts needed for this can also be viewed in Courtenay Hall between the services. If you have questions, contact Sue Fort White at suefortwhite@ourkidscenter.com or 615-383-5400.

■ **DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN WAFFLE SHOP** — Thursday, December 7, from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Tickets are \$8 when bought in advance, \$10 at the door. Free parking available for the event. Tickets can be purchased at our Hospitality Desk during office hours. Downtown Presbyterian Church needs volunteers to help as servers. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 10:00 A.M. Contact missions@fpcnashville.org to volunteer.

■ **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.

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

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **BOOK DISCUSSION** — On Thursday, November 30, at 2:00 P.M., Todd Jones will lead a book discussion on *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger in the Memorial Library. Reservations are not necessary.

■ **BELLE MEADE PLANTATION CARRIAGE HOUSE DINING TOUR** — December 18, 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Cost is \$39. Our tour of the mansion, which will be decorated in its Christmas glory, will be led by a costumed guide. In addition to the mansion tour, the dairy, horse stable, carriage house, mausoleum, gardens, and log cabin will be available for touring. Our sit-down Christmas dinner will be served in the Carriage House.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **FAMILY ADVENT FUN: WHAT'S IN A TRADITION?** — On December 3, from 3:30 to 5:15 P.M., you are invited to join other families as we fellowship together around the Advent themes of love, hope, joy and peace. We will create items like Advent calendars and wreaths to help your family prepare for the arrival of Jesus on Christmas Day. We will enjoy grilled cheese sandwiches and soup together. Please register your family online.

■ **NO CHOIR REHEARSAL** — Children's Choirs will not rehearse today. We will resume rehearsal on Sunday, December 3, from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. in Grundy Hall, as we prepare for Christmas Eve.

■ **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

■ **CHRISTMAS PARTIES! Watch your email for an invitation!**

- **7th Grade:** December 3, 3:00 to 4:30 P.M. at the home of Mary Virginia Sullivan.
- **8th Grade:** December 3, 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. at the home of Braden Ziegler.
- **9th Grade:** The 9th Grade Christmas Party will NOT take place on Saturday, December 2. Please stay tuned for a make-up date!
- **10th Grade:** December 3, 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. at the home of Annie Griffin.
- **11th Grade:** December 3, 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the home of Jackson Singer.
- **12th Grade:** December 10, 4:00 to 5:15 P.M. at the home of Grace Rader.

■ **PRE-PARTY YOUTH SUNDAY PLANNING** will be from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. with seniors at the Raders' house with Adam on December 10.

*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

CENTER & COVENANT

- **PRESTON TAYLOR GAME NIGHT** on November 30. Are you looking for ways to serve together? Grab some friends, your spouse and/or your kids to eat dinner and play board games with the students at Preston Taylor Ministries. Email hospitalitycenter@fpcnashville.org if you plan to join us.
- **YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY** on December 15.
- **THE FIVE THIRTY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** on December 17.
- **MARRIAGE RETREAT** on February 2–3. Save the date!
- **CENTER SUNDAY SCHOOL** — (L-201) led by Steve and Mary Lee Bartlett, Warner McNeilly and Allison Milam.
- **CENTER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. in Beth Singer's home.
- **TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** — 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. in Davises' home.
- **CENTER MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. in The Gathering Place.
- **THE FAMILY FELLOWSHIP CLASS** meets in the Jones Session Room at 9:45 A.M. on Sunday mornings.
- **COVENANT MOMS' EVENING BIBLE STUDY** — Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. in Leslee Bechtel's home.
- **COVENANT MOMS' MORNING BIBLE STUDY** — Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. led by Sandy Love in Vance Hall.

COLLEGE

- **COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins December 17.
- **COLLEGE CHRISTMAS PARTY** on December 20. More details to come!

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



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