



NOVEMBER 5, 2017  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY *Elegy* George Thalben-Ball

†INTROIT *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* arr. Carol McClure

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Josh Rodriguez  
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praise to Your name, O Most High:

**People: To declare Your steadfast love in the morning,  
and Your faithfulness by night,**

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.

**People: For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your work,  
at the works of Your hands I sing for joy. (Psalm 92)**

†\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 645 MIT FREUDEN ZART  
*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

CALL TO CONFESSION (8:30) Josh Rodriguez  
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

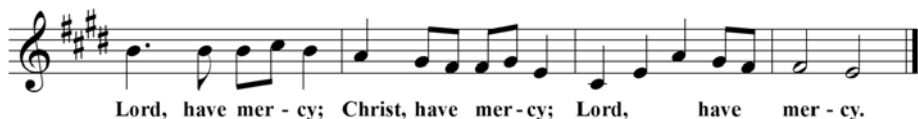
Merciful God, Who delivers us from distress  
and hears those who cry out in their troubles,  
today we raise our own voices to You.

Deliver us, we pray, from the burdens of our own sin:  
from wanting too much to impress others,  
from needing to prove our own worth;  
from foolishly pursuing  
what does not lead to abundant, joyful living;  
from anxiety that gives in too often to worry and fear;  
from inner turmoil that leads to a dissatisfaction  
with ourselves and those around us;  
from centering life upon ourselves  
rather than upon You, O God.

Take away our unhealthy desires,  
and grow in us a hunger for Your redemptive, restoring love.

**Gather us from our wandering and lead us in Your way,  
until we find once again the path and place  
You prepare for us. 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 are invited to come to the front for the Children's Time  
or the Baptism.*

CHILDREN'S TIME (8:30) Josh Rodriguez

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) Todd Jones  
Libba and Niel Alden are presenting their daughter, Alice McNiel  
Alden, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Stuart Campbell

†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

**God our helper,  
by Your Holy Spirit, open our minds,  
that as the Scriptures are read  
and Your Word is proclaimed,  
we may be led into Your truth  
and taught Your will,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Carter Ayers

1 Samuel 18:1–9, page 262

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Todd Jones

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43, page 14

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION 714 (seated)

ITALIAN HYMN

*God of the Fertile Fields*

SERMON

Todd Jones

*The Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat*

**RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(8:30) Adam DeVries

(11:00) Stuart Gordon

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, page 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(debts)

Hymnal, page 35

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

*Show Me Thy Ways*

Walter L. Pelz

Show me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths.

Lead me in Thy truth and teach me,

for Thou art the God of my salvation,

and on Thee do I wait all the day.

(11:00)

*Kyrie eleison*

Maurice Duruflé

(from *Requiem, Op. 9*)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

\*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SENDING FORTH**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 326

SINE NOMINE

*For All the Saints*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

Kenneth Leighton

*Paeon*

\* 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 Ministries

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Psalmody Vocal Ensemble, Nathan Springman, Harp

Cross Bearer: Jackson Stone

Bible Bearer: Avery Howerton

(11:00) Baptism Buddy: Hannah Mosher

(11:00) Worship Helper: Lillian Mosher

(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**

- **FLOWERS** on the chancel table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Gilliland by his wife Beth and daughter Allison.
- **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).

*“Two are better than one.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9–10)  
Make new friends by being a Worship Friend!*

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Mark DeVries is preaching “The Persistent Widow” 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 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 understand how Stewardship gifts are used for the outreach of our ministries and to hear inspiring words from Todd Jones about “Costly Grace, Costly Gratitude.”
- **RISE AGAINST HUNGER!** On Monday, November 20, we will pack 30,000 meals to be distributed to those in need. Join us for this annual pre-Thanksgiving event from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. in the Enrichment Center. This is an inter-generational, church-wide event. It is an immensely fun, hands-on and rewarding experience for volunteers of any age.
- **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 and worship service. The potluck lunch will be at 12:00 P.M., and you can make reservations online at [hospitality@fpcnashville.org](mailto:hospitality@fpcnashville.org).
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU** — Poppy seed chicken, roasted vegetables, salad bar, rolls and cheeseburger 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.
- **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING** — On Wednesday, December 6, join us for a pancake supper 5:00 P.M. (register online), followed by caroling and candle lighting. Enjoy hot chocolate while we light the Christmas Tree at 6:30 P.M.
- **ANNUAL ADVENT BREAKFASTS** — Wednesday, December 6, 13 and 20, at 7:00 A.M. in Courtenay Hall. Speakers for the breakfasts are: December 6, Todd Jones; December 13, Stuart Gordon; and December 20, Bill Caruso. Cost for breakfast is \$5 per person.
- **DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN WAFFLE SHOP** — Wednesday, December 7, from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Tickets are \$8 when bought in advance, \$10 at the door and may be purchased at the Downtown Presbyterian Church, at First Presbyterian Church or at [www.fpcnashville.org](http://www.fpcnashville.org).
- **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 in the Sanctuary with lunch following in Courtenay Hall at 11:30. Cost is \$20.

■ **HOME PARTNERS MINISTRY** — Home Partners are volunteers who are paired with church members living in a retirement home or at home and who are unable to regularly attend church services because of health concerns. The Home Partner visits once a month to extend the care and concern of the church and also delivers a lovely plant at Easter and Christmas on behalf of the church. Call Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 if you would like to serve or if you know someone in need of a Home Partner.

■ **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS** — The church offices will be closed Wednesday–Friday, November 22, 23 & 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

■ **CONGRATULATIONS** — The First Presbyterian Church family congratulates:

- Allison & Phillip Barksdale, on the birth of their twins, Elodie Grace and Bennett Isaiah Barksdale, born on September 21. Proud great-grandparents are Jean & Phil Barksdale.
- Katie & Jim Armstrong, on the birth of their son, Paul Allen Armstrong, born on September 25. Proud grandparents are Pam & Allen Kennedy.

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

- Felice & Bill Oldacre and Leslie & Doug Sellers, on the death of Bill & Leslie's sister, 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.
- Claude Torrey, on the death of his wife, Rubye P. Torrey, who died on October 26. Sympathy also to Claudia Torrey and Michael Torrey.
- Renee Stewart, on the death of her husband, Jonathan Craig Stewart, who died on October 29. Sympathy also to Sondra Roberts, Harrison Stewart and Sloane Stewart.

### MISSION MINISTRY

■ **SERVE WHILE YOU SLEEP** — Room In The Inn needs two 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 is due now. JT Martin is trip leader. Contact [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9593 to sign up.

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

*For more Mission Ministry info, contact Mike Crout  
at 615-298-9593 or [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@fpcnashville.org).*

### OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **THURSDAY 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.

■ **DAY TRIP 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.

■ **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.

*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

■ **PRAYER PARTNER BREAKFAST** is right around the corner — Sunday, November 12, during the Sunday School hour in the Enrichment Center. Please respond to your adult prayer partner when they contact you to invite you to the breakfast. Haven't heard from your prayer partner? Come anyway, and let us know at youth@fpcnashville.org.

*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.

**EVENTS**

- **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.
  - Moms' Tuesday Bible Study from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.
  - Moms' 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](mailto:jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org).*

