



FEBRUARY 4, 2018  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
BOY SCOUT SUNDAY  
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY Felix Mendelssohn  
*Andante (Sonata no. 6)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Stuart Gordon  
(11:00) Adam DeVries

Leader: Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
give ear to my supplications in Your faithfulness;

**People: answer me in Your righteousness.**

Leader: Do not enter into judgment with Your servant,

**People: for no one living is righteous before You.**

Leader: I remember the days of old,  
I think about all Your deeds,

**People: I meditate on the works of Your hands.**

**I stretch out my hands to You;  
my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.**

(Psalm 143)

†\*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) Stuart Gordon  
(11:00) Adam DeVries

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our Creator and Redeemer,  
we confess that we are broken, flawed creatures,  
and not all that we have been created to be.**

**We trust too often in our own power,  
when You promise to be our strength.**

**We seek refuge in so many places,  
while our only eternal refuge is in You.**

**We overlook the poor and the weak,  
while You promise them salvation and blessing.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy and grace!**

**Teach us once again to rely upon You alone for our salvation,  
and to give ourselves freely to others,  
as You have given to us so freely.**

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

(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 581 *Gloria Patri*

**THE WORD AND SACRAMENT**

*Children are invited to come to the front for the Baptism*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30) Todd Jones

Melissa and Walt Burton are presenting their daughter, Anne Elizabeth Burton, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Marbut Gaston

(11:00) Adam DeVries

Katie and Chris Cowert are presenting their daughter, Margaret Major Cowart, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Chip Smith

Abby and Brandon Vann are presenting their son, Samuel Phillips Vann, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Chip Smith

†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 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

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

(8:30) Hayes Hill

(11:00) Nicholas Dikhtyar  
Isaiah 43:18–25, page 672

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Todd Jones  
Mark 2:1–12, page 36

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Todd Jones

*Letting the Lord Give Life*

**RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Sandra Randleman

The Apostles' Creed (traditional)

Hymnal, page 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(debts)

Hymnal, page 35

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

*Wayfarin' Stranger*

arr. Jan Reese

I'm just a poor wayfarin' stranger,  
a'trav'lin' through this world of woe.  
But there's no sickness, toil or danger  
in that bright land to which I go.  
I know dark clouds will gather 'round me,  
I know my way is rough and steep,  
but peaceful fields lie just beyond me  
where souls redeemed their vigil keep.  
I'm goin' there to meet my mother,  
I'm goin' there no more to roam.  
I'm just a goin' over Jordan,  
I'm just a goin' over home.  
I want to wear a crown of glory,  
when I get home to that bright shore.  
I want to shout salvation's story,  
and sing His praise forevermore.  
I'm goin' there to meet my father,  
I'm goin' there no more to roam.  
I'm just a goin' over Jordan,  
I'm just a goin' over home.

(11:00)

*He Watching over Israel*  
from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps.  
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

\*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SENDING FORTH**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 634

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*To God Be the Glory*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Todd Jones

*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

Felix Mendelssohn

*Allegro maestoso e vivace (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

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Jacob Kirkpatrick, Cross Bearer

George Laskaris, Bible Bearer

(8:30) Baptism Buddies: Reagan McMullen & Kennedy Conyers

(8:30) Worship Helper: Liam Burton

(11:00) Baptism Buddies: Courtney Couden & Jack Fleming

(11:00) Worship Helper: Lily Fleming

(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 Susan and William Eason 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](http://fpcnashville.org).

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

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Adam DeVries is preaching *They Picked Those Egyptians Clean* tonight in The Gathering Place. Nursery care: six weeks to age three.

■ **CHURCH-WIDE FOOD DRIVE** — Please bring offerings of canned goods and peanut butter during the month of February. Boxes are set up around the church.

■ **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY** — Today, our youth will be collecting financial offerings at the end of each worship service.

■ **ASH WEDNESDAY** — On February 14, worship services will be held at 7:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. in Stanford Chapel. We begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, acknowledging our need for repentance and change, for mercy and forgiveness, and proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. The symbolic action of placing ashes on the forehead proclaims our recognition of our personal mortality and sinfulness, and our need for Christ’s saving grace. Please join us as we worship. There will be no dinner or programming on this Wednesday evening.

■ **LENTEN SMALL GROUPS** — Groups begin February 18 and continue until April 1. This Lenten season, we will seek to find genuine community through the words of Jesus, coupled with prayer, discussion and a sharing of life. We will focus on the Lord’s Prayer, the prayer for God’s people that Jesus offered as our model for prayer. You are invited to join one of our formed Lenten Communities of Belonging or invite one of your current small groups to use our study guide. The groups will be meeting from February 18–April 1. For more details and to register, visit our website.

■ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU** — (February 7, 5:00–6:00 P.M.) Comfort Food! Chicken & Dumplings, Green Beans, Cornbread, Salad Bar and Dessert.

■ **ANNUAL BROADWAY DINNER SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION** will take place on Friday, February 9, in Courtenay Hall at 6:00 P.M. Bob Loflin and George Armistead will emcee. The Sanctuary Choir, directed by Raphael Bundage and accompanied by Amy Tate Williams, will treat the audience to a Salute to Broadway. Tickets are \$35. To purchase tickets, contact 615-298-9517 or [dgarey@fpcnashville.org](mailto:dgarey@fpcnashville.org). All proceeds will benefit the Sanctuary Choir’s 2018 “Reformation Tour” of central Europe.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

■ **CONGRATULATIONS** — The First Presbyterian Church family congratulates Alexis and Will Colton on the birth of their son, Julius Alexander Colton, born on November 7. Proud grandparents are Amy and Overton Colton.

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

- Family and friends of Jean Wyatt Latvala, who died on December 24.
- Tammy & Ray Booker, on the death of Ray's father, William Norman Booker, who died on January 6. Sympathy also to William Booker.
- June Bogle, on the death of her husband, Robert Boyd Bogle III, who died on January 24. Sympathy also to Boyd Bogle IV.
- Kelli & Matt Cole, on the death of Matt's grandmother, Lucille Brandon Cole, who died on January 26. Sympathy also to Kendall Cole and Grant Cole.

## MISSION MINISTRY

■ **ROOM IN THE INN NEEDS YOU** — With the cold weather temperatures, we need your help to make Wednesday nights happen for our fourteen male overnight guests. For a hands-on experience, you can serve dinner, sleep overnight or drive the van. Can't help on Wednesday nights? Help prep meals or donate clothing. Sign up in Courtenay Hall or on our website.

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

## OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **LUNCHEON/PROGRAM ON FEBRUARY 15** — Ray Stevens will talk and sing what became his signature song, "Everything Is Beautiful," which he recorded in Courtenay Hall with the help of second graders from Oak Hill School in 1970. Lunch (\$6) will be served at 12:00 P.M.

■ **BOOK DISCUSSION WITH TODD** — The book selection for February 22 is *Martin Luther: The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World* by Eric Metaxas. Give yourself time since this is a lengthy book.

■ **WASHINGTON, D.C. SPRING TOUR ON MAY 3-8** — Visit our website or the Hospitality Center to see the full itinerary. The cost is \$565 (\$75 deposit; final payment by February 24).

*Make reservations at 615-383-1815 or  
[hospitalitycenter@fpcnashville.org](mailto: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 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

- **10:24 SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES** have started back, and it is the perfect time to join a group! Contact Kody Whitaker at [kwhitaker@fpcnashville.org](mailto:kwhitaker@fpcnashville.org) for more information.
- The Parent/Youth Sunday School class for eleventh graders, **Passages**, will continue through Sunday, April 29. Moms and their daughters and Dads and their sons will meet in The Gathering Place at 9:40 A.M. The guys will be taught by Scott Hearon, and the girls will be taught by Ashley Higgins and Julie Champion, along with Sara DeVries and Jessie Yancey. You won’t want to miss this meaningful class.
- **YOUTH SKI TRIPS** are fast approaching! Sign up on the website today!
  - JH to Paoli Peaks, Indiana: February 16–18.
  - HS to Black Mountain, North Carolina: February 23–25.
- What are you doing for Spring Break? We need to know ASAP if you are planning to attend the Spring Break Mission Trip to Waco, Texas from March 17–23! We’ll be working with Mission Waco, visiting SMU, TCU, and Baylor, visiting Magnolia, worshipping at The Church Under the Bridge, camping out, and much more! Register online today!

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

## YOUNG ADULT & COLLEGE MINISTRY

### CENTER & COVENANT

- **BIBLE STUDIES** — Are you looking to join a Bible study? Visit the Young Adult section of our website to read about which of the six groups would be best for you.
- **FAMILY FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** — This discussion based class meets in the Jones Session Room during the Sunday School hour, and is facilitated by Ashley Higgins. Upcoming guest speakers include Scott McConnell (January), Nan Russell (February), and Josh Rodriguez (March).

### The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

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

- **CUBA TRIP** — July 21–28. We hope you'll prayerfully consider joining us on this trip. Contact [jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org](mailto:jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org) for more information.

## COLLEGE

- **COLLEGE BARNABAS TRIP** — February 5–8 to SMU, TCU and Baylor.

*For Young Adult Ministry info, contact  
Josh Rodriguez at 615-298-9598 or [jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org](mailto:jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org).*



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