



JANUARY 28, 2018
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES

Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY

John Hughes, arr. McClure

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, Whose Word is sure;
By Whose grace we find redemption, in Whose love we live secure.
Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;
May God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise.
Alleluia! God sustains us; matchless are the gifts we share;
Light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer.
Ours to give as we are given; arms to lift when others fall;
Images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.
Alleluia! Praise the Father! Alleluia! Praise the Son!
Alleluia! With the Spirit, Praise the holy Three in One!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30) Adam DeVries

(11:00) Sandra Randleman

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

People: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord,

People: studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

People: all those who practice it have a good understanding.

All: His praise endures forever.

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 299

HANOVER

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Todd Jones

CALL TO CONFESSION

(8:30) Adam DeVries

(11:00) Sandra Randleman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.

We have failed to be obedient disciples.

We have not done Your will,

we have broken Your law,

we have rebelled against Your love.

**We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.**

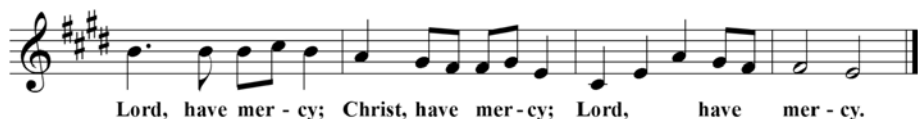
Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 581

GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30) Adam DeVries

(11:00) Sandra Randleman

‡ 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 of mercy,
You promised never to break Your covenant with us.
Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak Your eternal Word that does not change.
Then may we respond to Your gracious promises
with faithful and obedient lives;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Jack Keller

Deuteronomy 18:15–20, *page 174*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Todd Jones

Mark 1:21–28, *page 35*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION 182 (seated)

KINGSFOLD

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

SERMON

Todd Jones

When Jesus Comes to Church

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Stuart Gordon

The Apostles' Creed (traditional)

Hymnal, *page 35*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (8:30)

(debts)

Hymnal, *page 35*

OFFERTORY

(8:30) *How Beautiful Upon the Mountains* John Stainer
How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace, that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

(11:00) *The Heavens Are Telling* Franz Joseph Haydn
from *The Creation*
The heavens are telling the glory of God;
with wonders of His work resounds the firmament.
Revealed are His ways by day unto day;
by night that is gone, to following night.
In every land is known the Word:
every ear will hearken, never tongue be dumb.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Those to be ordained and/or installed should come to the front. Those in attendance who are ordained as elders or ministers of the Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church tradition are welcome to stand in the side aisles for the laying on of hands.)

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF OFFICERS (11:00)

Nature of the Offices: Todd Jones
Presentation of Elders and Deacons: Tom Stumb
Constitutional Questions for Elders and Deacons: Todd Jones
Constitutional Question for the Congregation: Tom Stumb
Leader: Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these persons as deacons and elders, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

People: We do, God being our guide and strength.

Laying On of Hands of Ordination: Session and Guests
Ordination Prayer: Stuart Gordon
The Lord's Prayer (debts)
Declaration of Ordination and Installation: Todd Jones
Charge: Todd Jones
Welcome to the Ministry of this Church

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 366 HYFRYDOL
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*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.**

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

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Jules Massenet

Prelude in C major

* 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

Psalmody Vocal and Instrumental Ensemble; Carol McClure, Director

Bentley Polk, Cross Bearer

Sophia Huddleston, Bible Bearer

Keith Moore, Sanctuary Chorale Conductor

Raphael Bundage, Sanctuary Choir Conductor; Daphne Garey, Soprano;

Greg Thomas, Tenor; Keith Moore, Bass

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 Barry Bennett Gibbs by her 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.

*“A friend loves at all times” — even in the Sanctuary!
Be a Worship Friend. (Proverbs 17:17)*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Josh Rodriguez is preaching *A Dog’s Bark* tonight in The Gathering Place. Nursery care: six weeks to age three.

■ **NEW OFFICERS** — The ordination/installation of new officers will be during the 11:00 worship service today. Elected to serve in the Office of 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. Elected to serve in the Office of 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 and Hobbs Yarbrough.

■ **APPRECIATION** — First Presbyterian Church would like to express its heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the following outgoing officers who have served faithfully in the Class of 2017: Brian Austin, Lee Barfield, Mary Lee Bartlett, Jon Bechtel, Les Coble, Mike Crout, Tom Cunningham, Helen Dale, Emily Dresch, Bob Elliott, Barbara Fisher, Rex Gardner, David Goodcase, Suzan Hindman, Rob Hull, Chris Kirkland, Malcolm Liles, Scott McConnell, Emma McDaniel, Austin McMullen, Allison Milam, Lauren Ross, Jerry Sewell, Chip Smith, Todd Smith, Jack Stringham, Weeza Swain, Tom Van Pernis, Rebecca Walker, Jimmy Webb, Robert West and Hobbs Yarbrough.

■ **MOZART’S GRAND MASS IN C MINOR** — Today at 4:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary Choir and members of the Nashville Symphony, led by Raphael Bundage, will present Mozart’s *Grand Mass in C minor*. Described by *Los Angeles Times* columnist Herbert Glass as an “often dark, otherworldly giant,” the *Grand Mass* is a towering but unfinished masterwork for choir and orchestra, not unlike Mozart’s *Requiem*. This concert, which is free and open to the public, is made possible by the generous support of the M. Stratton Foster Charitable Foundation.

■ **WOW BIBLE STUDY** — Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. in Vance Hall. Leslee Bechtel is leading a group of women as they study and begin reading Lisa Harper’s *The Sacrament of Happy: What a Smiling God Brings to a Wounded World*. Harper unveils that happiness is a gift from God that we can unashamedly enjoy. For more info, contact llbdesigns@aol.com.

■ **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY** — On February 4, bring a canned good to worship for Second Harvest. The youth will also collect financial offerings after each worship service.

■ **LOGOS CLASS** — This winter in the Logos Class, Executive Pastor Stuart Gordon will lead an exploration of corporate prayer with the guidance of eleven Psalms. The study includes an invitation for those who love our nation and yearn for its vitality to engage in regular group prayer. *Where Your Treasure Is* will be the focus. The class meets at 10:00 A.M. on Sundays in Stanford Chapel.

■ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU** — (January 31, 5:00–6:00 P.M.) Pasta Night! Baked Ziti with Red Sauce, Ricotta and Mozzarella, Fettuccini Alfredo, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread and Dessert.

■ **THE 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 make reservations, contact 615-298-9517 or dgarey@fpcnashville.org. All proceeds will benefit the Sanctuary Choir’s 2018 “Reformation Tour” of central Europe.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Betty & Marty Dickens, on the death of Marty’s mother, Rebecca Rogister Dickens, who died on January 17.
- Leslee & Jon Bechtel, on the death of Jon’s father, Ronald William Bechtel, who died on January 19. Sympathy also to Jeffrey Bechtel and Allison Bechtel.

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **BRING WARMTH TO OUR ROOM IN THE INN GUESTS** — 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.*

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **LUNCHEON/PROGRAM ON FEBRUARY 18** — Ray Stevens will reprise 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. Since that recording, he has been the king of just about every road in the music/comedy industry. It is Nashville’s good fortune that those roads have led him back to open his 700-seat theatre on River Road. It is our good fortune that he is taking a side road to his roots here at our church to be with us. 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** — We will have a guided tour of its major monuments and memorials, ride a tram in Arlington, enjoy time at the Smithsonian and visit the brand new Museum of the Bible. 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.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **SPREAD THE LOVE PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE** for Second Harvest begins February 4 and runs through February 25. Children are encouraged to share jars of peanut, almond, or Sun Butter to help feed hungry people. There will be collection boxes placed around the church facility; feel free to also share canned goods (please no glass jars). These non-perishables are vital for the food bank to have on their shelves.

■ **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

■ **10:24 GROUPS** — If your schedule has changed this year, it is a great time to join a small group! For more info, email kwhitaker@fpcnashville.org.

■ **THE PASSAGES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** for eleventh graders and parents will begin today and continue through Sunday, April 29. We will meet in The Gathering Place at 9:40 A.M. The fathers and sons will be taught by Scott Hearon, and mothers and daughters will be taught by Ashley Higgins along with Sara DeVries and Jessie Yancey.

■ **SKI TRIP PARENT INFO MEETINGS** are today!

- High School Parent Meeting at 10:00 A.M. in Courtenay Hall.
- Junior High Parent Meeting at 12:00 P.M. in The Gathering Place.

■ **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** — The collection will be during worship on Sunday, February 4. If you would like to help, contact youth@fpcnashville.org.

■ **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.

*For Youth Ministry info, contact
at 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.

CENTER & COVENANT

■ **MARRIAGE RETREAT** on February 2–3 in the Cheek House. If you have been married for one year or ten years, our goal is to create a space for you to explore your marriage more deeply, to listen for what God is up to in your relationship and to challenge you to build on the covenant you made on your wedding day. To secure nursery or child care, please register by January 25. Cost is \$60 per couple.

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.*

