



**JANUARY 7, 2018**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**8:30 and 11:00 AM**

**GATHERING**

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY Niels W. Gade  
*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Sandra Randleman

Leader: What shall we render unto the Lord  
for all His benefits toward us?

**People: We will take the cup of salvation  
and call upon the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore, let us keep the feast!

**People: O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed is the one who trusts in Him!**

†\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 152 PUER NOBIS NASCITUR  
*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

CALL TO CONFESSION Sandra Randleman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against Your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to Your promises declared to the world  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O merciful God, for His sake,  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of Your holy name.**  
(A moment for silent confession.)

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 121

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

**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

Larry Hayes

Isaiah 60:1–6, *page 690*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Todd Jones

Matthew 2:1–12, *page 2*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Todd Jones

*Home by Another Way*

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(8:30) Josh Rodriguez

(11:00) Stuart Gordon

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Hymnal, *page 35*

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

*The White Dove*

Derek Healey

Alleluia. The White Dove hovered in the still, clear air,  
with such celestial beauty,  
while God's dear Son stood in the water cool. Alleluia.



## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 147

THE FIRST NOWELL

*The First Nowell*

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Todd Jones

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

ST. LOUIS

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive Him,  
still the dear Christ enters in.**

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

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Louis-Claude Daquin

*Swiss Noel*

\* 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

Sandra Randleman,

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministries

Will Elrod, Cross Bearer

Jack Elrod, Bible Bearer

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Keith Moore, Sanctuary Chorale 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 John Jordan Hollins Sr. and John Raymond Satterfield by their families.
- **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).

*Are there angels in the Sanctuary?*

*“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.”*

(Hebrews 13:2)

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Josh Rodriguez is preaching *Make It Tomorrow* tonight in The Gathering Place. Nursery care: six weeks to age three.
- **HOLY COMMUNION** will be observed today at the 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. worship services. Prepare your hearts to celebrate this sign of Christ’s love.
- **WINTER INQUIRERS’ CLASS** — A class will be held today and also January 14, 21, 28 and February 4 during the Sunday School hour (9:45–10:45 A.M.) in Courtenay Lounge. If you are interested in uniting with our church as members or just wish to learn more about the history and mission of our church, you are invited to attend. Registration is not necessary. For more info, call 615-383-1815 or Rev. Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502.

■ **MUSIKGARTEN WINTER CLASSES** for babies and toddlers begin this month. Monday and Wednesday morning classes are available. For more information and to register, please visit our website or contact [skirby@fpcnashville.org](mailto:skirby@fpcnashville.org).

■ **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 from January 14 through March 25. The class meets at 10:00 A.M. on Sundays in Stanford Chapel.

■ **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS** — You, family members, friends and/or neighbors are invited to participate in a group that combines prayer with a study of the psalms of lament. Dr. Sandra Randleman will lead the five-week group that begins on Wednesday, January 10, from 6:00–7:30 P.M. in Memorial Library. If you have any questions, contact 615-298-9502 or [srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org).

■ **JANUARY PICNIC INDOORS** — Wednesday, January 10, 5:00–6:30 P.M. Give yourself a break and enjoy a night off from cooking to munch on some fried chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, ice cream and more. Then, each following week, we'll serve a different buffet dinner, giving you time to relax and share in the company of old friends and a chance to make new acquaintances. If you would like to stay for programming, Stuart Gordon will be continuing his discussion class based on Mark Allen Powell's book *Loving Jesus*. The class starts at 6:00 P.M.

■ **DINNER TO-GO** — Leave the cooking to us! Pick up dinner on your way home starting in January. All we need is for you to register online, then swing by Courtenay Hall after work.

■ **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

■ **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 Carrie Elizabeth Proctor, who died on December 26.

#### MISSION MINISTRY

■ **ROOM IN THE INN** — There are many ways to help make Wednesday nights happen for our fourteen male overnight guests. You can sleep overnight, drive a van, pre-make breakfast or lunch, help with laundry or donate clothing (socks, undershirts, boxer shorts, gloves, stocking caps, medical scrubs and bath towels). 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

■ **GUEST SPEAKER, MICHAEL MCRAY** — Thursday, January 18, 12:00 P.M. in Courtenay Hall. Michael is an author, educator, speaker and storyteller. His most recent book is *Where the River Bends: Considering Forgiveness in the Lives of Prisoners*, with a foreword by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Desmond Tutu. Michael will have books available for purchase. Lunch is \$6; RSVP by January 15.

■ **BOOK DISCUSSION WITH TODD JONES** — The book selection for February 22 is *Martin Luther: The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World* by Eric Metaxas. This is a rather lengthy book, so you may want to start reading it now.

■ **WASHINGTON, D.C., SPRING TOUR ON MAY 3-8** — We will have a guided tour of Washington, D.C., and view its major monuments and memorials, ride a tram in Arlington, enjoy a half day in the Smithsonian and spend a full day in the brand new Museum of the Bible. The cost is \$565. Flyers are at the Hospitality Center, or visit our church's website to see the full itinerary. A \$75 deposit is due at signing, and final payment is due 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

■ **BAREFOOT MLK 5K RACE** — The youth staff will be running in this again on January 15! Let us know at [youth@fpcnashville.org](mailto:youth@fpcnashville.org) if you would like to run with us.

■ **10:24 SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES** will start back this week. If your schedule has changed this semester, contact Kody Whitaker at [kwhitaker@fpcnashville.org](mailto:kwhitaker@fpcnashville.org) for more info about joining.

### **The Mission of First Presbyterian Church**

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

■ **SKI TRIP PARENT INFO MEETINGS** are coming soon. You will get release forms, trip info, ask questions and more at this meeting.

- High School Ski Trip (February 23–25). Parent meeting is January 28 at 10:00 A.M. in Courtenay Hall.
- Junior High Ski Trip (February 16–18). Parent meeting is January 28 at 12:00 P.M. in The Gathering Place. RSVP for lunch to [youth@fpcnashville.org](mailto:youth@fpcnashville.org).

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

## YOUNG ADULT & COLLEGE MINISTRY

### CENTER & COVENANT

■ **PREDS GAME** — Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 P.M. at Bridgestone Arena. Join our Young Adult community for the Preds vs. Arizona Coyotes game. Cost is \$40, and space is limited. Visit our website to register.

■ **MARRIAGE RETREAT** on February 2–3. Save the date!

■ **CENTER SUNDAY SCHOOL** — L-201 at 9:45 A.M. led by Steve and Mary Lee Bartlett, Warner McNeilly and Allison Milam.

■ **THE FAMILY FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Jones Session Room at 9:45 A.M. led by a rotation of members and pastors.

### COLLEGE

■ **COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL** will be meeting now through January 14.

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



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