



MARCH 11, 2018
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY arr. Valerie Stephenson
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Stuart Gordon
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before Him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around Him,

**People: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth,
that He may judge His people:**

**All: "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!"**

(Psalm 50:1-5)

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 65 CWM RHONDDA
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

MINUTE FOR MISSION Ryan Moore

CALL TO CONFESSION (8:30) Stuart Gordon
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, Creator of all that is,
we give thanks for our creation,
our redemption and our preservation,
all gifts that we have received from Your gracious hand.
Forgive us when we take our many gifts
and begin to think of them as givens.
Forgive the countless times when we have confused
our needs and our wants and forgotten how faithful
through all of our yesterdays You have been.
Grant us so to trust in Your providence,
in order that we may be patient in our adversity,
grateful in the midst of blessing, and trustful of You,
our God and Father, for the future, assured that nothing
can ever separate us from Your great love.
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 AND SACRAMENT

Children are invited to come to the front for the baptism.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(8:30) Todd Jones

Alexis and Will Colton are presenting their son, Julius Alexander Colton, for baptism. Assisting elder: Overton Colton

(11:00) Todd Jones

Victoria and Dave Lubnik are presenting their daughter, Stella Brynn Lubnik, for baptism. Assisting elder: Marie Maxwell

†HYMN FOR BAPTISM

TALLIS' CANON



‡ 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

**Blessed Lord,
Who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them,
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Lily Przybylinski
Exodus 16:1–12, *page 62*

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Todd Jones
Matthew 6:25–34, *page 6*

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

SERMON

Todd Jones

Our Needs in a World of Want

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30) Adam DeVries
(11:00) Stuart Gordon
The Apostles' Creed (traditional) Hymnal, page 35

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

OFFERTORY
(8:30) Dietrich Buxtehude

God Shall Do My Advising

God shall do my advising, Whose might with wisdom blends;
May He bless rest and rising, My efforts, means, and ends!
To God, forever blest, Will I with mine confide me
And willing let Him guide me As seemeth to Him best.
Amen, I say, not fearing That God rejects my prayer;
I doubt not He is hearing And granting me His care.
Thus I go on my way And do not look behind me,
But ply the task assigned me; God's help shall be my stay.

(11:00) John Ireland

Greater Love Hath No Man

Many waters cannot quench Love,
neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.
Greater Love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who His own Self bare our sins in His own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are wash'd, ye are sanctified, ye are justified,
in the Name of the Lord Jesus;
ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
that ye should shew forth the praises of Him
Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable unto God,
which is your reasonable service.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 515 DOVE OF PEACE
I Come with Joy

*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.*

* 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
- Chancel Bells: Nicholas Bergin, Director
- Carolyn Bryan, Cross Bearer
- Kate Jurewicz, Bible Bearer
- (8:30) Baptism Buddy: Eli Stark
- (8:30) Worship Helper: Theodore Anderson
- (11:00) Baptism Buddy: Saunders Hull
- (11:00) Worship Helper: Annie Walker
- (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 celebration of the marriage of Alene Hawkins Geer and Matthew Carter McNeese and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Charles Geer, Dr. and Mrs. John Linwood Herrington, Mr. James Peter Maguire, and Mr. Carter Vinson McNeese.
- **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.

Be a worship friend: "Love one another!" (John 15:14-17)

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Josh Rodriguez is preaching *The People Were Thirsty* tonight in The Gathering Place. Nursery care for children six weeks to age three.

■ **LENTEN DAILY REFLECTIONS** — Are you reading our daily reflections either in our weekly Parish News email or on our Facebook page? To sign up for our communications, visit the "Our Communications" page under the Media tab on our website.

■ **THE CASE FOR MIRACLES LIVE SIMULCAST** — Wednesday, March 14, at 7:00 P.M. in Vance Hall. Do miracles really happen? Is the supernatural real? *New York Times* best-selling author Lee Strobel will examine whether New Testament miracles pass for historical facts, if near-death experiences offer a glimpse into the afterlife, and whether paranormal activity has any credibility.

■ **EASTER MEMORIALS DEADLINE** is this Friday, March 16. Send your contribution, along with the name(s) of loved ones to be memorialized to Sandy Nelson in our church office.

■ **A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called for Sunday, March 18, 2018, following both worship services. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on a recommendation by the Officer Nominating Committee to elect two candidates to fulfill unexpired deacon terms.

■ **EASTER CELEBRATION & EGG HUNT** — On March 31 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M., join us on our front lawn for three egg hunts, games and prizes, face painting, a balloon man, cotton candy and more. The Easter Bunny will be there for family photo opportunities! Visit our website for more info.

■ **SPRING INQUIRER'S CLASS** — An Inquirer's Class will be held on April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6 from 9:45 to 10:45 A.M. in Courtenay Lounge. If you are interested in becoming a member or just wish to learn more about the history and mission of First Presbyterian Church, you are invited to attend. Registration is not necessary. For more information, please call Rev. Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Courtney & Bill Mott, on the death of Bill's mother, Edith Whitehead Mott, who died on March 1. Sympathy also to Lauren & Robert Mott and Courtney Leigh Mott.
- Kris & Greg Neal, on the death of Greg's father, Charles T. Neal, who died on March 6. Sympathy also to Kate Neal and Sydney Neal.

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **BLOOD DRIVE** — Our annual blood drive to support the Red Cross will be held on March 25 from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the Enrichment Center. You can sign up for a specific time on Sundays in Courtenay Hall or you can register online at redcrossblood.org (code: fpcnashville).

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

■ **THE DOROTHY SHAW BELL CHOIR** — Thursday, March 15, at 6:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. This internationally acclaimed ensemble, with students from Texas, are known for performing completely from memory, without a conductor, and without bell tables. The concert is free.

■ **12:20 CONCERT** — On Sunday, March 18, please join us for the next concert, featuring jazz pianist Nate Strasser.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **LUNCHEON/PROGRAM, THURSDAY** — On March 15, Bill Carter will be our guest speaker. He is the legendary former Secret Service agent for President John F. Kennedy, managed Reba McEntire, provided legal representation for the Rolling Stones, and authored his memoir, *Get Carter: Backstage in History from JFK's Assassination to the Rolling Stones*. RSVP by March 12.

■ **FIRST FRIENDS SUNDAY LUNCH** — On March 18, we'll explore the new Plaza Mariachi on Nolensville Road, a cultural and retail epicenter that celebrates Hispanic culture and history. RSVP by March 16.

*Make reservations at 615-383-1815 or
hospitalitycenter@fpcnashville.org.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **SERVING TOGETHER: PRESTON TAYLOR MINISTRIES** — Today from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. in Grundy Hall. Join us for games and fellowship with the children from PTM.

■ **SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES** — Children can have the opportunity to experience the rich stories of our faith through mission, Bible, music, science and art. Vacation Bible School is June 25–28. Mission Camp is July 16–19. Early Preschool Passport to Adventure is in June and July. Visit our website for more info and to register.

■ **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

- **WAVERLY BELMONT FOOD PACKING EVENT** — Today at 3:00 P.M. by The Gathering Place, our youth will be packing boxes of food for students to have over Spring Break.
- **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE YOUTH AND LEADERS** who will be leaving on Saturday, March 17, for the Spring Break Mission Trip to Waco, Texas. They return on March 23.
- **THE APOSTOLOS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** for seniors will begin on Sunday, March 25. Adam DeVries will engage them with some of the hard questions of faith and doubt as well as discuss unique issues that arise in college. Seniors will face a multiplicity of challenges in the college environment. It is our hope that by facing those challenges in the context of faith first, they will be better equipped to be sent out in the world.
- **WEST VIRGINIA MISSION TRIP** registration has begun! Current 8th–11th graders are invited to sign up for this trip on June 3–8. Seniors leave on June 1 for a leadership weekend together with Adam prior to the trip.
- **CURRENT CONFIRMANDS AND SEVENTH GRADERS** are invited to sign up for The Great Escape on June 10–15 in Cleveland, Tennessee! Sign up online for this fun week of games, worship and teaching in a college setting. We'll be living in dorms, getting to know church friends better, and rafting the Ocoee River!

For Youth Ministry info, contact 615-298-9570 or youth@fpcnashville.org.

YOUNG ADULT & COLLEGE MINISTRY

- **CUBA TRIP** — July 21–28. We hope you'll prayerfully consider going with us on this trip.

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

RECREATION MINISTRY

- **OAK HILL DAY CAMP** — We strive to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the whole family by providing a fun atmosphere with swimming, sports, archery, acting, ropes courses and much more. Register online now!

*For Recreation Ministry info,
contact recreation@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.



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