



MARCH 18, 2018
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY (8:30) J.S. Bach

*Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit
(Kyrie, God the Father Evermore)*

†VOLUNTARY (11:00) Antonio de Cabezón

Pavane and Variations

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sandra Randleman

Leader: I will sing of Your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

People: **With my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness
to all generations.**

Leader: I declare that Your steadfast love is established forever;

People: **Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 664 BUNESSAN

Morning Has Broken

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

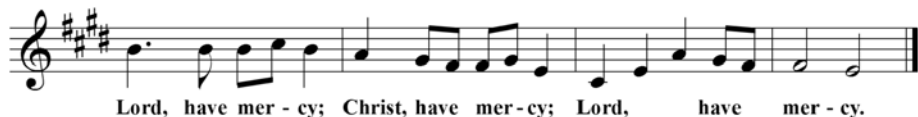
MINUTE FOR MISSION James Cato

CALL TO CONFESSION Sandra Randleman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in Your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.
(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

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

**Living God,
help us so to hear Your holy Word,
that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe,
and, believing,
we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking Your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Fred Peters

Genesis 33:1–11, *page 30*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Todd Jones

Matthew 18:18–25, *page 20*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Todd Jones

Divine Mathematics

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(8:30) Stuart Gordon

(11:00) Josh Rodriguez

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(debts)

Hymnal, *page 35*

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

Richard Farrant

Hide Not Thou Thy Face From Us, O Lord

Hide not Thou Thy face from us, O Lord,
and cast not off Thy servant in Thy displeasure;
for we confess our sins unto Thee
and hide not our unrighteousness.
For Thy mercy's sake, deliver us from all our sins.

(11:00)

George Oldroyd

Prayer to Jesus

Jesu, since Thou me made and bought,
 Be Thou my love and all my thought,
 And help that I may to Thee be brought,
 Withouten Thee I may do nought.
 Jesu, since Thou must do Thy will,
 And nothing is that Thee may let,
 With Thy grace my heart fulfil,
 My love and my liking in Thee is set.
 Jesu at Thy will I pray that I might be,
 All my heart fulfil, with perfect love to Thee.
 That I have done ill Jesu forgive Thou me,
 And suffer me never to spill, Jesu, for pity. Amen.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Stuart Campbell

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 804 MARION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION 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 J.S. Bach

*Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist
 (Kyrie, God the Holy Ghost)*

* 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
- Raphael Bundage, Director of Music
- Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist
- Fred Peters, Cross Bearer
- Annie Coltea, Bible Bearer
- (8:30) Sanctuary Chorale: Keith Moore, Conductor
- (11:00) Sanctuary Choir: Raphael Bundage, Conductor
- (11:00) Shona Wood, Harp

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 Sue and Duncan Fort 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.

Greet those who worship around you. Be a worship friend!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Rev. Miriam Mauritzen is preaching *The Harvest is Ready* tonight in The Gathering Place. Nursery care: six weeks to age three.
- **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.
- **A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held today 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.

■ **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).

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Eileen and Chris Hart, on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Elisabeth Hart, born on March 8. Proud Grandparents are Lisa & John Campbell and Alice Hooker.

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

- Sherri & Craig Parrish, Nancy & Nate Parrish, Corinne & Jimmy Ward, on the death of Craig, Nate and Corinne's mother, Bette Sue Jackson Parrish McNeilly, who died on March 11. Sympathy also to Ashley & Ethan Colclasure; Mary Craig & Brandon Tortorice; Elizabeth Parrish, Corinne Parrish, Nate Parrish Jr., Cole Parrish, Jimmy Ward and Katie & Garrett Anderson.

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **PROVIDE DINNER FOR SAFE HAVEN FAMILIES** on Monday, April 2, for 25 to 30 residents at Safe Haven Family Shelter. Safe Haven helps families experiencing homelessness by keeping the family together and providing for their immediate needs for shelter and stability. For more information contact missions@fpcnashville.org or 615-351-6692.

■ **ROOM IN THE INN DONATIONS NEEDED** — We need twin bed sheets, both fitted and flat, plus pillow cases. And we can always make use of men's socks, boxer shorts and T-shirts. You can drop them off at the Hospitality Center in the administrative wing.

■ **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING, MARCH 25TH** — Next Sunday is our annual offering to help support the Presbyterian Hunger, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People programs of our denomination. This is one of two Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) special offerings that is offered to members of our congregation.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

■ **12:20 CONCERT TODAY**— Join us after the 11:00 service to hear jazz pianist Nate Strasser improvise on Lenten music.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **WEDNESDAY DAY TRIP** — April 11, 11:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M., Leiper's Fork and lunch at Puckett's Restaurant. RSVP by April 9.

■ **FIRST FRIENDS SUNDAY LUNCH** — April 15, 12:00 P.M., Firebirds Wood Fired Grill in Brentwood. RSVP by April 13.

■ **THURSDAY PROGRAM/LUNCHEON** — April 19, 12:00 P.M. in Courtenay Hall; Lunch \$6. The speaker is Bob Rolfe. RSVP by April 16.

■ **BOOK DISCUSSION** — Thursday, April 26, at 2:00 P.M. in the Memorial Library. Todd Jones will lead the discussion on *Leaving Lucy Pear* by Anna Solomon.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **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 or 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

■ Please pray for the youth and leaders who are serving on the Spring Break Mission Trip to Waco, Texas. They will 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 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

■ **SECOND ANNUAL BIKE RIDE** — April 7, 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in Shelby Bottoms Park. Lunch to follow at The Pharmacy. Text Josh at 765-318-2261 to let him know you'll be attending.

■ **COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES** — Care packages will be sent out in April. Please be sure to email your updated address info to us.

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