



MARCH 25, 2018
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY François Couperin
Offertoire sur les grands jeux

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

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your King comes to you;

People: Triumphant and victorious is He,

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

People: On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest! (Zechariah 9:9)

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196 VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

CALL TO CONFESSION (8:30) Stuart Gordon
(11:00) Adam DeVries

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all times and places,
we confess that we would rather join the crowds
than stand alone.**

We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness.

**We like safety and security
while shrinking from the risk of involvement.**

**We'll sing "hosanna," when everyone else is doing so,
but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us.**

We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

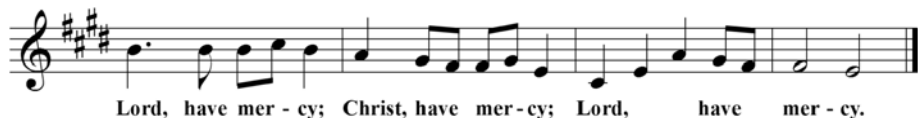
We know that means us, not just others.

**We ask You to be patient with us,
to help us understand our own guilt.**

**Then pour out Your forgiveness in such a way
that we are forever transformed; in Jesus' name.**

(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 children's time or the baptism.

CHILDREN'S TIME (8:30)

Stuart Gordon

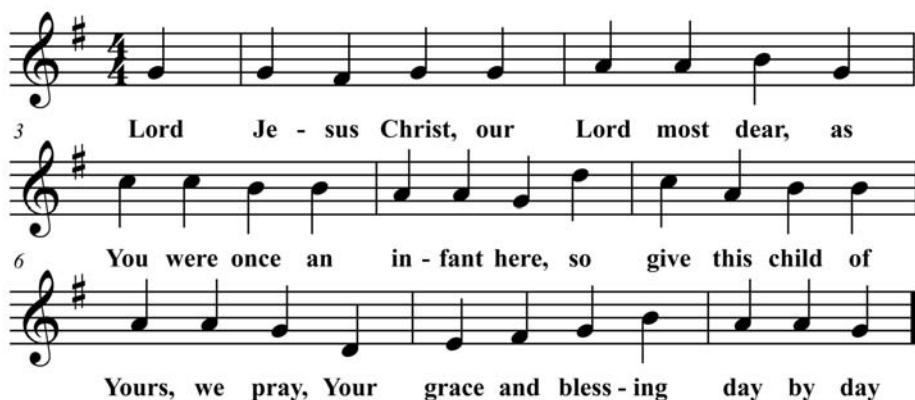
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Todd Jones

Lauren and Tyler Wilson are presenting their son, William Tyler Wilson, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Chan Sheppard

†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

**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.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Mary Virginia Sullivan
Ephesians 6:10–13, *page 195*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Todd Jones
Matthew 11:1–10, *page 47*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30) Josh Rodriguez
 (11:00) Sandra Randleman
 The Apostles' Creed (traditional) Hymnal, *page 35*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
 (11:00) (debts) Hymnal, *page 35*

OFFERTORY Alan MacMillan

Hosanna to the Royal Son

Hosanna to the royal Son! Of David's ancient line.
 His natures two His person one, mysterious and Divine.
 The root of Jesse here we find and offspring is the same,
 eternity and time are join'd in our Immanuel's Name.
 Bless'd He that comes to wretched men
 with peaceful news from heaven,
 Hosannas to Christ the Lord be giv'n.

*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 (8:30)

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: Josh Rodriguez
 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 197 ELLACOMBE
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*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.*

Prelude in B Minor, BWV 544

* 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

Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministries

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Bentley Polk, Cross Bearer

Knox Polk, Bible Bearer

(11:00) Baptism Buddy: Hudson Ross

(11:00) Worship Helper: Lock Ross

(8:30) Sanctuary Chorale: Keith Moore, Conductor

(11:00) Sanctuary Choir: Raphael Bundage, Conductor

(11:00) Sunday School Choir: Jerry Monds, Director

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

■ **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.

*Recognize the face but can't remember the name?
Be brave – introduce yourself!*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **NEW OFFICERS** — The ordination/installation of new officers will be during the 8:30 worship service today. Elected to serve as Elder, Class of 2020 is Jimmy Webb; elected to serve as Deacon, Class of 2020 are Jenny Lenderman and Jerry Sewell; elected to serve as Deacon, Class of 2018 is Sally Ostheimer.

■ **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING RECEIVED TODAY** — Please use the offering envelopes included in today's bulletin 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. Children may return their fish coin boxes to the baskets in the church narthex.

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Ashley Higgins is preaching *Why Are You Doing This All by Yourself?* 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.

■ **BLOOD DRIVE** — Thank you to everyone who signed up to donate blood today supporting the Red Cross! If you have signed up to donate we will see you in the Enrichment Center today at your scheduled time.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Lara and Andee Woodward, on the birth of their daughter, Remy Rose Woodward, born on March 1.
- Lisa and Ross Jagar, on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Grace Jagar, born on March 14.

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

- Beth & John Stephenson, on the death of John's mother, Louise Wells Stephenson, who died on March 12. Sympathy also to Will Stephenson, Mattie Stephenson, Mary Pillow Kirk, Mary Pillow & Patrick Thompson, and Julia & Frank Wilk.
- Rogers Morrison, on the death of his wife, Margaret Young Morrison, who died on March 14.

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.

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

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.*

MUSIC MINISTRY

■ **APRIL 12:20 CONCERT** — Sunday, April 15. Singers from the Sanctuary Choir will present "American Folk Hymns: Spirituals, Southern Gospel, and More." The program will feature both well-known and uncommon music—some joyful, some mournful, and all uplifting.

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

■ Youth will be helping with the **EASTER CELEBRATION AND EGG HUNT** on Saturday, March 31, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. If you would like to participate, please email us. We need youth who can help dye Easter eggs, play games, monitor the jump houses and more! It is going to be a blast!

■ **PEOPLE AT REST** is a wonderful time of scripture and listening to God and is led by Anne Dobbs. Youth leaders and other members of our church community are welcome to join Anne on Wednesday, April 11, from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. in the Cheek House. Please bring a pen, a journal and your Bible. Childcare is available. Please call 615-383-1815 for reservations.

■ **YOUTH LEADERS** — Please mark your calendars for the annual Volunteer Youth Leader Kickball Game and Lunch from 12:00 to 2:00 on Sunday, April 29. Who will win this year? The Small Group leaders or the Sunday School teachers?

*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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