



APRIL 22, 2018
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY Alphonse Hasselmans
Nocturne

*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Stuart Gordon
(11:00) Josh Rodriguez

Pastor: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to God
with songs of praise!**

Pastor: For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

People: **O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!**

Pastor: For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture,

People: **And the sheep of His hand.** (Psalm 95)

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 826 CRUCIFER
Lift High the Cross

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

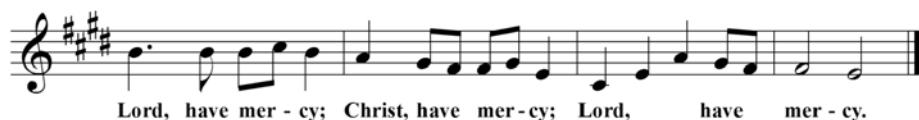
MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL TO CONFESSION (8:30) Stuart Gordon
(11:00) Josh Rodriguez

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all hope and joy,
we confess that we continue to live on too many days
as if Easter never happened.
You sent the Lord of life among us,
yet we gave Jesus up to die on a cross.
You raised Jesus from the dead,
yet we still live in fear,
failing to believe in Resurrection
as the true and final word from God.
Forgive us, O God of grace,
and help us to receive with gratitude and courage
the great gifts of love and life You offer in Jesus Christ.
Grant us to live our days
as beloved children of the Living God.
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 the children's time.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30) Stuart Gordon
(11:00) Josh Rodriguez

‡ Children who are age four, five or six (not in first grade) are invited to
Young Children and Worship in room CW-110.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Todd Jones

**Holy God, You gave the law to show Your people
the way of righteousness.**

**Help us receive Your commandments as grace
and live as Your obedient children
that Your goodness may shine through us,
to the glory of Your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Ava Claire Williams
Psalm 4, *page 490*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Todd Jones
Luke 24:36–48, *page 91*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Todd Jones

Disbelieving Belief

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(8:30) Sandra Randleman
(11:00) Adam DeVries
The Apostles' Creed (traditional) Hymnal, *page 35*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(debts) Hymnal, *page 35*

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

John Arn

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep,
Keep Thy lambs in safety keep;
Nothing can Thy power withstand,
None can pluck him from Thy hand.

May they praise Thee every day,
Gladly all Thy will obey;
Like Thy blessed ones above,
Happy in Thy precious love.
Loving Shepherd teach Thy lambs to hear;
Suffer not their steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way;
Where Thou leadest may they go,
Walking in Thy steps below.
Then, before Thy Father's throne,
Savior, claim them for thine own.

(11:00)

Gilbert Martin

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 268 DIADEMATA
Crown Him with Many Crowns

*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 Max Reger
*Prelude on Lobe den Herren
(Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty)*

* 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 Ministry

Reid Groomes, Cross Bearer

Katherine Groomes, Christ Candle

Elizabeth Thomson, Bible Bearer

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Nathan Springman, Harp

(8:30) Sanctuary Chorale: Keith Moore, Conductor; Shona Wood, Soprano

(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 loving memory of their mothers, Kathryn Jorgenson and Gloria Jones, by Patricia and Brian Jorgenson.

■ **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** — Adam DeVries is preaching “Eye for Eye, Tooth for Tooth” tonight in The Gathering Place. Nursery care for children six weeks to age three.
- **PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY** — Todd Jones will be doing a study on the Psalms on Thursdays at 11:00 A.M. in the Jones Session Room.
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU** — This Wednesday, April 25, pork loin, mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, salad bar and dessert.
- **WORSHIP AND DINNER AT THE FIVE THIRTY** — Instead of trying to do everything right in your faith, try doing one radical thing. Consider making that one radical thing be worshipping together as a family! Invite a family member or a loved one to worship with you at The Five Thirty next Sunday, April 29. There will be dinner following the service.
- **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING** — Tuesday, May 1 at 6:00 P.M. at the home of Kathy and Bob Rolfe. We will have a program along with boxed suppers by Corner Market. Register in the Events section of our website.
- **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** — Stanford Chapel will be open for private prayer on Thursday, May 3 from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Prayer guides are available.
- **MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATION** — Sunday, May 13 from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. in Courtenay Hall. There will be refreshments and music for all mothers, members and visitors to enjoy.
- **DEPRESSION SIGNS SPEAKER** — On May 15 at 6:30 P.M., Miller Folk with From Within Counseling will speak on “Depression — Signs to Look For and Sources of Help.” This short talk, part of the Stephen Minister series of speakers, is open to all and will be located in the Jones Session Room.

MISSION MINISTRY

- **DAILY DEVOTIONALS NEEDED** — The Next Door needs daily devotionals for women. They provide services for women and their families impacted by addiction, mental illness, trauma and/or incarceration with Christ-centered care. Bring any new or gently used devotion books to our Hospitality Desk.
- **SAVE-THE-DATE** — The Martha O’Bryan 33rd Annual Ice Cream Crankin’ returns to our front lawn on Sunday, June 3 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.
- **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP** — November 3–9; provide medical services in neighborhood locations, or provide construction labor on new clinic building. Physicians, dentists, nurses and other medical personnel needed along with non-medical participants. Cost is \$1,300; \$800 deposit and copy of your passport due by September 15. Dr. Jim Cato is trip leader.
- **MISSION TRIP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** is available for church members to participate in any church-sponsored mission trip. Contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org to submit a request.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

■ **MOTHER'S DAY CHOIR** — The Music Ministry warmly invites all singers in the congregation to participate in the Mother's Day choir on Sunday, May 13. We will gather in the choir room at 10:00 to rehearse an easy-to-learn piece of music and then sing it at the 11:00 service to honor the mothers in our midst. Moms are welcome too! If interested, contact Daphne Garey in the Music Department or email music@fpcnashville.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **NURSERY OPEN HOUSE** — Are you a parent of a child three or under or expecting a baby? On Sunday, April 29 between 9:30 and 11:00 A.M., come take a tour, meet our staff, ask questions and enjoy refreshments.

■ **VBS DECORATING PARTY** — Church members, parents, and leaders are invited to help create eye-opening and jaw-dropping decorations on Wednesday, April 25 from 5:45 to 7:00 P.M. These decorations will be used later to transform our church walls and get children excited for VBS!

■ **MOTHER AND INFANT QUIET ROOM** — If you need a quiet place for nursing or calming your baby, please use the Quiet Room by Courtenay Hall.

■ 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 four, five or six (not in first 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.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **BOOK DISCUSSION** — Thursday, April 26 at 2:00 P.M. in Memorial Library. We will discuss *Leaving Lucy Pear* by Anna Solomon.

*For First Friends info, contact Brenda Geise at 615-298-9515.
To make reservations, email hospitalitycenter@fpcnashville.org.*

YOUTH MINISTRY

■ **YOUTH LEADERS KICKBALL GAME** — Sunday, April 29, 12:00–2:00 P.M. is the annual volunteer youth leader kickball game and lunch.

■ **WEST VIRGINIA MISSION TRIP** — Current 8th–11th graders are invited June 3–8 to go to Panther, West Virginia. Seniors leave on June 1 for a leadership weekend together with Adam prior to the trip. Register online!

■ **THE GREAT ESCAPE** is a fun week of games, worship and teaching for rising 7th and 8th graders from June 10–15 in Cleveland, Tennessee. 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.

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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