



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

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Sandra Randleman

†VOLUNTARY Dietrich Buxtehude
Praeludium in C, BuxWV 137

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

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 246 TRURO
Christ Is Alive!

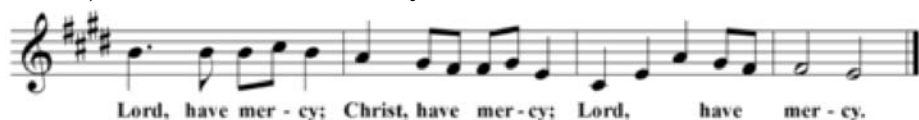
†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP
Sandra Randleman

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

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.)

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

(8:30) Josh Rodriguez

(11:00) Stuart Gordon

‡ 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

Sandra Randleman

**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

Hannah King

Genesis 15:1–6, *page 12*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Sandra Randleman

John 20:19–31, *page 115*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sandra Randleman

Seeing Without Believing and Believing Without Seeing

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adam DeVries

The Apostles' Creed (traditional)

Hymnal, *page 35*

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

Harold W. Friedell

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in Thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.
As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit Thou our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of Thee, That by caring, helping, giving,

We may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya!
We will serve Thee faithfully.

(11:00)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Rise, Heart; Thy Lord is Risen
(from *Five Mystical Songs*)

Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing His praise without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With Him may'st rise:
That, as His death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound His name, Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings,
what key Is best to celebrate this most high day.
Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song Pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied, And multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with His sweet art. (George Herbert)

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Sandra Randleman

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SURSUM CORDA (*Lift Up Your Hearts*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts) Hymnal, page 35

SERVING OF THE ELEMENTS Sandra Randleman and
Adam DeVries

*All communion bread is gluten-free.
If able, please hold the cup until all have been served.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 260 HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Sandra Randleman

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.*

Fuga in C, BuxWV 174

* Those who are able, please stand.

† Latecomers may be seated.

Please silence your cell phone as you enter the Sanctuary.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

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

Esperance Ndayizere, Cross Bearer

Aleki Ndayishimye, Christ Candle

Jennifer Nikiza, Bible Bearer

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Keith Moore, Sanctuary Chorale Conductor

Raphael Bundage, Sanctuary Choir Conductor; Chris Simonsen, Baritone

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 Charles (Chuck) Self by his 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.

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

■ **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.

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Adam DeVries is preaching “The Whole Mountain Shuddered” tonight in The Gathering Place. Nursery care for children six weeks to age three.

■ **INQUIRER’S CLASS BEGINS TODAY** — Come learn more about the history and mission of our church today between the services. The class will be held the next five Sundays from 9:45 to 10:45 A.M. in Courtenay Lounge. Contact srandleman@fpcnashville.org for more info.

■ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU** — April 11: BBQ pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, watermelon and ice cream.

■ **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING** — Tuesday, May 1 at 6:00 P.M. at the home of Kathy and Bob Rolfe. Cost is \$20. The food will be boxed suppers by Corner Market. Register in the Events section of our website.

■ **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** — Thursday, May 3 in the Stanford Chapel. The chapel will be open for a time of private prayer from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Prayer guides will be available.

■ **MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATION** — 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. A photographer will be available to capture a keepsake picture for each mother.

■ **FORKS & FELLOWSHIP** — Interested in joining a dinner group that meets for sharing fellowship and faith? Each month will showcase a theme with restaurants to try, a menu with recipes to cook, and a blessing to share. Visit the Events section of our website for more info.

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **OPEN “INN” RECEPTION** — Join us for an open house reception at the Cannon Center on Wednesday, April 11 5:00–6:30 P.M., to thank all of our volunteers and to provide an opportunity for those interested in learning what is involved in a night at FPC’s Room In The Inn. Stop by at your convenience during this time for conversation, feedback and information about how it all works.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Savannah & Brandon Van Pernis, on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Ivette Van Pernis, born on March 21. Proud grandparents are Crea & Alan Sielbeck and Tom Van Pernis.

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

- Joni Wheeler & Jeff Knutson, on the death of Joni's mother, Elizabeth Noreen 'Betty' Wheeler, who died on March 24.
- Roberta & John Witherspoon, on the death of John's brother, Gilbert 'Harrington' Witherspoon, who died on March 30. Sympathy also to Wanda & Dixon Witherspoon, Leigh & John Witherspoon IV and Lynn & Byron Osgood.
- Amy & Warner McNeilly III, on the death of his father, Warner McNeilly Jr., who died on April 1. Sympathy also to William McNeilly IV and Trent McNeilly.
- Judy Eichman, on the death of her husband, Frank Eichman, who died on April 2. Sympathy also to Eric Eichman.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES** — Children can experience Vacation Bible School on June 25–28 or Mission Camp on July 16–19. Early Preschool Passport to Adventure is offered in June and July, and Oak Hill Day Camp is May–August. Visit our website for more info and to register.

■ **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.*

MUSIC MINISTRY

■ **12:20 CONCERT** — Sunday, April 15 after the 11:00 worship service. 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, but all uplifting.

■ **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!

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

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

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

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

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

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

YOUNG ADULT & COLLEGE MINISTRY

■ **CUBA MISSION TRIP** — July 21–28.

■ **COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES** — Care packages will be sent out in April to our college students. Please be sure to email updated address info so that you, or your son/daughter, will receive one of our packages.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

■ **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.

■ **SENIOR BANQUET** — Monday, April 16 at 6:30 P.M. in Courtenay Hall. Please contact us at youth@fpcnashville.org if you have questions.

■ **PEOPLE AT REST** is a wonderful time of scripture and listening to God led by Anne Dobbs. Youth leaders and other members of the 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. Email anne@annedobbs.com to register for the event and to request childcare.

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

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

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



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