

MAY 6, 2018
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YOUTH SUNDAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES

Adam DeVries

†VOLUNTARY

Moses Hogan

Give Me Jesus

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Suzanne Short

Leader: O Lord, help us show Your love
through our actions and words.

**People: The Lord is with us and calls us
with persistence and love.**

Leader: Slow us down and open our ears
to help others hear Your call in this deaf world.

**People: Remind us that we are Your beloved
and we are not alone, even to the ends of the earth.**

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 475

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Palmer Thombs and Caroline Ayers

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Olivia Brittle and Grace Rader

CALL TO CONFESSION

Zach Smith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we confess the times we fail to accept Your love.
Forgive us for our inability to sit still
and enjoy Your creations.**

**We confess that we don't always marvel
at the work of Your hands,
the sun and the moon; the grass and the sky.**

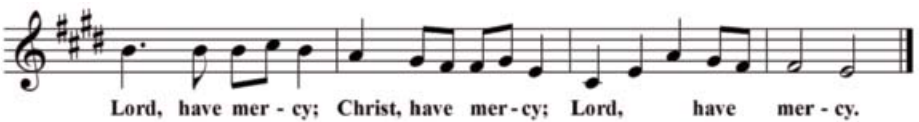
**Allow us to drop our worldly worries
and focus our minds on where You are sending us.**

**Give us the tools to walk the roads ahead
with a still confidence rooted in the love
of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.**

(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Zach Smith

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Hymn 581

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Helen Rieke, Margaret Gaw, Jennie Gaw,
Tucker Harwell, Larry Hayes, Neil Schilling,
Evan Hill, Caroline Ayers and Hannah Moore

‡ Children ages 4 and 5 are invited to *Young Children and Worship*
in room CW-110.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Wesley Hall

**Open our ears to hear Your word, O God.
Grant us guidance and love as we listen for a word from You.
Bless these preachers today as they proclaim Your message.
May we listen with a desire to hear from You
and be sent out to further share Your love,
seeing all people as our brothers and sisters.
We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Word made flesh. Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Evan Hill

Exodus 14:10–18, *page 60*

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

John Vest

Matthew 28:16–20, *page 34*

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

EPISTLE SCRIPTURE READING

Reed Burrow

James 1:19–25, *page 229*

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

SERMON

Anderson Flack, Maggie McConnell,
Alexander Roberts and Hayden McGuffin

Beloved, Be Still, Be Sent

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Cal Bryan

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mary Caroline Funk

(debts) Hymnal, *page 35*

COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH MISSION TEAMS
(11:00)

Stuart Gordon

OFFERTORY

Anthony Brown | Pat Barrett

Good, Good Father

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like.
But I've heard the tender whispers of love in the dead of night,
and You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone.

Refrain:

You're a good, good Father: it's who You are.
And I'm loved by You: it's who I am.

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide,
but I know we're all searching for answers only You provide,
'cause You know just what we need before we say a word.
(Refrain)

You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.

Oh, it's love so undeniable I can hardly speak,
peace so unexplainable I can hardly think,
as You call me deeper still into love.
(Refrain)

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Alex McClellan

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 819 FINLANDIA

Be Still, My Soul

*CHARGE AND BLESSING Adam DeVries

*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 Grayston Ives

Processional

* 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

Nick Bergin, Organist

McKenzie Garey, Opening Voluntary

Stephen Dashiff, Guitar, and Luke Speyer, Percussion

Suzanne Short, Bulletin Artwork

Lowery Nichols, Harrison Graves, Will Brim, Neil Schilling, Alex

McClellan, Carter McClellan, Sam Grove and Reed Burrow, Ushers

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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** in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Chelsea Arianna Stessel and Matthew Vaughan Sells and in loving memory of William and Helen Havland.
- **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** — Olivia Brittle, Mary Caroline Funk, Larry Hayes and Zach Smith are preaching “Beloved, Be Still, Be Sent” tonight in The Gathering Place. Nursery care for children six weeks to age three.
- **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.
- **SOUNDS BASEBALL NIGHT** — On Sunday, June 10 at 6:15 P.M., come join your church family for a night at the baseball park! We have reserved seats in Section 119. Visit the Events section of our website for the link and use code “firstpres18.”

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Dorris Kelly, on the death of his wife, Peggy Fox Kelly, who died on April 18.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **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.*

YOUNG ADULT & COLLEGE MINISTRY

■ **COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins on Sunday, May 20. Our students will be on *The Testimony of Those Who Have Gone Before Us*.

■ **BE A LEADER ON THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP** — We are looking for college students to be leaders on the Youth West Virginia Mission Trip. The dates are June 1–8, and the cost is \$300.

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

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **MARTHA O'BRYAN ICE CREAM CRANKIN'** returns to our front lawn on Sunday, June 3 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. Visit our website to purchase tickets.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

■ **PSALMODY CONCERT TODAY** — Psalmody musicians will present a recital and hymn sing in the Stanford Chapel today at 1:30 P.M. All are welcome!

■ **CHILDREN'S CHOIR CELEBRATION TODAY** — The Children's Choirs will have an end-of-the year celebration today from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. in Grundy Hall.

■ **MOTHER'S DAY CHOIR** — All singers are invited to participate on Sunday, May 13. Meet us at 10:00 A.M. in the choir room to rehearse an easy-to-learn piece of music. We will sing this at the 11:00 A.M. service to honor all mothers. If you are interested, contact music@fpcnashville.org.

*For Music Ministry info, contact Raphael Bundage
at 615-298-9535 or rbundage@fpcnashville.org.*

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **NASHVILLE ZOO AND LUNCH** — May 9 from 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

■ **THURSDAY LUNCH AND PROGRAM** — May 17 beginning at 12:00 P.M. We will celebrate our veteran Steve Becker.

■ **SUNDAY LUNCH** — May 20, 12:00 P.M. at Barbara's Home Cooking.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

■ **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 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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