



SEPTEMBER 2, 2018
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY Gaston Litaize

Prélude

INTROIT
(11:00) Healey Willan

Rise Up, My Love

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear upon the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come;
arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

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

Leader: For thus says the Lord,
when seventy years are completed for Babylon,
I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise
and bring you back to this place.

**People: For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,
plans for welfare and not for evil,
to give you a future and a hope.**

Leader: Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me,
and I will hear you.

**People: You will seek me and find me;
when you seek me with all your heart,
I will be found by you, says the Lord,
and I will restore your fortunes.**

Jeremiah 29:10–14

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 611 HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
 we come to You in prayer
 because we need what only You have the power to grant.
 In the midst of so many pressures,
 we long for Your peace, O God.
 Living in the middle of so much pretense,
 we seek times and places where we are free to be ourselves,
 moments where we can be honest about who we really are.
 Let this be one of those times and places today.
 Forgive us our sins,
 and help us to confide in Your grace, O God.
 Let Your Word of grace set us free from sin
 and free to walk in the glorious liberty of the children of God.
 In Jesus' name we pray.
 (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) Stuart Gordon

(11:00) Adam DeVries

‡ 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 of mercy,
 You promised never to break Your covenant with us.
 Amid all the changing words of our generation,
 speak Your eternal Word that does not change.
 Then may we respond to Your gracious promises
 with faithful and obedient lives;
 through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ashleigh O'Sullivan

Song of Solomon 2:8–13, *page 623*

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Todd Jones

Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23, *page 42*

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

SERMON

Todd Jones

The Heart of the Matter

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Kevin Garvey

OFFERTORY
(8:30) G.F. Handel

Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor

Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor,
Jesus, Thou, my friend most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring,
Fount of Life, my soul inspiring, at Thy feet I cry, my Maker,
Let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good, Thy glory, given.
Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee,
Let me gladly here obey Thee.
By Thy love I am invited,
Be Thy love with love requited.
From this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gifts Thou here dost give me
as Thy guest in heaven receive me.

(11:00) John Ireland

Greater Love Hath No Man

Many waters cannot quench Love,
neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.
Greater Love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who His own Self bare our sins in His own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified,
in the Name of the Lord Jesus;
ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him
who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice,
holy, holy, acceptable unto God,
which is your reasonable service.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDRETH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 475 NETTLETON
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Todd Jones

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 547

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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

Jean Langlais

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* 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

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 Emily Pugh by her children, Kathleen and Bob Pugh.

■ **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** — Jessie Yancey is preaching “Let Us Rejoice & Be Glad in It” tonight in The Gathering Place. Nursery care: six weeks to age three.

■ **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF** — All new and existing Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 9. You can find a list of all the classes in the Adult Education page under the Ministries tab on our website.

■ **FALL COMMUNITY OF BELONGING GROUPS** — This fall, our Community of Belonging Groups will be called *The Power of We*. They will embark on a six-week study on the Great Ends of the Church. If you are interested in hosting or leading a group, contact Mark DeVries at mdevries@fpcnashville.org. Group registration will begin on September 1.

■ **MOVIE ON THE LAWN** — On Saturday, September 8 at 5:30 P.M., gather with your church family on the upper soccer fields for face painting, hula hooping, limbo, hula dancing and the movie *Moana*. Bring a blanket and wear Hawaiian attire! Enjoy Whitt’s BBQ and Heavenly Snow snoballs. Registration prior to event required. Visit fpcnashville.org/specialevents.

■ **INQUIRERS CLASS** — Beginning on September 9, we invite anyone interested in becoming a member or anyone wanting to learn more about the history and mission of our church and the Presbyterian Church. Registration is not necessary. The class will meet September 9, 16, 23 and 30 and October 7 during the Sunday School hour in Courtenay Lounge. For more info, contact Rev. Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502.

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY KICKOFF** — September 9 at 5:30 P.M. in The Gathering Place. Join us this evening to celebrate and look ahead to another season of life together with The Five Thirty community.

■ **GRACE AND GRATITUDE: WEDNESDAYS THIS FALL** — Beginning September 12, all our pastors will each lead a six-week Wednesday night study. “God graciously offers us salvation with no strings attached. Gratitude is the only appropriate response to the grace of God.” With those words, Charles Wiley introduces his study of Grace and Gratitude. Each of our groups will walk through one of the ordinary actions we Presbyterians engage in — the Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon — to enter into a deeper appreciation for the gift of life we claim in Christ. The class will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. Dinner will be served in Courtenay Hall from 5:30 to 6:15 P.M. Visit our website for more info and to register.

■ **BIBLE STUDY** — Todd will be starting up his Thursday Bible Study on Thursday, September 13 at 11:00 A.M. in the Jones Session Room. All are welcome! This year, we will be studying Galatians. As is our custom, the biblical text will be on the screen, but you are welcome to bring your own Bibles to enhance your study of the this vital letter written by the Apostle Paul circa AD 55. We will explore why Galatians is one of the most important letters ever written in human history, as it helped establish Christianity as a world religion and not another Jewish sect.

■ **GOLF TOURNAMENT** — On Tuesday, October 2 at 1:00 P.M., join us at Nashville Golf & Athletic for 18 holes of golf, fellowship and a whole lot of fun! We will put you in a group of four, or you may gather three of your friends. Cost is \$110 and includes golf cart, boxed lunch and post-golf dinner. Register at fpcnashville.org/specialevents.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Kathy Cheek, on the death of her son, Andrew Graham Cheek McCarthney who died on August 19.
- Brian Jorgenson, on the death of his wife, Patricia Jones Jorgenson, who died on August 26. Sympathy also to Connor and Riley Jorgenson.

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.

■ **REGISTER FOR YOUNG CHILDREN & WORSHIP** — We invite children ages 4, 5 & 6 by August 15, 2018 (who are not entering 1st grade) to join Mr. Mickey or Ms. Deb during the 8:30 or 11:00 Worship service. Register online. See below for more info about YC&W.

■ 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.*

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **BLOOD DRIVE ... WHAT'S YOUR TYPE?** Are you the type that saves lives? If so, we need you! On Sunday, October 7, we will host a blood drive from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the Enrichment Center. Schedule your appointment by registering on our website, or contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or missions@fpcnashville.org. Sign-up tables are in Courtenay Hall starting September 9.

■ **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD** — Dust off your hard hats and mark your calendar! Our build begins September 22. Everyone and every skill level is welcome. You can be a part of building a special home for Quinesha Thomas and her 7-year-old daughter. Sign up online or on the sign-up board.

■ **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP** — November 3–9; provide medical services in neighborhood locations or provide construction labor on a new clinic building. Physicians, dentists, nurses and other medical personnel are needed along with nonmedical participants. Estimated trip cost is \$1,300; \$800 deposit and copy of your passport are due by September 15. Dr. Jim Cato is trip leader. Contact Annette at 615-298-9507 or missions@fpcnashville.org to sign up. Financial assistance is available for members. Contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org to submit a request.

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

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

■ **YOUNG ADULT KICKOFF** — September 5 at 6:30 P.M. in the Cheek House. Join us as we celebrate and discuss what to expect this year from the Young Adult community. We will share a meal together and hear about new and ongoing opportunities to serve and grow in our faith. RSVP on the church website for dinner.

■ **TITANS GAME** — September 16. Tickets cost \$35 and can be purchased on the church website.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

■ **10:24 GROUP** — Are you a youth interested in participating in a small group Bible Study (or what we call a 10:24)? Check out the Youth section on our website to sign up. The 10:24 groups will all begin the week of September 9.

■ **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CRUD DAY** — Sunday, September 23 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

*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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