



SEPTEMBER 16, 2018  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY C.V. Stanford

*Allegretto in F*

INTROIT (8:30) arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

*Jesus Loves the Little Children/  
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

Every child in ev'ry land comes from the Creator's hand:

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the little tiny baby in His hands.

He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everybody here in His hands.

He's got the whole world in His hands.

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

Leader: In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: **He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came into being through Him,  
and without Him not one thing came into being.**

Leader: What has come into being was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.

People: **The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

(John 1:1-5)

†\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 667 LAUDES DOMINI

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, full of grace and truth,  
shine the light of Your word upon us today,  
that in this time of prayer,  
we may see ourselves for who we are,  
and for who we are called to be.

For all the ways in which our lives fall short of the glory of God,  
we seek Your mercy.

For those times when our words fail to voice  
either truth or grace, forgive us,  
and help us to confess our faults,  
and to confide in Your redeeming love.

Enable us in these quiet moments  
to acknowledge our own failings,  
and to receive that gracious forgiveness  
which always runs deeper than our sin.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 581

GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD

*Children are invited to come to the front for children's time.*

PRESENTATION OF 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BIBLES

(8:30) Deb O'Brien  
and Todd Jones

CHILDREN'S TIME

(11:00) Todd Jones

‡ 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

**Blessed Lord,**  
**who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:**  
**Grant us so to hear them,**  
**read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,**  
**that we may embrace and ever hold fast**  
**the blessed hope of everlasting life,**  
**which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ellie Ford  
Proverbs 1:20-33, *page 584*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Todd Jones  
James 3:1-12, *page 230*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Taming Our Tongues***RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

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

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

OFFERTORY  
 (8:30) G.F. Handel

*Know that the Lord Is God*

Know that the Lord is God.  
 It is He who made us, and we are His;  
 we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.  
 Amen.

(11:00) Ronald Perera

*The Garden Hymn*

The Lord into His garden comes, The spices yield a rich perfume,  
 The lilies grow and thrive, Amazing love and grace divine,  
 From Jesus flow to every vine, And make the dead revive.  
 Come, brethren, ye that love the Lord,  
 Who taste the sweetness of His word, In Jesus' ways go on;  
 Our troubles and our trials here will only make us richer there,  
 When we arrive at home.  
 The glorious time is rolling on, The gracious work is now begun,  
 My soul a witness is; I taste and see the pardon free  
 For all mankind as well as me, Who come to Christ to live.

\*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SENDING FORTH**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 63 AZMON  
*The Lord Is God*

\*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 Philip Moore

*Paeon*

\* 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

Esperance Ndayizere, Cross Bearer

Jennifer Deo, Bible Bearer

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Hosanna and Doxology Children's Choirs,

Kelly Posey and Brianna Meler, Directors

Derek Meler, Tenor

**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 Calvin Houghland by his family and in honor of his birthday.
- **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](http://fpcnashville.org).

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

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **BIBLE PRESENTATION TO THIRD GRADE CHILDREN** — The presentation of a Bible to each third grade child begins the Milestone for this age group, Exploring the Word of God. We have selected The Student Study Bible, New Revised Standard translation. It is our prayer that each child will know, “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 110:105). This morning’s recipients are: Theodore Maurice Anderson, William Patrick Black, Kelleher James Blasek, William Walter Burton, IV, Avery Grace Cary, Annie Hughes Cochran, Bennett Belden Conyers, John Houston Corn, Olivia Ann Cox, Jennifer Nikiza Deo, Louisa Ellen Ekiss, Benjamin Wilde Fleming, Heidi St. Clair Franklin, Madeline Ann Fry, Anna Baria Hall, Cecelia Anne Hardin, Sara Maria Huddleston, Jonathan Carl Jennings, Hayden Michelle Kaeser, Amy Khalaf, George Brian Laskaris, David Mapangala, Kaiser Elizabeth Martin, Mary Austin McMullen, Elise Katelyn Meredith, Anna Kessler Moran, Sammy Grace Pollard, Ethan Robert Price, James Ryder Ratliff, James Lockwood Ross, John Andrew Sabis, Robert Edward Sabis, Carter Ellen Schwarz, Martha Attis Stanley, Laura Britton Thompson, Sloane Margaret Tigrett, Sarah Elizabeth Turcotte, Caroline Stuart Vrettos, Campbell Grace Ward, Catherine Barbara Welch, Walter Hayden Wilson, Eleanor Hobbs Yarbrough, Patrick Blayne Young

■ **A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called for Sunday, September 23, 2018, following both worship services. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the slate of new officer candidates presented by the Officer Nominating Committee.

■ **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 of the Great Ends of the Church. If you are interested in hosting or leading a group, contact Mark DeVries at [mdevries@fpcnashville.org](mailto:mdevries@fpcnashville.org). To register, visit [fpcnashville.org/small-groups](http://fpcnashville.org/small-groups).

■ **CHRISTIAN LIFE IN A POST CHRISTIAN WORLD** — What is happening to our world? How did Western Civilization, grounded in almost two thousand years of Christian values, suddenly become a fractured culture of narcissism and unbelief, unmoored from its traditions? In a new Sunday school class, “Christian Life in a Post-Christian World,” beginning October 7 in the Edgar Room, Chuck Grice will lead a discussion concerning the origins of the secular movement, its present-day evolution, as well as its subtle ways of persuasion. Only with an understanding of these profound changes, will Christians be prepared to ask a deeper question, a question of discipleship. How should we respond? How can we tell our story, reaching out to an anxious unbelieving world? This is a study of the rise of secularism and a study of its impending collapse, as Christians reclaim their proper confidence with the realization that our faith tradition still provides the compelling answers to life and living.

■ **INQUIRERS CLASS** — 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 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.

■ **GOLF TOURNAMENT** — On Tuesday, October 2 at 12:00 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 gather three of your friends. Cost is \$110 and includes golf cart, prizes, boxed lunch and post-golf dinner. (Limited to 40 players) Register at [fpcnashville.org/specialevents](http://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:

- Sue Brown and Pat & Tom Patten, on the death of Sue and Pat's sister, Ruth Stansell Weatherford, who died on August 29. Sympathy also to Kathy & Wilson Brim, Allison McGuire & Max Sadler and Lauren Patten.

### 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](mailto: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 online on our website with the code "fpcnashville," or contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto: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 in Courtenay Hall.

■ **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRIP** — **Last Call:** 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. ALL welcome and no skills needed! Estimated trip cost is \$1,300; \$800 deposit and copy of your passport due NOW. Dr. Jim Cato is trip leader. Contact Annette at 615-298-9507 or [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@fpcnashville.org) to sign up. Financial assistance is available for members. Contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 or [srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org) to submit a request.

■ **JAMAICA MISSION TRIP** — **We need many hands** for February 9–15, 2019. Led by JT Martin, our trip this year will not only need dentists, but a group that will be working on a big construction project to expand our sister church, the Ebenezer Church. Trip costs will be approximately \$1,000–\$1,200. Deadline for registration and deposit is December 15. Contact Mike Crout at [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@fpcnashville.org) for more information.

*For Mission Ministry info, contact Mike Crout at 615-298-9593 or [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@fpcnashville.org).*

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

■ **THE 5:30 SERVICE** — Josh Rodriguez will be delivering his sermon, *Thunderstruck*, while continuing his coverage of the Book of Acts.

■ **CENTER RETREAT** — October 6–7. This year, the Center Retreat will partner with our annual Habitat build. We will stay together in an Airbnb and serve at the Habitat site during the day. Cost is \$100, which includes lodging and meals. Register at [ya.fpcnashville.org/events/](http://ya.fpcnashville.org/events/).

■ **THE HOLY SHIFT TOUR** — October 12. Join Josh at Rob Bell’s “The Holy Shift Tour” at the James K. Polk Theater. Show begins at 8:00 P.M. Register for this event online.

*For Young Adult Ministry info, contact Josh Rodriguez at 615-298-9598 or [jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org](mailto: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 10:24)? Check out the Youth section of our website to sign up. The 10:24 groups began the week of September 9.

■ **CRUD DAY** — Calling all 7th–12th graders! Join us Sunday, September 23 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. to get muddy with your friends! Register online at [youth.fpcnashville.org/youth/register/](http://youth.fpcnashville.org/youth/register/).

*For Youth Ministry info, contact 615-298-9570 or [youth@fpcnashville.org](mailto:youth@fpcnashville.org).*

### MUSIC MINISTRY

■ **NASHVILLE CHILDREN’S CHOIR** — The Nashville Children’s Choir will join us in worship on September 23, during the 11:00 worship service. A regional children’s choir program for boys, girls and youth, the Nashville Children’s Choir is committed to the rehearsal and performance of quality choral music in a positive and affirming setting.

### **The Mission of First Presbyterian Church**

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

■ **SONGWRITERS' ROUNDTABLE** — Join us for a Songwriters' Workshop, which will take place at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 21, in The Gathering Place. Talented pre-professional songwriters will be coached by veteran songwriters Odie Blackmon, Travis Hill and Kos Weaver, while audience members will gain insights into the creative process. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Visit [music.fpcnashville.org/calendar/](http://music.fpcnashville.org/calendar/) to register!

*For Music Ministry info, contact 615-298-9517 or [music@fpcnashville.org](mailto:music@fpcnashville.org).*

### OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **FIRST FRIENDS THURSDAY LUNCHEON/PROGRAM** — Join us in Courtenay Hall on September 20 with special guest Taylor Stokes. Lunch is \$6. RSVP by September 17 to Sabrina at 615-383-1815 or [hospitalitycenter@fpcnashville.org](mailto:hospitalitycenter@fpcnashville.org).

■ **SENIOR PICKLEBALL** — Kicking off September 21 at 3:00 P.M. Recreation Director Bryan Miller will have courts and equipment available on Fridays in the Enrichment Center.

■ **BOOK DISCUSSION** — Join us on September 27 at 2:00 P.M. in the Memorial Library. We will discuss *The Whole Town's Talking* by Fanny Flagg.



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