



SEPTEMBER 23, 2018  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY (8:30) *Bell Peal* Chancel Bells

†VOLUNTARY (11:00) *A Child's Prayer* Janice Perry  
*Come to the Music* Joseph Martin

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

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations!  
Extol the Lord, all you peoples!

**People: For great is God's steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!  
O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

(Psalm 117)

†\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 41 LYONS  
*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change,  
open to us a future in which we can be changed,  
and grant us grace  
to grow more and more in Your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 581

GLORIA PATRI

**THE WORD AND SACRAMENT**

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

CHILDREN'S TIME (8:30)

Stuart Gordon

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Todd Jones

Melissa and Billie McClaran are presenting their children, William Warren McClaran and Claire Elizabeth McClaran, for baptism.  
Assisting Elder: William Hastings

†HYMN FOR BAPTISM

TALLIS' CANON

3 Lord Je - sus Christ, our Lord most dear, as  
6 You were once an in - fant here, so give this child of  
Yours, we pray, Your grace and bless - ing day by day

ANTHEM (11:00)

G.F. Handel  
arr. Jacob Narverud

*Let the Sea Make a Noise*

‡ 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 READING

Jackson Singer  
Psalm 1, *page 489*

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Todd Jones  
Mark 9:30–37, page 45

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Todd Jones

*A Lovely Ambition*

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(8:30) Josh Rodriguez

(11:00) Sandra Randleman

The Apostles' Creed (traditional) Hymnal, page 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(debts) Hymnal, page 35

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

Howard Goodall

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For you are with me, you will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

(11:00)

C.H. Gabriel

arr. Rollo Dilworth

*I Sing Because I'm Happy*

\*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING FORTH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Todd Jones

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 666

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Todd Jones

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (8:30)

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.*

\*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

John Rutter

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

\* 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

Fred Peters, Cross Bearer

Flora Idi, Bible Bearer

Luke Bostelman, (11:00) Baptism Buddy

Maddy Fry, (11:00) Worship Helper

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Nashville Children's Choir

Madeline Bridges, James Wells, Josh Wright, Directors

Will Berger, Accompanist; Chloe White, Instrumentalist

**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 Diana and DeWitt C. Thompson III by their 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](http://fpcnashville.org).

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

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called for today, 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.

■ **NASHVILLE CHILDREN'S CHOIR** — 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 organization consists of four choirs—the Preparatory Choir, Concert Choir, Touring Choir (the choir participating in the service today), and Youth Choir—leveled to meet the musical development of each singer. The choir program functions in cooperation with Belmont University and is a part of the pre-college Belmont Academy. The Touring Choir—which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this season—frequently performs throughout Nashville and Middle Tennessee with noteworthy artists and arts organizations, and has sung in many major US cities.

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY SERVICE** — Josh Rodriguez will be delivering his sermon, “The One Named Beautiful,” while continuing his coverage of the Book of Acts. Nursery care is available.

■ **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. 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 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 you may gather three of your friends. Cost is \$110 and includes golf cart, prizes, boxed lunch and post-golf dinner. Register at [fpcnashville.org/specialevents](http://fpcnashville.org/specialevents) (limited to 40 players).

■ **PRAYING THE PSALMS OF LAMENT AS WE SEEK HEALING** — You are invited to participate in a grief support group offered by Dr. Sandra Randleman that combines prayer with a study of the psalms of lament. This will explore how we, like the psalmists, can express our feelings and our petitions for help to God, as we place our trust and hope in God and seek healing. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings for four weeks, beginning October 24, from 6:00 to 7:15 P.M., in the Memorial Library (room MW-224). If you have family members, friends or neighbors who you think would benefit from this group, please invite them to join us. Questions? Contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 or [srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org).

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Steven and Alison Sielbeck Coley on the birth of their daughter, Crea Jennings Coley, born on September 6. Proud grandparents are Crea and Alan Sielbeck.

### 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 four, five & six as of August 15, 2018 (who are not entering first 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** — 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 sign up in Courtenay Hall.

■ **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD** — Dust off your hard hats and join us one of the next seven weekends! Everyone and every skill level is welcome to be a part of building a special home for Quinesha Thomas and her seven-year-old daughter. Sign up online or on the sign-up board in Courtenay Hall.

■ **LOCAL MISSION FAIR** — Did you know that we support over 30 local partners through our mission outreach? Join us each Sunday from October 14 to November 4 in Courtenay Hall between 9:30 and 11:00 A.M. as we showcase different local partners we support in order to learn more about who they are, their missions, volunteer opportunities and agency needs. Our partners will not be soliciting financial donations during this event since they already receive support through our contributions.

■ **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 also 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 [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@fpcnashville.org) for more information.

■ **MISSION TRIP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** — Financial Assistance is available for members to participate in any church-sponsored mission trip. Contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 or [srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org).

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

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

■ **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 at [ya.fpcnashville.org/events/](http://ya.fpcnashville.org/events/).

*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 a 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 this afternoon 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).*

### The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

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

## MUSIC MINISTRY

■ **VANDERBILT VOCALISTS IN CONCERT** — September 30 at 4:00 P.M. in the FPC Sanctuary, students from the Blair School of Music will present a concert of sacred songs, spirituals and arias.

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

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

## OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **SENIOR PICKLEBALL** — We will have courts and equipment available on Fridays at 3:00 P.M. 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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