



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

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY *Air* Gerre Hancock

*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Josh Rodriguez
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song,
for God has done marvelous things!

**People: God's right hand and His holy arm
have gotten victory.**

Leader: The Lord has made known His victory,
and has revealed His vindication
in the sight of the all the nations.

**People: God has remembered His steadfast love
and faithfulness to the House of Israel.**

(Psalm 98)

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 826 CRUCIFER
Lift High the Cross

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

CALL TO CONFESSION (8:30) Josh Rodriguez
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,
Who never comes to us without mystery,
yet never leaves us without hope,
grant that in these moments
we may face squarely the truth about our own failings.
We offer our confession not to tell You, O God,
something You don't already know,
but rather to confide in Your grace,
which always runs deeper than our sins.
Grant to us in these moments
a profound sense that we are deeply known,
and loved even as we are known.
In the confidence of that love,
we ask that You would forgive our many failings,
and set us free from a past that we cannot change.
Open to us in these moments of honest prayer
a future and a hope.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.
(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 baptism.

CHILDREN'S TIME (8:30)

Josh Rodriguez

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Todd Jones

Allison and Christopher Schwall are presenting their daughter, Zoe Katherine Schwall, for baptism. Assisting Elders: Leigh and Richard Smith

†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

‡ 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

**God, source of all light,
by Your Word You give light to the soul.
Pour out upon us
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
that, being taught by You in Holy Scripture,
our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things
that pertain to life and holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

EPISTLE READING

Bella Hackett

Ephesians 4:22–32, *page 194*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Todd Jones

Mark 9:38–50, *page 45*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Are You a Joy to Be With?***RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

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

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Dr. Ian Byram

OFFERTORY
 (8:30) arr. Austin C. Lovelace

Like as a Father

Like as a father, filled with compassion,
 pities all His children,
 so the Lord has mercy on those who fear Him.

(11:00) *Cantique de Jean Racine* Gabriel Fauré

<p>Verbe égal au Très-Haut notre unique espérance, jour éternel de la terre et des cieux De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence. Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux! Répands sur nous le feu de ta grace puissante, que tout l'enfer, fuie au son de ta voix, dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante, qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois! Ô Christ sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloirie immortelle Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.</p>	<p>O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, eternal Light of the earth and the sky, On this Thy holy day, we kneel in adoration. O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye! Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all-consuming, whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell, and rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all-illuminating, that they may waken Thy mercy to tell! O Christ, bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee, who here are gathered on penitent knee; accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory, and these Thy gifts we return unto Thee.</p>
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*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 839 ASSURANCE
Blessed Assurance

*CHARGE AND BLESSING Todd Jones

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 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

David N. Johnson

Trumpet Tune in D Major

* 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

Will Woodruff, Cross Bearer

Parish DeVries, Bible Bearer

Gracie Corn, (11:00) Baptism Buddy

Johnny Corn, (11:00) Worship Helper

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Carol McClure, Harp

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 Samuel Kermit Welborn by his wife.

■ **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.

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HOLY COMMUNION** will be observed October 7 at the 8:30, 11:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. worship services. Prepare your hearts to celebrate this sign of Christ's love and grace.
- **THE FIVE THIRTY SERVICE** — Adam DeVries will be delivering his sermon, "Nothing to Hide." Nursery care is available.
- **HURRICANE FLORENCE RELIEF ASSISTANCE** — Our church is contributing \$25,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to help with PDA's Hurricane Florence relief efforts in the Carolinas. We will be considering the possibility of sending teams to assist in the future. In addition, you are invited to make contributions to assist PDA with this relief for those impacted by the hurricane. Your contributions can be made via check, payable to First Presbyterian Church with a notation that the funds are to be used for Hurricane Florence relief. **Other Ways You Can Help:** Donations — bring items to help us create hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. These kits offer a way to reach disaster survivors and those in need with the hope of Christ. You may bring any quantity of any of the following items by October 14 and drop them off in our white bin in the Children's Ministry entrance. Hand towels (approximately 16" x 28", no finger tip or bath towels) washcloths, wide-tooth combs (not regular combs), nail clippers, bars of soap (unscented, bath size in wrapper) and toothbrushes (individually packaged).
- **VANDERBILT VOCALISTS IN CONCERT** — We are pleased to have voice students from the Blair School of Music perform a concert featuring the music of Felix Mendelssohn at 4:00 P.M. today in the Sanctuary.
- **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.
- **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 (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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Terry & Steve Butler, on the death of Terry's father, Col. James Madison Bates, who died on September 19. Sympathy also to Channing Powell, Beau Powell, Paige Butler and Taylor Butler.
- Kathryn & Harry Peffen III, on the death of Harry's sister, Kathy Peffen Burkhalter, who died on September 24. Sympathy also to Will Peffen and Mary Caton Peffen

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. The Quiet Room door has been relocated to inside the Nursery Wing to ensure safety and convenience for our families with the littlest ones.

■ **REGISTER FOR YOUNG CHILDREN & WORSHIP** — We invite children ages four, five or 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.*

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **GIVE A HELPING HAND** to help build a home for Quinesha Thomas and her seven-year-old daughter! Our Habitat for Humanity build continues each Saturday and Sunday through October 14. Everyone and every skill level is welcome. Sign up in Courtenay Hall or online, or contact missions@fpcnashville.org.

■ **BLOOD DRIVE WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS** — On Sunday, October 7, please consider donating your time and resources for this worthy cause, which in turn will help save someone's life. Due to the devastation of Hurricane Florence, over 200 blood drives were cancelled in North Carolina. Blood donations are needed from non-impacted areas to compensate for this loss. The drive will take place in the Enrichment Center from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Schedule your appointment by registering on our website with the code "fpcnashville" or sign up 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 need not only 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 for more information.

■ **AFRICA MISSION TRIP PLANNING WITH STU ROSS** — If you are interested in going on an African mission trip in 2019, you are invited to join us for dinner and discussion on October 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. For more information and to RSVP, please email missions@fpcnashville.org or call Mike Crout at 615-298-9593.

■ **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.

For Mission Ministry info, contact Mike Crout at 615-298-9593 or 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/.

■ **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 ya.fpcnashville.org/events/.

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 of our website to sign up.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

■ **VANDERBILT VOCALISTS IN CONCERT** — Today, September 30 at 4:00 P.M. in the FPC Sanctuary, voice students from Vanderbilt's Blair School of Music will present a concert in the Sanctuary featuring the music of Felix Mendelssohn.

■ **SONGWRITERS' WORKSHOP** — 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, and audience members will gain insights into the creative process. The event is free, but reservations are required. Register at music.fpcnashville.org/calendar/.

For Music Ministry info, contact 615-298-9517 or 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.

RECREATION MINISTRY

■ **WE WANT SOMETHING NEW FOR YOU!** — The Recreation Department is best known for Oak Hill Day Camp and kids' sports, but we want to add more opportunities for church connections! Take our brief survey at rec.fpcnashville.org and help us with feedback for dreaming up new programs for you!



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