



SEPTEMBER 9, 2018
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Stuart Gordon

†VOLUNTARY J.S. Bach

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr
(To God Alone on High Be Glory)

INTROIT Arr. McClure

The Light of the World Is Jesus

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin,
The Light of the world is Jesus!
Like sunshine at noonday His glory shone in;
The Light of the world is Jesus!
Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee;
Sweetly the light has dawned upon me;
Once I was blind, but now I can see:
The Light of the world is Jesus!
No darkness have we who in Jesus abide;
The Light of the world is Jesus!
We walk in the light when we follow our Guide!
The Light of the world is Jesus!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Adam DeVries
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

Leader: My heart overflows with a goodly theme;
People: I address my verses to the Lord.
Leader: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.
People: Your royal rule, Lord Jesus, is a rule of equity.
Leader: You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
People: therefore the peoples of earth will praise You forever and ever.

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 35 LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Stuart Gordon

CALL TO CONFESSION (8:30) Adam DeVries
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In Your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name.

(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) Adam DeVries
(11:00) Stuart Gordon

‡ 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

Stuart Gordon

**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.**

GOSPEL READING

Kody Whitaker
Mark 7:24–30, *page 42*

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

EPISTLE READING

Stuart Gordon
Ephesians 3:5–13, *page 193*

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

SERMON

Stuart Gordon
The Gospel According to Agatha Christie

* 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

Sandra Randleman,

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministries

Alex Kirkpatrick, Cross Bearer

Maddy Fry, Bible Bearer

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Psalmody Vocal and Instrumental Ensemble, Carol McClure, Director

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 celebration of the marriage of Barbara Martin Pritchett and Robert Ellis White III.

■ **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** — Josh Rodriguez is preaching “Who’s Theophilus?” 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 today. You can find a list of all the classes and locations on our monitors outside of Courtenay Hall and at the second floor Hospitality Desk.

■ **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. Register online.

■ **INQUIRERS CLASS** — Beginning September 9, we invite all those interested in becoming a member or those wanting to learn more about the history and mission of our church and the Presbyterian Church to attend. 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, each of our pastors will lead a six-week Wednesday night study on Grace and Gratitude. “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, *Grace and Gratitude*. Each of the study 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 classes 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.

■ **THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** — This study, led by Sandra Randleman, meets Thursdays, at 7:00 A.M. in Vance Hall. We are studying the Holy Spirit.

■ **PRAYER MINISTRY** — You can participate in the prayer ministry of our church in many different ways. Confidential prayer requests can be submitted by filling out prayer request cards in the Sanctuary pew racks or the prayer request boxes located in the narthex or the Hospitality Center. You can also submit prayer requests online. Prayer requests are listed each week in the Parish News email. You can join an email prayer team or receive prayer requests once a month by regular mail. There is a contemplative prayer group that meets on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M. in the Matt Hill Prayer Room. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Randleman at srandleman@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9502. Thank you for your prayer ministry!

■ **“BEAUTIFULLY BROKEN” MOVIE NIGHT** — September 13 at 6:00 P.M. at Hollywood Regal Cinema (100 Oaks). Join us for a private viewing of the newly released movie, “Beautifully Broken.” Based on the incredible true story of our church family, the Mwizerwas, this film shares a gripping portrayal of the Rwandan genocide, the inspiring journey that followed, and the remarkable relationships that forged against all odds. Seating is limited. Register on our website under the “Special Events” tab.

■ **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.

■ **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.

■ **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:

- Pat & Tom Patten, on the death of Tom's mother, Wanda Hebert Patten, who died on July 26. Sympathy also to Allison McGuire & Max Sadler, Jack McGuire, Kate McGuire, Henry Sadler and Lauren Patten.
- Bitsy & Wearen Hughes, on the death of Bitsy's mother, Betsy Stoneburner, who died on August 29. Sympathy also to Logan Hughes, Callie Hughes, Wesley & Marshall Gallagher, Shook Gallagher and Mabel Gallagher.
- Marianne & Andrew Byrd, on the death of Marianne's brother, Albert Leo Menefee III, who died on September 3. Sympathy also to Marianne & Christopher Sabis, Val & Ben Fulwider and Ashley & Andrew Byrd, Jr.

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

■ **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 this week.

■ **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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