

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

Jennings & Taylor Ragan are presenting their son, Harlan Rye
Ragan, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Hugh Tanner

†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

Jackson Stone

2 Corinthians 5:14–21, *page 181*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Todd Jones

John 13:31–35, *page 108*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Todd Jones

Proclaiming Good News

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Sandra Randleman

The Apostles' Creed (traditional)

Hymnal, *page 35*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(8:30)

(debts)

Hymnal, *page 35*

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00) Sandra Randleman

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

Pastor: Let us welcome our new members, as they join with us
in the worship and mission of the church.

**People: With joy and thanksgiving,
we welcome you to share with us
in the ministry of Christ,
for we are all one in Him.**

HYMN 306 (11:00) *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (11:00)
(Traditional—debts) Hymnal, page 35

MINUTE FOR MISSION Tom Cunningham

OFFERTORY *How Shall I Sing That Majesty?* J.R. Daniels

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie; Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound Thy praise; But who am I?
Thy brightness unto them appears; Whilst I Thy footsteps trace,
A sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold Thy face.
They sing because Thou art their sun; Lord send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun, There alleluias be.
Enlighten with faith's light my heart, In flame it with love's fire;
Then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;
Yet, when Thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.
How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore, Thy place is everywhere.
(Text by John Mason, from *Spiritual Songs*, 1683)

(11:00) *Hallelujah, Amen* G.F. Handel

Rejoice, O Judah, and in songs divine,
with Cherubim and Seraphim, harmonious join.
Hallelujah, Amen.
O Judah, rejoice!
Rejoice, O Judah, in songs divine,
with cherubim and seraphim harmonious join.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Todd Jones

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 462 HANKEY

I Love to Tell the Story

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Todd Jones

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

Kenneth Leighton

Fanfare

* 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

Sandra Randleman,

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministries

Lacy Sheppard, Cross Bearer

Hunt Dickson, Bible Bearer

Porter Weeks, (11:00) Baptism Buddy

Nora Weeks, (11:00) Worship Helper

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Greg Thomas, Tenor; Dillon Brown, Bass

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 William Richard Golden by his wife and 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.

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **NEW MEMBERS** — The First Presbyterian Church family welcomes new members to the church. These new members will be recognized and welcomed today during the 11:00 worship service:

Christina Amezquita	Jeremy Hall	Alec Sheaff
Denise Bellardo	Kristy Hall	Rebecca Sheaff
Joseph Bellardo	Lisa Jagar	Doug Shirley
Lewis Bellardo	Ross Jagar	Kelly Shirley
Sarah Bellardo	Brian Kelly	Olivia Shirley
Nancy Boyd Johnson	Andrew Knestrick	Margaret Thomson
Stuart Burkhalter	Christian Knestrick	Tim Thomson

■ **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** — A Congregational Meeting has been called for today following both worship services, for the purpose of voting on a slate of nominees to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee. The nominees are: Frank Bass III, Lindsay Ison, Lynn Kendrick, Lauren Ross, Todd Smith, Lonnie Stout and Hobbs Yarbrough. You can read about these members in the insert in today's bulletin.

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY SERVICE** — Kody Whitaker will be delivering his sermon, "They Couldn't Take Their Eyes Off of Him." Nursery care is available.

■ **HOLY COMMUNION** will be observed October 28 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.

■ **OAK HILL SCHOOL ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE** — You are invited to attend our open house event at Oak Hill School on November 7 at 11:45 A.M. For more information or to RSVP, visit oakhillschool.org or call 615-298-9596.

■ **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.

■ **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.

■ **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

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

- Cate & Will Lane, on the birth of their son, William Walter Lane Jr., born on October 3. Proud grandparents are Brigitte & David Wiley.

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

- Cindy & Tony Stanley, on the death of Cindy's mother, Clara Smith Perritt, who died on October 8. Sympathy also to Caroline Stanley and William Stanley.

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

■ **HABITAT DEDICATION** — Today at 1:00 P.M., please join us for music, light lunch and celebration to show our love and support for Quinesha and her daughter in their new home. The address is 4185 Polk Forest Circle.

■ **OUR LOCAL MISSION FAIR STARTS TODAY** — Join us today and each Sunday through November 4 between 9:30 and 11:00 A.M. in Courtenay Hall. Our church supports over 30 local partners. Each week a different group will be present for you to learn more about who they are, their mission, volunteer opportunities and agency needs. Our partners will not be soliciting financial donations during this event since they already receive support through your contributions.

■ **ROOM IN THE INN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — Each winter, our church houses 14 men every Wednesday night in the Cannon Center for an evening meal, a place to sleep, breakfast and a lunch to take with them for the next day. Volunteers are needed to 1) stay overnight, 2) prepare a quick breakfast, 3) prepare a sandwich for a sack lunch or 4) drive the van to pick up and drop off guests. Sign-up sheets will be in Courtenay Hall or contact 615-298-9507.

■ **DONATIONS NEEDED** — We will be collecting donations for our Room In The Inn guests and the Downtown Presbyterian Church clothing closet. Items needed most are new socks and boxer shorts and other clean, gently used clothing such as coats, gloves, scarves, belts, etc. There will be a donation box in the Welcome Center hall starting today.

■ **JAMAICA MISSION TRIP** — We need hands for February 9–15, 2019. Led by J.T. 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 Annette Crout at missions@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9507.

■ **MISSION TRIP 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 Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or missions@fpcnashville.org.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

■ **ME MORNINGS** — Join us from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. on Thursdays in The Gathering Place.

■ **CENTER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Beginning October 22 on Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. in Beth Singer's home. Led by Beth Singer.

■ **CENTER MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Beginning October 25 on Thursday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. in The Gathering Place. Led by Josh Rodriguez.

■ **COVENANT MOMS' BIBLE STUDY** — Tuesday nights beginning October 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. in Leslee Bechtel's home. This six-week study will read through *A Praying Life* by Paul Miller. Contact Leslee Bechtel at 615-519-0123 for more information.

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.

■ **EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT** — The Early-Bird Discount for youth mission trips will be given to youth who register for a youth mission trip by October 15. This will result in a \$200 discount on the total cost of the mission trip. Questions? Email Ginger or Miller at youth@fpcnashville.org

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

■ **OLD-FASHIONED HYMN-SING AND BOX LUNCH** — Today after the 11:00 A.M. worship service, join us for an Old-Fashioned Hymn-Sing and Box Lunch led by Bill Caruso with Nate Strasser on piano in Courtenay Hall.

■ **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.

■ **CELEBRATING OUR OWN ARTISTS** — On Thursday, October 18 at 11:30 A.M. in Courtenay Lounge, we will have an art exhibit of the beautiful work done by our members. Artists are encouraged to bring samples of their work after 10:00 A.M. to set up for display. Lunch will be available (\$6).

■ **FIRST FRIENDS DRAWING CLASS** — Begins October 18 at 1:30 P.M.

For First Friends info, contact 615-383-1815

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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