



OCTOBER 21, 2018
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Adam DeVries

†VOLUNTARY Felix Mendelssohn
Allegretto from Sonata no. 4

INTROIT O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

Psalm 139

O God, You search me and You know me.
All my thoughts lie open to Your gaze.
When I walk or lie down You are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.
You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting You besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, You are.
Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past, and future, too.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Josh Rodriguez

Leader: If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
People: if I make my bed in Sheol, You are there.
Leader: If I take the wings of the morning
and settle on the farthest limits of the sea,
People: even there Your hand shall lead me,
All: and Your right hand shall hold me fast.

(Psalm 139:8–10)

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 15 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
All Creatures of Our God and King

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Adam DeVries

CALL TO CONFESSION Josh Rodriguez

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide and too deep to undo.
We forget to shelter Your children.
We nurture convenient segregation
instead of sharing Your scandalous grace.
We avoid fellowship with sisters and brothers
who think differently than we do.

OFFERTORY

(8:30) *My Song in the Night* Paul Christiansen

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night,
come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight.
Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,
my comfort by day and my song in the night.
O why should I wander, an alien from Thee,
or cry in the desert Thy face to see,
my comfort and joy, my soul's delight,
O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.

(11:00) arr. Mack Wilberg

My God, My Portion, and My Love

My God, my portion, and my love, my everlasting all,
I've none but Thee in heaven above, or on this earthly ball.
What empty things are all the skies, and this inferior clod!
There's nothing here deserves my joys, there's nothing like my God.
In vain the bright, the burning sun, scatters his feeble light;
'tis Thy sweet beams create my noon; if Thou withdraw, 'tis night.
Let all that dwell above the sky, and air, and earth, and seas,
conspire to lift Thy glories high and speak Thine endless praise.
The whole creation, join in one, to bless the sacred Name,
of Him that sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb!

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 377 HOUSTON

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Adam DeVries

*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 Felix Mendelssohn

Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata no. 4

* 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

Evatt Howerton, Cross Bearer

Avery Howerton, Bible Bearer

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music
Nicholas Bergin, Organist
Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist
Claire Boling, Soprano

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 by Mary and Brock Baker in loving memory of Mary's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Briggs (Frances).
- **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 November 4 at the 8:30 and 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** — Josh Rodriguez will be delivering his sermon "The First Great End of the Church." Nursery care is available.
- **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.

■ **REFORMATION/OAK HILL SUNDAY** — On October 28, our church will celebrate the Protestant Reformation and two of our outreach ministries, the Oak Hill School and our medical mission in the Dominican Republic. Oak Hill students will be reading scripture, and we will hear a short message from the Oak Hill head of school, Hart Roper. The FPC children's choirs will sing in the 8:30 A.M. service, and the Oak Hill choir will sing in the 11:00 A.M. service. The Dominican Republic mission team will also be commissioned at the 11:00 A.M. service.

■ **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.

■ **MOVIE NIGHT: MR. ROGERS** — On Wednesday, November 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M., Todd Jones will host a viewing and discussion of the documentary, *Won't You Be My Neighbor*. Optional dinner will be served beforehand. Register online under the Events tab or call the church at 615-383-1815.

■ **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** — Join us Wednesday, November 21 at 5:30 P.M. for a time of worship. Todd Jones will be preaching, and the service will be held in Stanford Chapel. We hope that you will make this part of your family's Thanksgiving tradition.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Ellie & Eric Osborne, on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Josephine Osborne, born on October 12.

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

- Patty & Wally Wood, on the death of Wally's brother, Marshall Robert Wood, who died on September 22. Sympathy also to Heather & Mike Wood, Ben Wood, Emily Wood, Katie McDaniel and Mason McDaniel.
- Cassie & Bob Elliott, on the death of Bob's father, Peter Stone Elliott, who died on September 29. Sympathy also to Sarah Elliott and Tate Elliott.
- Betsy Brittain, on the death of her husband, Scott Brittain, who died on October 15. Sympathy also to Jack Brittain, Parkes Brittain, Justine Brittain and Liz Beck.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **SERVING TOGETHER** — Serving Together is an FPC ministry that connects families with agencies where children and parents can meet needs in our community together. Where can you serve this fall?

- November 2: Safe Haven (6:30–8:00 P.M.)
- November 7: Room in the Inn (5:00–7:15 P.M.)
- November 8: Second Harvest (5:30–8:00 P.M.)
- November 17: Preston Taylor Ministries (2:00–4:00 P.M.)
- November 19: Rise Against Hunger (3:30–6:00 P.M.)
- November 21: Loaves and Fishes (10:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.)

■ **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 (not entering in 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

■ **OUR LOCAL MISSION FAIR CONTINUES!** — 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. Room in the Inn begins Wednesday, November 7. 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. A donation box is in the Welcome Center hall.

■ **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** — 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.

■ Mark your calendars for this year's Prayer Partner Breakfast on Sunday, December 2 from 9:40 to 10:40 A.M. in The Enrichment Center. Youth and their adult prayer partners are invited to attend.

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

■ **SONGWRITERS' WORKSHOP** — Join us for a Songwriters' Workshop today 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.

■ **FIRST FRIENDS DRAWING CLASS** — Thursdays at 1:30 P.M.

For First Friends info, contact 615-383-1815.

RECREATION MINISTRY

■ **INTRODUCING A NEW MINISTRY!** — We are excited to announce a new ministry of our church—TEAM (Therapeutic Equine Assistance Method)—a therapeutic horseback riding program for adults with disabilities, as well as veterans and service members. Because TEAM is in its start-up phase, we are looking for more horse donations, financial donations and tack donations. Please contact Curt Stacy in the Recreation Office at 615-298-9583 or cstacy@fpcnashville.org.

■ **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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