



DECEMBER 2, 2018
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES

Stuart Gordon

†VOLUNTARY

Kevin McChesney

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30) Sandra Randleman

(11:00) Adam DeVries

Leader: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**People: O my God, in You I trust;
do not let me be put to shame.**

Leader: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord;

People: Teach me Your paths.

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord;

People: Redeem Israel, O God, out of all its troubles.

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
Who order'st all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.**

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.**

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Stuart Gordon

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Nancy Eason

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT

HYMN 104

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

**O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly all that may please You best.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

(8:30) Sandra Randleman

(11:00) Adam DeVries

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God,
in Your presence we confess
our failure to be what You created us to be.
You alone know how often we sin
in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts,
in forgetting Your love.
By Your loving mercy and Your gracious power,
enable us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways,
not for our glory, but for Yours,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
(A moment for silent confession.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

THE WORD

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30) Sandra Randleman

(11:00) Adam DeVries

‡ 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Carter Hyde

Genesis 22:1-14, page 17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Stuart Gordon
John 1:43–51, page 92

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Stuart Gordon

The Lord Will Provide

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(8:30) John Musgrave

(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)

Jean Berger

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

The eyes of all wait upon Thee;
and Thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest Thine hand
and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

(11:00)

G.F. Handel

*And the Glory of the Lord
from Messiah*

And the glory, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
And all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

(Isaiah 40:5)

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 109

MERLE'S TUNE

Blest Be the God of Israel

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Stuart Gordon

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

ST. LOUIS

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him,
still the dear Christ enters in.**

*The congregation will be seated for a moment of silent prayer
after the congregational response.*

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

J.S. Bach

Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537

* Those who are able, please stand. † Latecomers may be seated.

Please silence your cell phone as you enter the sanctuary.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families

Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor

John Musgrave, Parish Associate

Sandra Randleman,

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

Candle Lighting:

(8:30) The Cook Family: Sam and Nicki

(11:00) The Loflin Family: Bob and Catherine

Ellie Ford, Cross Bearer

Kaiser Martin, Bible Bearer

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

FPC Handbells: Nicholas Bergin, Director

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

■ **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.

*“Two are better than one.” Make new friends by being a Worship Friend!
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **WAYS TO GIVE TO OUR CHURCH** — For those of you who have already participated in this year’s Generosity Campaign, thank you! If you would like to give to the mission of our church, you can do so by committing or giving online or by texting “Generosity” to 707-475-3005. For more info, read our Story of Generosity under the Giving tab on our website.

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Kody Whitaker is preaching *Stoning of Stephen* tonight in The Gathering Place. Nursery care: six weeks to age three.

■ **2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING** — On Wednesday, December 5, gather with your church family at 5:30 P.M. to listen to carolers sing while you enjoy pancakes, sausage biscuits, fruit, hot chocolate and more. Children will make manna bags, cards for our own shut-ins and a take-home Advent craft. At 7:00 P.M. outside by the Sanctuary, we will light candles, sing carols and have the big lighting of our Christmas tree! Register online for dinner by December 1. Cost is \$8/person. \$24 family maximum.

■ **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS GATHERING** — Join us on Tuesday, December 11 for our program and lunch. The program begins at 10:30 A.M. in the sanctuary. The luncheon begins at 11:30 A.M. in Courtenay Hall. The cost is \$20. Register online.

■ **MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR ADVENT** — A memorial fund has been established for chancel and sanctuary flowers during Advent. Please send your contribution and the name(s) of those to be memorialized to the church office by December 8. You may also contribute online by clicking Register/Payments on the bottom of our front page. Contact us in order for your loved ones' names to be included this Advent.

■ **ROOTED IN CHRIST: RELATIONSHIP SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP** — Join us February 1–2 for an awe-inspiring relationship seminar and workshop featuring world-renowned author and Enneagram scholar Ian Cron. Register on our website under the Events tab. Early-bird discount ends December 1!

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 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 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

■ **30,000 MEALS FOR THANKSGIVING!** — With your help, we packed 30,000 meals that Rise Against Hunger will ship globally to those in need.

■ **COMFORT AND JOY PROJECT FOR FOSTER CHILDREN** — Select names and wish lists in Courtenay Hall between services for Davidson County foster children in need of Christmas gifts. Sponsors receive a list with child's first name, age, gender, clothing sizes and wish lists. Gifts must be returned no later than Sunday, December 16. Contact Sue Fort White at 615-218-8977 or suefortwhite@ourkidscenter.com with any questions.

■ **CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED** — We are 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, hand warmers, backpacks, etc. A donation box is in the Hospitality Center hall.

■ **GIFTS FOR “FORGOTTEN ANGELS”** — The Salvation Army is asking for new, unwrapped toys or clothing items valued at approximately \$25 for a boy or girl (ages 12 and under) for those children whose names weren't selected from the Angel Tree project. Collection deadline is December 9. A collection box will be in Courtenay Hall.

■ **93RD ANNUAL WAFFLE SHOP AT DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** — Join us on Thursday, December 6 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. for hot chicken and waffles or waffles and eggs at the Downtown Presbyterian Church! Tickets: \$10/person. All proceeds fund their community ministry. Email info@dpchurch.com with any questions.

■ **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** — Room in the Inn needs overnight hosts on Wednesday nights to stay in the Cannon Center from 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. (with captain's assistance). Also needed: van drivers, quick breakfasts, sandwiches for sack lunches (both dropped off the night before) and laundry volunteers. Sign-up sheets are in Courtenay Hall, or sign up on our website under the Missions tab.

■ **ASK FOR THE GIFT OF A MISSION TRIP** — Looking for a Christmas gift this year? Ask for the gift that will fill your heart and give to those in need! On February 9–16, the Jamaica Mission Trip, led by J.T. Martin, 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. Contact 615-298-9507 or missions@fpcnashville.org with any questions. Also, the East Africa Mission Trip, led by Michael Baron, is June 28–July 10. Join Stu Ross in construction work on churches/schools and visits to mission projects supported by our church in Kenya.

For Mission Ministry or mission trip financial assistance information, 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** — Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. in Beth Singer's home. Led by Beth Singer.
- **CENTER MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. in The Gathering Place. Led by Josh Rodriguez.

*For Young Adult Ministry info, contact
Josh Rodriguez at 615-298-9598 or jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org.*

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **GRADE LEVEL CHRISTMAS PARTIES:**
 - **7th Grade:** December 2 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the Walls'
 - **8th Grade:** December 9 from 3:00 to 4:30 P.M. at the Kirklands'
 - **9th Grade:** December 9 from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. at the Zeiglers'
 - **10th Grade:** December 2 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the Basses'
 - **11th Grade:** December 9 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the Griffins'
 - **12th Grade:** December 15 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the Singers'
- **SENIOR TRIP TO ATLANTA FOR THE PASSION CONFERENCE** — January 2–4, 2019. Tickets are going fast. Sign up online today!
- **JUNIOR HIGH SKI TRIP** — January 16–18, 2019. Sign up online today!

For Youth Ministry info, contact 615-298-9570 or youth@fpcnashville.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

- **SANCTUARY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT** — On Sunday, December 9 at 4:00 P.M., the Sanctuary Choir will present its annual Christmas concert, *Glory to God in the Highest*. Led by Raphael Bundage and accompanied by orchestra, the choir will sing well-loved music by Mendelssohn and Handel and lesser-known works by Gerald Finzi and Arthur Honegger; they will also lead the congregation in several familiar carols.

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 CHRISTMAS PARTY** — December 13 in Courtenay Hall. Register online for the Christmas buffet.

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

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

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

■ **WINTER CAMP** — Oak Hill Day Camp will host a winter camp January 2–4 for children grades K–6! Camp will be from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Complimentary early and after care available. Lunch included. \$75/day. Registration available online on the Recreation page.

*For Recreation Ministry info, contact Bryan Miller
at bmiller@fpcnashville.org.*

