



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

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Stuart Gordon

†VOLUNTARY *Andante sostenuto* Charles-Marie Widor
(Symphonie Gothique)

†INTROIT (8:30) Terry D. Taylor
Come, Sing Your Thanks to the Lord

*CALL TO WORSHIP Adam DeVries

Leader: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**People: He sits enthroned in the heavens;
let the earth quake!**

Leader: Mighty king, lover of justice, You have established equity;

**People: You have executed justice
and righteousness in Your people.**

Leader: Extol the Lord our God; worship at His footstool;

All: Holy is He!

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 265 DUKE STREET
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Stuart Gordon

CALL TO CONFESSION Adam DeVries

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, our gracious redeemer,
we approach Your throne of mercy
to admit the ways we fall short of Your glory.**

In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Too often we live for ourselves and apart from You.

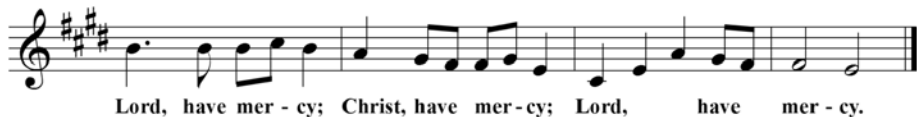
**Too often we neglect to show mercy to sinners,
compassion to the poor, generosity to the hungry.**

**Forgive us for obsessing over small things
while neglecting the weightier matters
of justice and mercy and faith.**

**God of mercy, by Your Holy Spirit,
free us for grateful obedience to Your will,
joyful obedience to Your will,
generous obedience to Your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME Adam DeVries

‡ 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 Stuart Gordon

**God our helper,
by Your Holy Spirit, open our minds,
that as the Scriptures are read
and Your Word is proclaimed,
we may be led into Your truth
and taught Your will,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Reid Groomes
Isaiah 42:1–9, page 670

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Stuart Gordon
Philippians 3:17–4:1, page 198

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Awaiting a Savior* Stuart Gordon

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
(debts) Hymnal, page 35

MINUTE FOR MISSION Andy Morris

OFFERTORY
(8:30) *I Will Sing with the Spirit* John Rutter
I will sing with the spirit: alleluia.
And I will sing with the understanding also: alleluia.

(11:00) *The Spirit of the Lord Is upon Me* Edward Elgar
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to
preach the Gospel to the poor: He hath sent me to heal the
brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering
of sight to the blind. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as

the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 361 AURELIA
O Christ, the Great Foundation

*CHARGE AND BLESSING Stuart Gordon

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 547 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

* 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

Katherine Groomes, Cross Bearer

Thompson Adams, Bible Bearer

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

(8:30) Doxology Children's Choir: Brianna Meler, 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

- **FLOWERS** on the chancel table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Windle Hogg by his wife, Pat.
- **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

- **PRAY FOR HOW YOU FEEL CALLED TO GIVE** — Your generosity of time, talent and treasure with our church's generosity helps us fulfill our mission: *To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love through worship, education and service.* Join us next Sunday for our Generosity Breakfast. This week's prayer leading up to the Generosity Breakfast: *Pray for our congregation to give of their time, talent and treasure and also how you feel called to give.* We invite you to bring your generosity card (from Our Story of Generosity mailed brochure) to put into the offering plate during any of our worship services.
- **THE FIVE THIRTY SERVICE** — Stuart Gordon will be delivering his sermon "It's Personal." Nursery care is available.
- **GENEROSITY BREAKFAST** — Join us Sunday, November 18 at 9:40 A.M. in Courtenay Hall as we rejoice in our faithful commitment to the future of First Presbyterian Church. This breakfast is designed to provide the congregation with an overview of how our financial promises build every facet of our church's annual budget. It will also be an opportunity to ask questions, to thank the congregation and to celebrate our success.
- **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.
- **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

■ **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 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 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Jack Beasley, on the death of his wife, Peggy Gardner Beasley, who died on October 31. Sympathy also to Jewell Eskew, Catharine O'Bryan, Trish & Bill Simpson, Lauren Simpson, Jennifer Simpson and Brett Simpson.

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **LOCAL MISSION FAIR SUCCESS** — Our local mission partners were grateful we provided a space for them to share their mission. Thank you for the time you gave to listen to their story. If you would like more information about how to become involved with any of these agencies, contact missions@fpcnashville.org.

- **RISE AGAINST HUNGER** — On Monday, November 19 from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. in the Enrichment Center, we will pack 30,000 meals to be distributed to those in need. Join us for this annual pre-Thanksgiving, inter-generational, church-wide event!
- **ROOM IN THE INN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — Beginning November 7, 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. Sign up to volunteer online or in Courtenay Hall.
- **CLOTHING 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 Hospitality Center hall.
- **PROVIDE DINNER FOR SAFE HAVEN FAMILIES** — Volunteers are needed to provide and serve dinner for 25–30 residents at Safe Haven Family Shelter on Monday evening, December 3. Safe Haven helps families experiencing homelessness by keeping the family together and providing for their immediate needs of shelter and stability. Contact missions@fpcnashville.org to volunteer and visit the Missions section of our website for more information.
- **JAMAICA MISSION TRIP** — On February 9–15, our trip, led by J.T. Martin, will need not only dentists but a group that will be working on a big construction project to expand our sister church, the Ebenezer Church. Trip cost will be \$1,300–\$1,400. Registration deadline and deposit due December 15.
- **EAST AFRICA MISSION TRIP** — From June 28 to July 10, join Stu Ross in construction work and mission projects in Kenya. The trip cost is estimated to be \$5,000. A \$1,500 deposit and copy of your passport are due by March 1.

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** — Thursday 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

- **PRAYER PARTNER BREAKFAST** — 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.

■ **RISE AGAINST HUNGER** — Monday, November 19 from 3:30 to 6:00 P.M. in the Enrichment Center. Youth are invited to join Adam and the youth staff as we pack individual bagged meals as a way to serve others during this Thanksgiving season. You can sign up online at the church website. Seventh graders and their leaders will have pizza and games in The Gathering Place at 6:00 with Adam and Ashleigh after meal packing. Parent pick up will be in The Gathering Place at 7:00 P.M.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

■ **ORGAN RECITAL** — Today at 4:00 P.M., Geoffrey Simon will perform an organ recital in the sanctuary featuring music by J.S. Bach, Max Reger, Louis Vierne, Samuel Barber and Leo Sowerby. Currently the organ curator of Raleigh Moravian Church, Dr. Simon was a Fellow of the College of Church Musicians at the National Cathedral, where he studied with Paul Callaway and Leo Sowerby. He has played, sung and/or conducted in 20 states and in European capitals including Berlin, Copenhagen and Warsaw.

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.

■ **FIRST FRIENDS LUNCHEON** — On Thursday, November 15, we will enjoy a Thanksgiving meal together to share God's abundant blessings on our own lives. We will also hear our own Jeff Dale share about his personal experience of difficulties and gratitude

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

RECREATION MINISTRY

■ **SOCCER CLEAT DRIVE** — Bring new or used soccer shoes and equipment to the Recreation office or the Hospitality Desk during the month of November. We will donate these items to the Kigango soccer team in Malindi, Kenya.

■ **INTRODUCING A NEW MINISTRY** — We are excited to announce a new ministry of our church: TEAM (Therapeutic Equine Assistance Method). This therapeutic horseback riding program is for adults with disabilities as well as veterans and service members. TEAM is in the start-up phase of the program so we are looking for more horse donations, financial donations and tack donations. Please visit our website for more information.

■ **WINTER CAMP RETURNS!** — Oak Hill Day Camp will host a winter camp January 2–4!

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