



**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 18, 2018  
8:30 and 11:00 AM**

**GATHERING**

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY Charles Callahan

*Meditation on THAXTED*

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

Leader: What shall we render unto the Lord  
for all His benefits toward us?

**People: We will take the cup of salvation  
and call upon the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore, let us keep the feast!

**People: O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed is the one who trusts in Him!**

†\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 643 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT  
*Now Thank We All Our God*

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against Your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done,**

**and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Spare those who confess their faults.**

**Restore those who are penitent,  
according to Your promises declared to the world  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O merciful God, for His sake,  
that we may live a holy, just and humble life  
to the glory of Your holy name.**

*(A moment for silent confession.)*

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

## THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME (8:30) Adam DeVries  
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

‡ 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

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from Your mouth.  
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,  
that it may nourish us today  
in the ways of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Mary Virginia Sullivan  
Micah 6:6–8, *page 866*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Todd Jones  
Romans 12:9–21, *page 162*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Todd Jones

*Hints of Heaven*

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Stuart Gordon  
The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Hymnal, *page 35*

MINUTE FOR MISSION Doug Sellers

OFFERTORY  
(8:30) *A Repeating Alleluia* Calvin Hampton  
Alleluia

(11:00) *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* Jonathan Dove  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment:  
Who maketh the clouds His chariot,  
Who walketh upon the wings of the wind:  
Who maketh His angels spirits,  
His ministers a flaming fire!



Please silence your cell phone as you enter the sanctuary.

#### **PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE**

Todd Jones, Pastor

Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor

Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families

Sandra Randleman,

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

Riley McDaniel, Cross Bearer

Mary Charles McDaniel, Bible Bearer

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

11:00 Communion Solo: Edwin Crossley-Mercer, Baritone

**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 Barbara & Charley Gill by their 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](http://fpcnashville.org).

*Need help? Have a question? Visit the Hospitality Center  
in the narthex at the back of the sanctuary.*

#### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **HOLY COMMUNION** will be observed today 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.

■ **WHY OUR GENEROSITY MATTERS** — Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). This is the only saying of Jesus that comes to us outside of the four Gospels. It is as if Luke, the author of Acts, said, “Wait! The Gospel isn’t complete without this last important word from Jesus!” God’s way with us begins and ends with giving. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son” (John 3:16). What is central to God can hardly be peripheral to our lives.

■ **GENEROSITY BREAKFAST** — Join us today 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.

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY SERVICE** — Adam DeVries will be delivering his sermon “The Fifth Great End of the Church.” Nursery care is available.

■ **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!

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

## 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 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](mailto:dobrien@fpcnashville.org).*

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Nancy & Zouky Mapangala, on the birth of their son, Elijah Mapangala, born on September 9.
- Megan & Stewart Koch, on the birth of their son, John Davenport Koch, born on October 21.

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

- Anna Margaret & Dillon Brackman, on the death of Dillon's mother, Victoria Lee Sayle, who died on November 1. Sympathy also to Gracie, Ella Claire and Maggie Brackman.
- Phyllis Hogan, on the death of her husband, Dandridge Woodruff Hogan, who died on November 7. Sympathy also to Lizzie Hogan and Garrison Hogan.
- Ken Groomes, on the death of his wife, Ludine Edwards Groomes, who died on November 11. Sympathy also to Melody & Tom Groomes, Reid Groomes and Katherine Groomes.

## MISSION MINISTRY

■ **RISE AGAINST HUNGER** — Tomorrow, 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!

■ **COMFORT AND JOY PROJECT FOR FOSTER CHILDREN** — Look for Sue Fort White in Courtenay Hall between services starting November 25 to select names and wish lists 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. Sue also accepts names of FPC members who will serve as last-minute Angel Shoppers for children placed into emergency foster care shortly before Christmas. Contact Sue Fort White at 615-298-8977 or [suefortwhite@ourkidscenter.com](mailto:suefortwhite@ourkidscenter.com) with any questions.

■ **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, hand warmers, 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.

■ **SERVE WHILE YOU SLEEP!** — 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.

■ **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 of \$800 due December 15. Contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or at [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@fpcnashville.org) with any questions.

■ **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.

■ **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](mailto:info@dpchurch.com) with any questions.

*For Mission Ministry or mission trip financial assistance information, contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto: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](mailto:jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org).*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

■ **RISE AGAINST HUNGER PIZZA PARTY** — Seventh graders and their leaders will have pizza and games in The Gathering Place at 5:30 P.M. with Adam and Ashleigh after meal packing. Parent pick-up will be in The Gathering Place at 7:00 P.M.

■ **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](mailto: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

■ **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.

■ We extend a warm welcome this morning to bass-baritone Edwin Crossley-Mercer, who will sing “Mache dich, mein Herze, rein” from Bach’s *St. Matthew Passion* during Communion at the 11:00 service. In this moving aria, the singer, meditating on the death of Jesus Christ, calls himself to purity of heart and resolves that he himself will bury Jesus—and enshrine Him within his own heart. A concert artist of international stature, Mr. Crossley-Mercer has performed throughout France and Germany, as well as in Austria, Russia and the United States; he has also recorded the music of Michael Linton, an MTSU colleague of Music Director Raphael Bundage.

## OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **SENIOR PICKLEBALL** — We will have courts and equipment available on Fridays at 3:00 P.M. in the Enrichment Center.

*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.

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

*For Recreation Ministry info, contact Bryan Miller  
at [bmiller@fpcnashville.org](mailto:bmiller@fpcnashville.org).*



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