



first  
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CHURCH OF NASHVILLE

NOVEMBER 21, 2018  
THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE  
5:30 P.M.

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY Eric Thiman

*Now Thank We All Our God*

CALL TO WORSHIP Stuart Gordon

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
for His steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
those He redeemed from trouble**

Leader: and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,

**People: from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love,  
for His wonderful works to humankind.

**People: For He satisfies the thirsty,  
and the hungry He fills with good things.**

(Psalm 107:1-3,8-9)

†\*HYMN 367 ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

OPENING COLLECT Stuart Gordon

Gracious God, by Your providence  
we live and work and join in families  
and from Your hand receive those things we need,  
gift on gift, all free.

We thank You for the harvest of goodness You supply:  
for food and shelter, for words and gestures,  
for all our human friendships.

We thank You for our pilgrim ancestors,  
who praised You in the midst of great adversity  
and gave to us this season to give thanks in everything.  
Above all, we praise You for Your Son,

Who came to show mercy,  
and Who names us His own brothers and sisters.  
Glory to You for great kindness to us and all Your children;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## THE WORD

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. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Psalm 138, *page 577*

New Testament: Colossians 4:2–6, *page 202*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION 336

KREMSER

*We Gather Together*

MEDITATION

Todd Jones

*Alert and Alive*

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(debts)

Stuart Gordon  
Hymnal, *page 35*

OFFERTORY

ASH GROVE

*Let All Things Now Living*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.  
By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

\*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE 607    *Doxology*    OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 643

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*Now Thank We All Our God*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Todd Jones

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 547

AR HYD Y NOS

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*The congregation will be seated for a moment  
of silent prayer after the Benediction*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

J.S. Bach/arr. Biggs

*Now Thank We All Our God*

\* — 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

Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Greg Thomas, Tenor

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please speak to the pastor or elder, or you may call the church office during the week.

### **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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