



DECEMBER 30, 2018
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY J.S. Bach
Largo fr. Violin Sonata No. 5 arr. Grandjany

*CALL TO WORSHIP Stuart Gordon

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise Him in the heights!

People: Praise God, all His angels; praise Him, all His host!

Leader: Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
praise God, all you shining stars!

**People: Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

**All: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for God's name alone is exalted;
His glory is above earth and heaven.**

(from Psalm 148)

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 132 IN DULCI JUBILO
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

CALL TO CONFESSION Stuart Gordon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
we have seen and celebrated the Christ child in the manger,
and we know that You are a light to all people.
Forgive us when our lives are not shaped
by the Christmas story,
but shrouded in darkness and despair.
Forgive us when our hearts are not open
to the leading of Your Spirit,
when our hands are not open
to offer gifts to our neighbors in need.
Let the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem
speak to us once more,
that we might journey in its light,
and bring to this world
peace on earth and good will toward all.
(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

Stuart Gordon

‡ 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

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Anne Earthman

1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26, *page 246*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Todd Jones

Luke 2:41–52, *page 59*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Todd Jones

Jesus' Childhood and Yours

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(8:30) Adam DeVries

(11:00) Sandra Randleman

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Hymnal, *page 35*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(debts) Hymnal, *page 35*

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

On this day earth shall ring
 with the song children sing
 to the Lord, Christ our King,
 born on earth to save us; Him the Father gave us.
Ideo, ideo, ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!
 His the doom, ours the mirth;
 when He came down to earth
 Bethlehem saw His birth;
 ox and ass beside Him from the cold would hide Him.
Ideo, ideo, ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!
 God's bright star, o'er his head,
 wise men three to Him led;
 kneel they low by His bed,
 lay their gifts before Him, Praise Him and adore Him.
Ideo, ideo, ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!
 On this day angels sing;
 with their song earth shall ring,
 praising Christ, heaven's King,
 born on earth to save us; peace and love He gave us.
Ideo, ideo, ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

HYMN 136 GO TELL IT
 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*CHARGE AND BLESSING Todd Jones

*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 benediction.*

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY J.S. Bach
 In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

* 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
 Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families
 Sandra Randleman,
 Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

Mary Virginia Sullivan, Cross Bearer
Edwin Bass, Bible Bearer
Raphael Bundage, Director of Music
Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist
Emily Stone, Harp

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** — Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Jordan Hollins Sr. and John Raymond Satterfield by their families.
- **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.

*Smile and greet other worshipers!
“Spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” Hebrews 10:24–25*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HAVE YOU PLEDGED FOR 2019?** — We have not made our 2019 goal yet, so please make your pledge today on our website homepage, or text “Generosity” to 707-475-3005.
- **THE FIVE THIRTY SERVICE** — Kody Whitaker will be preaching his sermon *They’ve Received the Holy Spirit*. Nursery care will be provided.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** — A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, January 6 following the morning worship services. The purpose is to hear the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to vote on its candidate for the position of Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Engagement.

■ **BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL** — On Tuesday, January 15, representatives of the church and Oak Hill School will appear before the Board of Zoning Appeals of the city at 5:00 P.M. They will present an update to the church's master plan, in order to incorporate some changes made for long-term planning purposes. Those changes would seek, over the next several years, to accommodate our new therapeutic riding program, enhance the school's athletic facilities, and replace the oldest wing of the school. The Session approved the updated plan at its November meeting.

■ **TODD'S RETIREMENT RECEPTION** — Join us January 20 during the Sunday School hour to honor Todd and his time at First Presbyterian Church. Hosted by the Presbyterian Women, all members are invited. Light refreshments will be served.

■ **ENNEAGRAM JOURNEY CLASS CONTINUES** — Join us January 6 as we learn more about the Enneagram and what it has to teach us about loving God, others and ourselves. We are going to restart the Enneagram Journey curriculum we used this fall with the hopes that more people can join in to learn. If you are interested in this spring class, please email Abbi Rodriguez at abigail0130@gmail.com.

■ **INQUIRERS CLASS** — An Inquirers Class will be held on January 6, 13, 27, February 3 and 10 during the Sunday School hour in Courtenay Lounge. If you are interested in uniting with First Presbyterian Church as members or just wish to learn more about the history and mission of our church, you are invited to attend. For more information, contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502.

■ **DIVORCECARE** — Our next DivorceCare group begins on Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 P.M. in the Memorial Library. Dinner is available in Courtenay Hall at 5:30 P.M. with reservation by calling 615-298-9509.

■ **FIND A GREATER SENSE OF PURPOSE AT WORK** — Beginning January 9, join us in a discussion about expressing your faith at work on Wednesdays at the Freeman-Webb Building in Green Hills or on Fridays in the Pinnacle Building downtown.

■ **FOUR GENS IN A ROOM** — On Wednesday nights from January 9 to February 13, you are invited to join our pastors from different generations for a discussion from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. in Courtenay Hall. The aim is to strengthen our relationships across the generations while we learn more about the faith heritage we have received from earlier generations. Dinner is available in Courtenay Hall beginning at 5:30. Please register online or by calling the church office at 615-383-1815.

■ **LENTEN GROUPS BEGIN IN MARCH** — Finding community means meeting other people who want to grow in faith together. Our Lenten Communities of Belonging groups begin in March, with a study of "Temptation in the Desert." Be on the lookout for more details in the February *First Edition* and Parish News.

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 room inside the Nursery Wing.

■ **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:

- Courtney & Bill Mott, on the death of Courtney's mother, Justine Pitts Roe, who died on December 2. Sympathy also to Courtney Leigh & Lettie Mott and Lauren & Robert Mott.
- Family and friends of Linda Clarice Ellingwood Harlan, who died on December 11.
- Nicki & Sam Cook, on the death of Nicki's brother, Edward Wade Joyner, who died on December 15. Sympathy also to Katie & Thomas Parker, Farris Parker, Cook Parker; Megan & Barry Daniel, Ruby Daniel and Rigby Daniel.
- Jan & Steve Braun, on the death of Steve's brother, David Wade Braun, who died on December 17. Sympathy also to Meredith Braun.

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **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, coats, gloves, scarves, belts, hand warmers, backpacks, etc. A donation box is in the Hospitality Center hall.

■ **HOST A NIGHT FOR ROOM IN THE INN** — We need 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 lunch (both dropped off the night before) and laundry. Sign-up sheets are in Courtenay Hall, or sign up on our website under the Missions tab.

■ **EAST AFRICA MISSION TRIP** — Trip dates are June 28–July 10, 2019. Join Stu Ross in construction work on churches/schools and visits to mission projects supported by FPC in Kenya. Trip leader will be Michael Baron. The trip cost is estimated to be \$5,000; a \$1,500 deposit and copy of your passport are due by March 1, 2019. Please contact Annette Crout with any questions.

■ **JAMAICA MISSION TRIP** — February 9–16, 2019. In addition to needing dentists, we will also need a group to help with a construction project in expanding our sister church, the Ebenezer Church. Trip costs will be approximately \$1,300–\$1,400. The deadline for registration and deposit of \$800 is Today. J.T. Martin is the trip leader. Please contact missions@fpcnashville.org with any questions.

■ **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 to submit a request.

*For Mission Ministry information,
contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or missions@fpcnashville.org.*

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

■ **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OPPORTUNITY** — Join Josh Rodriguez, starting today, for a review and discussion of two books: *Love Wins* and *Erasing Hell*. Class will meet in OHS room L-201.

■ **COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** — Join us December 30, January 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 9:45 to 10:45 A.M. in Memorial Library. We will be discussing Rob Bell's book *Love Wins*.

■ **ME MORNINGS** — Join us from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. on Thursdays in The Gathering Place beginning January 17.

■ **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

■ **PASSION CONFERENCE** is January 2–4, 2019 in Atlanta. Seniors register now!

■ **JUNIOR HIGH SKI TRIP** — January 18–20, 2019. Sign up online today!

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

■ **THURSDAY LUNCHEON: CELEBRATING TODD JONES** — On January 17 at 12:00 P.M. in Courtenay Hall, we look forward to this special opportunity to celebrate Todd, recalling our joys and sharing our goodbyes. RSVP to hospitalitycenter@fpcnashville.org by January 14.

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.

RECREATION MINISTRY

■ **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 under Registration and on the Recreation page.

■ **VOLUNTEER WITH OUR EQUINE PROGRAM** — Our therapeutic horseback riding program is currently seeking volunteers to serve as horse leaders and side walkers. No horse experience is necessary. The program hours are from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. If interested, contact Curt Stacy at estacy@fpcnashville.org or call 615-298-9583.

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



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