



**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 13, 2019
8:30 and 11:00 AM**

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES

Stuart Gordon

†VOLUNTARY

Alec Rowley

Benedictus

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30) Josh Rodriguez

(11:00) Adam DeVries

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name;

People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

People: The Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

Leader: May the Lord give strength to His people!

People: May the Lord bless His people with peace!

(from Psalm 29)

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 645

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Stuart Gordon

CALL TO CONFESSION

(8:30) Josh Rodriguez

(11:00) Adam DeVries

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

**in baptism You promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

**In Your loving kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.**

**Remind us of the promises You make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace.**

(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Hymn 581

THE WORD

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30) Josh Rodriguez

(11:00) 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

**Guide us, O God,
by Your Word and Spirit,
that in Your light we may see light,
in Your truth find freedom,
and in Your will discover Your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel Gaw

Isaiah 43:1–7, *page 672*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Stuart Gordon

Hebrews 4:14–5:4, *page 220*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Because I Love You

Stuart Gordon

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*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Grafton Brittle

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

Open Thou Mine Eyes

John Rutter

Open Thou mine eyes and I shall see:
incline my heart and I shall desire:
Order my steps and I shall walk
in the ways of Thy commandments.
O Lord God, be Thou to me a God,
and beside Thee let there be none else,
no other, nought else with Thee.
Vouchsafe to me to worship Thee and serve Thee
according to Thy commandments,
in truth of spirit, in reverence of body,
in blessing of lips, in private and in public.

(11:00)

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love

O Love, that will not let me go,
 O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
 I give Thee back the life I owe,
 that in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
 O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
 O Joy, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
 I trace the rainbow through the rain,
 and feel the promise is not vain
 that morn shall tearless be.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 366 HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION 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 William Mathias

Fanfare

* 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
- Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministry
- John Musgrave, Parish Associate
- Aleki Ndayishimye, Cross Bearer
- Jennifer Deo, Bible Bearer
- Raphael Bundage, Director of Music
- Nicholas Bergin, Organist
- Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

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 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donnell Stanford Jr. and Mr. Robert Donnell Stanford III by Mr. & Mrs. Joe B. Palmer III, Margaret, Lacy and Josephine Blanton, Carolyn & Dawson Thombs, Palmer & Stanford Thombs, Meredith & John Nelson.

■ **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.

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY SERVICE** — Josh Rodriguez will be preaching his sermon “Robed in Pomposity.” Nursery care will be provided.

■ **BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL** — On Tuesday, January 15, representatives of our 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, over the next several years, would seek 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. All members are invited to this event that is hosted by the Presbyterian Women. Light refreshments will be served.

■ **USHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — Do you have an interest in helping with ushering duties on an as-needed basis? This opportunity is open to all church members. For more information, contact Chris Kirkland at ckirkland@the-kirkland-group.com.

■ **RECENTER...RECONNECT...REJUVENATE** — Need to unplug from the stress of our lives and reconnect to God? Join Sandra Randleman and a small group in the Matt Hill Prayer Room each Wednesday at 4:00 P.M. for a short reflective Bible study and contemplative prayer. The prayer group resumed on January 9.

■ **INQUIRERS CLASS** — The class is being held on January 13, 27, February 3 and 10, during the Sunday School hour in Courtenay Lounge. If you are interested in uniting as members or just wish to learn more about the history and mission of our church, you are invited to attend. For more info, contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502.

■ **DIVORCECARE** — Our DivorceCare group meets on Wednesdays 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** — Join Stuart Gordon (12:00–1:00 P.M.) in a discussion about expressing your faith at work on Wednesdays at the Freeman-Webb Building or on Fridays in the Pinnacle Building. For more info, contact Stuart at sgordon@fpcnashville.org.

■ **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.

■ **WOW (WOMEN OF THE WORD) BIBLE STUDY** — Join us on Wednesday mornings in Vance Hall at 9:30 A.M. beginning January 16, as we read and discuss two back-to-back studies. The group will begin with a seven-week study with Lisa Harper on the Gospel of Mark, followed by a five-week study from Priscilla Shirer on the Sabbath. Contact leader Leslee Bechtel at llbdesigns@aol.com for more information.

■ **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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Pam & Scott Rogers, on the death of Scott’s mother, Nancy Rogers, who died on December 19. Sympathy also to Sloan Rogers.
- Marcia & Danny Newman, on the death of Danny’s mother, Lola Daniel Newman, who died on December 24. Sympathy also to Rebecca & Jeff Newman, Sarah & Ben Schmidt, Georgia Schmidt and Easton Schmidt.
- JoAnn Bainbridge, on the death of her husband, William Lafayette Bainbridge III, who died on January 2. Sympathy also to Paige & Bill Bainbridge, Call Bainbridge, Hayes Bainbridge, Jody & Rob Hull, Edward Hull, Saunders Hull and William Hull.
- Diane & Brett Burrow, on the death of Brett’s father, Robert ‘Rob’ Brantley Burrow, who died on January 3. Sympathy also to Reed Burrow and Paige Burrow.

- Beth & David Rader on the death of David's father, Franklin Anderson 'Frank' Rader, who died on January 7. Sympathy also to Anderson Rader, Anna Kate Rader and Grace Rader.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **EARLY PRESCHOOL PRIORITY REGISTRATION** — Early Preschool Registration for the 2019–2020 school year has begun. Go to fpcnashville.org for more information or contact Brenda Lutz at blutz@fpcnashville.org with any questions.

■ **CHILDREN'S CHOIR REGISTRATION** — We are starting our winter-spring semester and invite your child (ages four–sixth grade) to join the fun. Weekly rehearsals are Sundays (4:00 to 5:00 P.M.). There will be numerous times to sing in worship, along with special performances in the Palm Sunday and Mother's Day services. Registration available on the Children's web page under Registrations.

■ **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.

■ **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

■ **ROOM IN THE INN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JANUARY** — Room in the Inn needs overnight hosts to stay at the Cannon Center from 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. (with captain's assistance). Urgent needs are for overnight hosts for January 16 and 30. Also needed are 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.

■ **DONATIONS NEEDED** — We will be collecting donations for the Room in the Inn guests and the Downtown Presbyterian Church clothing closet. Items needed most are new boxer shorts, other clean, gently used clothing, coats, gloves, belts, hand warmers, light backpacks, etc. The donation box is in the Welcome Center hall.

■ **PROVIDE DINNER FOR SAFE HAVEN FAMILIES** — Volunteers are needed to provide and serve dinner for 25–30 adults and children at Safe Haven Family Shelter on Monday, February 4. Safe Haven helps families experiencing homelessness by keeping the family together and providing for their immediate needs of shelter and stability.

■ **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 is due by March 1, 2019. Contact Annette Crout at acrout@fpcnashville.org with any questions.

■ **MISSION TRIP 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 PODCAST** — Josh Rodriguez and Lipscomb Davis host a monthly podcast where they explore the college experiences (long ago and recent) of our pastors, staff and members. It's great for anyone in any stage of life to learn more about the formative college years of those we see each week. Listen on iTunes or SoundCloud. The podcast is called "College Days."

■ **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.

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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

■ **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 Brenda Geise at 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.

■ **SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!** — Registration for the spring soccer season began on January 10. Practices begin the week of March 17. Games will run from March 30 to May 18. For more information and to register, go to the Recreation page on our website.

■ **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.*

