JULY 7, 2019
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES
Stuart Gordon

†VOLUNTARY
J.S. Bach

Vivace from Trio Sonata in G Major

†INTROIT (11:00)
Spiritual

Give Me Jesus

*CALL TO WORSHIP
(8:30) Sarah Bird
(11:00) Adam DeVries

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you His faithful ones,
People: And give thanks to His holy name.
Leader: For God’s anger is but for a moment,
People: His favor is for a lifetime.
Leader: Weeping may linger for the night,
People: But joy comes with the morning.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 667
When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP
Stuart Gordon

CALL TO CONFESSION
(8:30) Sarah Bird
(11:00) Adam DeVries

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty God,
You sent Your Son Jesus Christ
to reconcile the world to Yourself.
We thank You for calling us to this ministry of peace,
and confess that we often accept division, instead.
Renew us by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
that our unity with Your people may be more real,
more visible, and our conflicts with others less real,
less visible.
Sanctify us wholly,
that Your kingdom and power and glory
may shine through us, Your grateful servants.
(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY
Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.
CHILDREN’S TIME (8:30)  Sarah Bird

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)  Stuart Gordon
Darla & Daniel Akpan are presenting their son, Spencer Francis Bassey Akpan, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Joel Locke

‡ HYMN FOR BAPTISM (11:00)  TALLIS’ CANON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  Stuart Gordon
God of mercy,
You promised never to break Your covenant with us.
Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak Your eternal Word that does not change.
Then may we respond to Your gracious promises
with faithful and obedient lives;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING  Maggie McConnell
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING  Stuart Gordon
Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

† HYMN OF PREPARATION 459  MUNICH
O Word of God Incarnate

SERMON  Stuart Gordon
The Gospel’s Body
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed (traditional)
John Musgrave
Hymnal, page 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(debts)
Hymnal, page 35

OFFERTORY

G.F. Handel
arr. Richard Proulx

Keep Me Faithfully in Thy Paths

Keep me faithfully in Thy paths, O Lord,
and cleanse me from my sin.
In Thy goodness, Lord, be Thou merciful.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE

Doxology
OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim
Hanover

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Stuart Gordon

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 547

Go, My children, with My Blessing
AR HYD Y NOS

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

Felix Mendelssohn
Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata no. 4

* Those who are able, please stand. † Latecomers may be seated.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Sarah Bird, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Engagement
Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families
Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor and Interim Head of Staff
John Musgrave, Parish Associate
Cruz Clifton, (11:00) Baptism Buddy
Ella Akpan, (11:00) Worship Helper
Raphael Bundage, Director of Music
Nicholas Bergin, Organist
Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist
Bill Kirby, Bass

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 Courtenay Hall for additional information or if you are interested in becoming a member. There, you may visit with one of our greeters. You may also contact the church office at 615-383-1815, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.
FLOWERS on the chancel table are given to the glory of God by Jean and Phil Barksdale and in loving memory of their daughter-in-law Josephine Andrews Barksdale and Phil’s brother Herb Barksdale.

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.

LIVESTREAM IN COURTEENAY 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.

Make new Worship Friends.
Introduce people to one another after the service.

THE TABLE — Throughout the summer, The Five Thirty service will meet at 11:00 A.M. in The Gathering Place. We’re calling it The Table—a relaxed worship service rooted in the Reformed tradition. This morning, Brandon Schoeneweis is preaching “Smooth as Glass.” All are welcome!

HOLY COMMUNION will be observed at all morning worship services on Sunday, July 21. Prepare your hearts to celebrate this sign of Christ’s love.

NaCoMe FAMILY CAMP — Registration is now open for NaCoMe family camp! Camp is scheduled for August 3–4. Register at fpcnashville.org under Events.

FAMILY CONFERENCE — The Rooted in Christ Family Conference will take place Saturday, August 24, 9:00 A.M.—12:15 P.M. Speakers will include Mark and Susan DeVries, Jeremy Shapiro, Betty Ann Santi, David Thomas, and Sissy Goff. Register at fpcnashville.org under Events.

PW FALL GATHERING — Save the date for the Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering on Tuesday, September 10, at 11:00 A.M. in the FPC Sanctuary. Our guest speaker will be Liz Curtis Higgs, author of Bad Girls of the Bible. Register at fpcnashville.org under Events. The early-bird rate of $20 ends July 10, after which the fee will be $25, or $30 at the door.

PRAYERS FOR THE PNC — The Session asks that our congregation pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee and for the call of the Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church. We remember the words of Jesus recorded in Matthew 7:7–8: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” With this verse in mind, the Session asks that our congregation pray at 7:07 A.M. each day (as well as any other time of day). You are also invited to pray in the Matt Hill Prayer Room on Sunday mornings and at other times as well.
STEPHEN MINISTRY — Ever thought about becoming a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care for, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time—such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, or loneliness. If you have the gifts of caring, encouraging, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider becoming a part of this important ministry. New training begins in September. Contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org for additional information.

BETHEL BIBLE SERIES REGISTRATION — Registration for the Bethel Series is now live on the FPC website! Point your browser to adults.fpcnashville.org/the-bethel-series/ to learn more about the course and to register. Classes begin September 8.

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ADULT EDUCATION

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MISSION SPOTLIGHT: JOBS FOR LIFE — By training, equipping, and connecting churches, nonprofits, and businesses in communities all over the world, Jobs for Life helps prepare men and women for meaningful work through honest relationships, mentoring, workforce-development training, and an ongoing community of support. For more information, go to www.jobsforlife.org or contact Missions at missions@fpcnashville.org.

PRAYERS NEEDED — Keep the East Africa mission team in your prayers as they travel to Kenya, building churches and schools and sharing the love of Christ.

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 the Mondays of August 5 and December 2. Safe Haven helps families experiencing homelessness by keeping the family together and providing for their immediate needs of shelter and stability. This is an amazing opportunity for you and your family or group of friends. For more information, contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507.

MISSION TRIP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE — Financial assistance is available for FPC members to participate in any FPC-sponsored mission trip. Contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org to submit a request.

BRAHMS CONCERT — A Classic Six (Greg Thomas, Claire Boling, and friends) will perform Brahms’s Liebeslieder Waltzes (Love song waltzes) on Sunday, July 21, at 4:00 P.M. in the FPC Sanctuary. In addition to this delightful piece for multiple singers and piano four-hands, the program will feature several other works by Brahms. There is no charge for admission, and the concert is open to the public.

SUNDAY LUNCH AT PUCKETT’S — On Sunday, July 21, we will have lunch at Puckett’s Boat House in Franklin. We’ll meet in the narthex after the 11:00 worship service and ride the church bus to the restaurant. RSVP by Friday, July 19, to Sabrina at 615-383-1815 or hospitalitycenter@fpcnashville.org.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP — On Thursday, July 25, we will discuss Ann Patchett’s Bel Canto in the Memorial Library. Reservations are not required.

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

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**Oak Hill Day Camp**
Registration is online! We are offering a variety of camps for kids ages 4 years to 8th grade. We are also looking for counselors. Go to the Recreation page of our website for more information.

**Our Equine Program**
is still accepting participants! Adults 18 and up with disabilities, veterans, and service members are eligible for this therapeutic horseback riding program. To apply for the program or for more info, contact Curt Stacy at cstacy@fpcnashville.org.

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

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**Taizé Commissioning** — The following young adults from FPC are making a pilgrimage to the monastic community in Taizé, France, and will be commissioned at The Table service in The Gathering Place this morning: Jennie Gaw, Stephen King, Tess Myers, Helen Rieke, Josh Rodriguez, Neil Schilling, Sam Waitt. They are leaving later today and will return on July 14. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Cuba Trip** — July 26–August 2. Email Josh Rodriguez at jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org if you are interested.

**Summer Pickleball** — Join us for pickleball each Wednesday through August 28, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. in the Enrichment Center.

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

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**Summer 2019 Youth Calendar**
- July 17: Watersports Day
- August 1: Holiday World Trip with the interns

**Weekly Summer Activities**
- Junior High Festivus: Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. in The Gathering Place with the interns, featuring dinner, games, and a speaker.
- High School Festivus: Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. in The Gathering Place with the interns.
- High School and Junior High will meet together for Festivus on Tuesday, August 6.

**Summer Trip**
- JH Trip to Barefoot Republic Camp with Adam: July 8–13

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