JULY 14, 2019
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES
Adam DeVries

†VOLUNTARY
Flor Peeters

Adagio from Suite Modale

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Stuart Gordon

Leader: Give justice to the weak and the orphan.

People: Maintain the right of the lowly and destitute.

Leader: Rescue the weak and deliver the needy.

People: Rise up, O God, for all nations belong to You.

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 826
C RUCIFER

*Lift High the Cross

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP
Stuart Gordon

CALL TO CONFESSION
Stuart Gordon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
we have heard Your command to love You,
to love our neighbor, and to love ourselves,
yet we fall into patterns of false kindness and self-doubt.
We have heard Your call to do justice, to love kindness,
to walk humbly with You,
yet we settle for safety, and we’re drawn to apathy.
Hear our prayers, O God.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in Your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.
(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY
Kyrie Eleison

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
THE WORD

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

‡ 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

Holy God, You gave the law to show Your people the way of righteousness. Help us receive Your commandments as grace and live as Your obedient children, that Your goodness may shine through us, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

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

SERMON

There’s Only Us

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(8:30) Sarah Bird
(11:00) John Musgrave

The Apostles’ Creed (traditional) Hymnal, page 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(debts) Hymnal, page 35

OFFERTORY

How Shall I Sing That Majesty? J.R. Daniels

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie; Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound Thy praise;
But who am I?
Thy brightness unto them appears; Whilst I Thy footsteps trace, A sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold Thy face.
They sing because Thou art their sun; Lord send a beam on me; For where heaven is but once begun, There alleluias be.
How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore, Thy place is everywhere.
(Text by John Mason, from Spiritual Songs, 1683)
PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE  
*Doxology*  
OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment 307*  
*CWM RHONDDA*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
Adam DeVries

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 547  
*AR HYD Y NOS*

God of Grace and God of Glory

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  
*Théodore Dubois*

Toccata in G

* 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  
Raphael Bundage, Director of Music  
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 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 and in loving memory of Betsy Nesbitt Krebs and her father, Dr. Tom Nesbitt, 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. If anyone has a need or disability requiring assistance or accommodation for any church activity, please contact the church office at 615-383-1815.

TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LIVESTREAM IN COUR TENAY 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 in Courtenay Hall. Church officers meet weekly to lift up prayer requests to God.

SERMONS can be found on our website at fpcnashville.org.

Greet those who worship around you. Be a Worship Friend!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, Sarah Bird is preaching “As Legal as Kindness.” 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 cost for registration is $25 in advance 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.

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

- Argie Oman, on the death of her husband, Jack Allen Oman, who died on July 8. Sympathy also to Martha & John Oman Jr., Catherine Oman Hendrick and Elizabeth Oman Jasarevski.
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 available online. To learn more about the course and to register, visit adults.fpcnashville.org/the-bethel-series/. Classes begin September 8.

MISSION DAYS — Mission Days are spent serving in our community. This is a one-day experience for kids entering grades 4–6 in the fall. Join us on July 24 and August 7 for different mission experiences. Register on the Children’s page of our website.

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.

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 4, 5, or 6 (not in 1st 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 6 weeks through 3 years is available during the 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 Children’s Ministry info, contact Deb O’Brien at 615-298-9582 or dobrien@fpcnashville.org.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT: BEGIN ANEW — Begin Anew’s mission is to empower impoverished individuals in Middle Tennessee by providing education, mentoring, and resources in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment. The services they offer lead to better jobs, increased economic opportunities, and freedom from poverty.

PRAYERS NEEDED — Keep the Taizé, France, mission team in your prayers during their pilgrimage, as they experience communion with God and grow in their faith through community prayer, song, silence, and personal reflection.

WELCOME HOME, EAST AFRICA TEAM — The East Africa mission team returned home on July 11 and had an amazing trip. Look for their upcoming trip write-up in the August newsletter and on the FPC website.
■ 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.

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

■ 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.

For First Friends info, contact Brenda Geise at 615-383-1815.

■ 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.
The Mission of First Presbyterian Church
To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love through worship, education, and service.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

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