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

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Sarah Bird

†VOLUNTARY J.S. Bach

To God on High Alone Be Glory

*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Josh Rodriguez

(11:00) Stuart Gordon

Pastor: Give thanks to God, and call upon His name!
People: For God is good, and God is here!
Pastor: Spread the news of what God has done throughout the world.
People: For God is good, and God is here!
Pastor: Sing praise, and shout for joy!
People: For God is good, and God is here!

††PROCESSIONAL HYMN 37 Ash Grove

Let All Things Now Living

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Stuart Gordon

CALL TO CONFESSION (8:30) Josh Rodriguez

(11:00) Stuart Gordon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, we turn to You now. We open our hearts.
Forgive our pride, and forgive our insecurities.
Forgive our self-absorption, and forgive our self-destruction.
Forgive each step we take away from You.
Create in us clean hearts, and renew our spirits, O God.
We pray in the name of Christ Jesus.
(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 581 Gloria Patri
THE WORD

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

CHILDREN’S TIME
(8:30) Josh Rodriguez
(11:00) 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
Sarah Bird

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
Gracie Brackman
1 Samuel 25:1–4, 18–20, page 269

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING
Sarah Bird
Ephesians 4:14–24, page 194

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

SERMON
Sarah Bird

A New Attitude

SERMON HYMN 697
Take My Life
HENDON

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
(8:30) Sandra Randleman
(11:00) Adam DeVries
The Apostles’ Creed (traditional) Hymnal, page 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
(debts) Hymnal, page 35

OFFERTORY
Arr. Craig Courtney

Here I Am, Lord
I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE  
*PRESENTER: Doxology  
OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SENDING FORTH**

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 702  
BUNESSAN  
Christ Be Beside Me

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
Sarah Bird

*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  
J.S. Bach  
Fugue in C Major, BWV 545

* 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  
Sandra Randleman, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions  
Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministry  
Raphael Bundage, Director of Music  
Nicholas Bergin, Organist  
Deanna Hahn-Little, Flute  
Clara Warford, 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 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 June Brock Baker and Todd Baker 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.

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!

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, Josh Rodriguez is preaching Jesus Was Matter-of-Fact. All are welcome!

REPAIRS NEAR THE GATHERING PLACE — Please excuse our mess, as we are in the process of completing some major plumbing repairs under the floor in the hallway by The Gathering Place. The floors have been dug up and the plumbing repaired, and we will soon get to the next step: re-tile the floors in the hallway and the entrance to The Gathering Place. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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.

GOLF TOURNAMENT — Save the date for upcoming FPC Golf Tournament, Tuesday, October 1, at Nashville Golf & Athletic Club.

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.

**Congregational Care Ministry**

- **Stephen Ministry** — 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. 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.

**Adult Education**

- **Bethel Bible Series** — Bethel Bible classes begin on September 8 and will feature live lectures and readings, with no written homework. To learn more about Bethel, join us for an informational meeting today at 9:45 A.M. in the Jones Session Room. You can also learn more and register online at adults.fpcnashville.org/the-bethel-series/.

- **Inquirers’ Class** — An Inquirers’ Class will be held on September 8, 15, 22, 29, and October 6, during the Sunday School hour (9:45–10:45 A.M.) in the Edgar Room (MW-227, located on the second floor, down the hall from the Sanctuary). If you are interested in uniting with First Presbyterian Church as members or just wish to learn more about the history and mission of First Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA), you are invited to attend. Registration is not necessary. For more information, please call the church office at 615-383-1815 or Rev. Sarah Bird at 615-298-9518.

**Children’s Ministry and Nursery**

- **Children’s Sunday School Kickoff** is Sunday, August 18. Children will meet their new teachers and the other children in their classes. Families will receive an email this week with details for each child.

- **Children’s Choir Kickoff** — Children’s choirs will kick off on Sunday, August 18, at 4:00 P.M. with a rehearsal followed by pizza and games. Registration for the 2019–20 children’s choir year is now open. To learn more and to register, visit music.fpcnashville.org/children/childrens-music/.

- **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: END SLAVERY TENNESSEE — End Slavery Tennessee promotes healing for human trafficking survivors and strategically confronts slavery in our state by providing long-term, comprehensive, specialized services and case management for victims whose lives are shattered by exploiters who traffic them for sex or other purposes. The organization also empowers vulnerable youth to resist the lures of human traffickers. For more information, go to Endslaverytn.org or contact Missions at missions@fpcnashville.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the 2019 Dominican Republic mission trip. Trip dates are November 2–8. This year, we will be taking a surgical team and a primary care medical team for services in neighborhood locations and a construction labor team to work on a new clinic building. Physicians, dentists, nurses, and other medical personnel are needed, as well as nonmedical participants. Estimated trip cost is $1,300; $800 deposit and copy of your passport are due by September 1. Dr. Jim Cato is trip leader. Contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or missions@fpcnashville.org for more information or to sign up.

MEDICAL LENDING CLOSET — First Presbyterian Church maintains a lending closet where people can donate medical equipment they no longer need. If you would like to donate, or if you or someone you know is temporarily in need of equipment such as wheelchairs, shower chairs, walkers, canes, etc., please send an email to missions@fpcnashville.org or call 615-298-9507.

THE PRESBTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE has a Guatemala mission trip information meeting at East Brentwood Presbyterian, 9000 Concord Road, on Thursday, August 15, at 6:30 P.M. Please encourage whomever you think might benefit from doing God’s work in Guatemala to come. Although it is medically focused, we will train nonmedical folks to take blood pressures, dispense meds, use eye charts, and apply fluoride. We also need folks to entertain waiting children with Bible stories. Teens accompanied by a parent are welcome. Contact Mike Magee, MD, at mageemichaelj@aol.com or 615-232-4900.

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.

FRIDAY PICKLEBALL — All are welcome to join us for pickleball on Fridays at 3:00 P.M. We will have courts and equipment available in the Enrichment Center.

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

LEADERSHIP LAUNCH FOR VOLUNTEER YOUTH LEADERS
Grades 7–9: Saturday, August 17

FALL KICKOFF FOR YOUTH AND PARENTS
• Sunday, August 25: We will begin promptly at 9:30 A.M. inside the Enrichment Center.
• We’ll have yummy breakfast goodies.
• You’ll meet the teachers and leaders for your youth’s grade.
• You’ll learn about new trips and programs.
• Watch your mailbox, and wear your t-shirt that Sunday.

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