OPENING SENTENCES
Stuart Gordon

†VOLUNTARY
Gaston Litaize

Prélude

CALL TO WORSHIP
Adam DeVries

Leader: Thus says the Lord,
“I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud,
and your sins like mist.”

People: “Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.”
Leader: Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it;

People: Break forth into singing, O mountains,
Leader: For the Lord has redeemed Jacob,

People: And will be glorified in Israel.

‡PROCESSIONAL HYMN 32
Ellacombe

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

‡WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP
Stuart Gordon

GENEROSITY STORY
Deb O’Brien

CALL TO CONFESSION
Adam DeVries

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God,
You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.
We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy.
We have not loved You with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with You, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness.
In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from Your presence,
or take Your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,
and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.
(A moment for silent confession.)
CHILDREN’S TIME

Children are invited to come to the front for 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

God our helper,
by Your Holy Spirit, open our minds,
that as the Scriptures are read
and Your Word is proclaimed,
we may be led into Your truth
and taught Your will,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 5:1–14, page 336

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16–21, page 181

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

SERMON

A New You

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(8:30) Josh Rodriguez
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

The Apostles’ Creed (traditional) Hymnal, page 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(debts) Hymnal, page 35

OFFERTORY

There’s a wideness in God’s Mercy
There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows
are more felt than up in heav’n;
There is no place where earth’s failings
have such kindly judgement giv’n.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of man’s mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make His love too narrow by false limits of our own;
And we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple, we should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

*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    Louis Vierne

Toccata in B-flat Minor

† Latecomers may be seated.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

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
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 Samuel Kermit Welborn by his wife.

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 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 in Courtenay Hall. 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 at the end of 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, Josh Rodriguez is preaching Let Them Be. 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: retiling 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.

MOVIE ON THE LAWN — Please join us for a movie on the lawn on Friday, September 13, at 5:30 P.M. We’ll be watching Ferdinand, and dinner will be available. Stay tuned for more information.

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

**Sympathy** — The First Presbyterian Church family extends sympathy to the friends and family of the following during their time of loss:
- J’Anne & Mark Cox on the death of J’Anne’s mother, Marilyn Broyles, who died recently.
- Judy Baird on the death of her mother, Virginia “Ginna” Crozier Jones, who died August 1. Sympathy also to Rachel & Bryan Baird and Tracy Baird.

**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. Contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org for additional information.

**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. Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502.

**Children’s Sunday School Kickoff** is today. Children will meet their new teachers and the other children in their classes.

**Children’s Choir Kickoff** — Children’s choirs will kick off today 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 Ministry

- **Mission Spotlight:** Princeton Theological Seminary, Columbia Theological Seminary, and Cook Native American Ministries Foundation — First Presbyterian Church donations help fund scholarships to these three seminaries that prepare women and men to serve Jesus Christ in ministries by equipping them for leadership worldwide in congregations, classrooms, and public arenas. For more information, go to ptsem.edu, ctsnet.edu, or cooknam.org, or contact Missions at missions@fpcnashville.org.

- **Habitat for Humanity** — This year, FPC’s Habitat for Humanity build is scheduled for weekends, beginning on October 19 and concluding on November 10. Our build will be a little later this year because Nashville has been chosen for the yearly Jimmy Carter Habitat Build during our usual construction dates. With our build being later in the season, we will get a little break in the heat, so mark your calendars to be a part of building someone a home. **All ages and skill levels are needed.** Check back soon for more information.

- **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.

- **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.*

### Older Adult Ministry

- **Book Discussion** — On Thursday, September 26, at 2:00 P.M. we will discuss Delia Owens’s *Where the Crawdads Sing* in the Memorial Library. Reservations are not needed.

*For Older Adult info, contact Brenda Geise at bgeise@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9515. To RSVP for events, contact Sabrina Vlahos at hospitalitycenter@fpcnashville.org or 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.

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.

YOUNG ADULT & COLLEGE MINISTRY

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.

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.