AUGUST 25, 2019
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES
Stuart Gordon

†VOLUNTARY
Pastorale
César Franck

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: O God, from my youth You have taught me,
People: And I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.
Leader: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God,
People: Do not forsake me.
Leader: Your power and Your righteousness reach the heavens!
People: O God, who is like You?

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 39
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
FAITHFULNESS

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP
Stuart Gordon

MINUTE FOR MISSION
Carrie Hininger and Jessie Yancey

CALL TO CONFESSION
Leader: Merciful God,
People: we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.
Leader: We have failed to be obedient disciples.
People: We have not done Your will,
Leader: we have broken Your law,
People: we have rebelled against Your love.
Leader: We have not loved our neighbors,
People: and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.
Leader: Free us, we pray.
People: Free us for joyful obedience;
Leader: through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: (A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY
Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 581                               GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

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

CHILDREN’S TIME (8:30)                                           Josh Rodriguez

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)                                  Stuart Gordon

Mary Kate & Brad Boston are presenting their daughter, Kathryn Reese Boston, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Hugh Tanner

†HYMN FOR BAPTISM                                             TALLIS’ CANON

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                                    Stuart Gordon

God, source of all light, by Your Word You give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by You in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING                           Grafton Brittle

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 250                                      PROMISE

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

SERMON                                                        Stuart Gordon

A New World
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Apostles’ Creed (traditional) Sandra Randleman

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

OFFERTORY
(8:30) Paul Christiansen
Children of the Heav’nly Father

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE
Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 804
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! Marion

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Stuart Gordon
Go, My children, with My blessing
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

Allegro from Symphony no. 2

Louis Vierne

Participating in the Service
Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor and Interim Head of Staff
John Musgrave, Parish Associate
Sandra Randleman,
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions
Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministry
Cacie Coltea, Baptism Buddy (11:00)
Annie Coltea, Worship Helper (11:00)
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.

Today at First Presbyterian Church

- FLOWERS on the chancel table are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Allie Tucker Robison and Noah Lael Mudd and in loving memory of David McGill Robison Sr.

- 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.

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, Angelina DeVincenzo is preaching Raised Up. 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.

PW FALL GATHERING — Save the date for the Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering on Tuesday, September 10. Our guest speaker will be Liz Curtis Higgs, author of Bad Girls of the Bible. Light refreshments will be served from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M., and the program will begin at 11:00 in the Sanctuary. Cost for registration is $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:

- Debbie & Brad Gilmore, on the death of Brad’s brother, Neal Barret “Barry” Gilmore, who died on August 15. Sympathy also to Clare Gilmore, Maddie Gilmore, and Amy Gilmore.
- Justine Milam, on the death of her sister-in-law, Margaret Young Milam, who died on August 17. Sympathy also to Maureen & Justin Milam, Allison Diehl, Jen & Jay Milam, Ari & Kat Milam, Mary Frances & Joe Kerr, Kathleen Kerr, and Anna Kerr.

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.

**ADULT EDUCATION**

- **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 MINISTRY AND NURSERY**

- **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: Faith Family Medical Center** — Faith Family Medical Center provides hope and medical care for the working uninsured and other underserved by meeting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Services include primary care, behavioral care, lab work, prescriptions, and wellness programs. For more information, go to faithmedical.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.

- **2019 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP** — Trip dates are November 2–8. This year we will be taking a surgical team, a primary medical care team for services in neighborhood locations, and a light construction-labor team to work on a new clinic building. Physicians, dentists, nurses, and other medical personnel are needed, as well as nonmedical participants.
The Mission of First Presbyterian Church
To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love through worship, education, and service.

**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.

**Recreation Ministry**

**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.

**Youth Ministry**

**Fall Kickoff for Youth and Parents Today**
- 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.

**Crud Day** — Sunday, September 8, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the church. Register online.

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

Estimated trip cost is $1,300; $800 deposit and copy of your passport 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.