SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES
Stuart Gordon

†VOLUNTARY
Felix Mendelssohn

Andante religioso from Sonata no. 4

INTROIT
G.F. Handel

Come Unto Him
(from Messiah)

Come unto Him, all ye that labor;
come unto Him that are heavy laden,
and He will give you rest.
Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him,
for He is meek and lowly of heart,
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

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

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength;
People: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
Leader: In distress you called, and the Lord rescued you;
People: He answered you in the secret place.
Leader: Raise a song, sound a hymn,
People: For the Lord has redeemed His people!

††PROCESSIONAL HYMN 634
To God Be the Glory

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP
Stuart Gordon

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts.
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to You,
confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace,
and finding in You our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ Your Son.
(A moment for silent confession.)
Lord, Have Mercy  Kyrie Eleison

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) Adam DeVries  (11:00) Sarah Bird

‡ 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 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  Ben Dreher  Psalm 138, page 577

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


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

Hymn of Preparation 652  Rockingham

A Grateful Heart

Sermon  Stuart Gordon

The View from Down There

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  Mack Wilberg

The Lord’s My Shepherd  (Brother James’s Air)

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want,
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
My soul He doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make within
the paths of blessedness, e’en for His own name’s sake.
Yea though I pass thro’ shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill;
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.
My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me;
and in my Father’s heart alway my dwelling place shall be.
And in my heart for evermore Thy dwelling place shall be.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE  Doxology  OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 183  Austin
  Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

*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  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
Raphael Bundage, Director of Music
Nicholas Bergin, Organist
Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist
Daphne Garey, Soprano
Derek Meler, Tenor (8:30)
Mark Ison, Tenor (11:00)

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 by the flower committee with prayers for our next Senior Pastor.

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 — The Table is a relaxed worship service rooted in the Reformed tradition. It meets on Sundays in The Gathering Place at 11:00. This morning, Adam DeVries is preaching What Is It? 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: resurfacing 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. Register at fpcnashville.org under Events.

GOLF TOURNAMENT — Save the date for upcoming FPC Golf Tournament, Tuesday, October 1, at 1:00 P.M. at Nashville Golf & Athletic Club. Register at fpcnashville.org under Events.

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:

- Beth & Chris Kirkland on the death of Chris’s mother, Jenny Lee Darnall Kirkland, who died on August 19. Sympathy also to Bonner Kirkland and Hayden Kirkland.

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 Sunday School Class Kickoff — September 8. Questions? Contact Sarah Bird (sbird@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9518) or check us out online (www.fpcnashville.org).

Adult Education

- Bethel 1 & 2 Bethel Bible Series
  Location TBD
  Online registration
  Bethel Bible Series
  Romans
  All ages

- Cornerstone Biblical topics/Godspeed
  Vance Hall
  Parents of school-aged children

- Current Issues Scripture and current events
  OHS L-200
  All ages

- Discipleship Acts of the Apostles
  Witherspoon
  All ages

- Enneagram
  Enneagram Journey Part 2
  Register online
  Jones Session Rm.

- Family Fellowship Discussion;
  Memorial Library
  Luke for Everyone (N.T. Wright)
  Singles & couples with young children

- Good News Life and teaching
  OHS L-207
  of the Apostle Paul
  All ages

- Inquirers’ Membership at FPC
  Edgar Rm.
  All ages

- June Ramsey Guest lecturers
  CH Living Rm.
  All ages

- Logos Lecture: Surprised by Hope
  Chapel
  (N.T. Wright)
  All ages

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.

Contemplative Prayer — Join Rev. Sandra Randleman weekly on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. for a study of contemplative prayer. We engage in a time of lectio divina followed by contemplative prayer. We meet in the Prayer Room next to The Gathering Place. Everyone is welcome; we are all beginners, and instructions are provided! For more information, contact Sandra at 615-298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org.
THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY — Beginning Thursday, September 5, Rev. Sandra Randleman will lead this study that meets weekly in Vance Hall. We will compare the story of Jesus from the perspective of the four Gospels. We will use Parallel Bibles to study the text of each Gospel and how the teachings and life of Jesus are presented in each of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We hope to learn more about the person of Jesus and what He taught His disciples through His words and actions. All women are welcome!

BETHEL SERIES KICKOFF — The Bethel Series kicks off on September 8 at 9:45 A.M. Our first class, that day only, will be in the Enrichment Center Choral Hall, and all three Bethel classes will meet in one combined group. We look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Contact Becky Campbell at beckyirvincampbell@gmail.com or 615-297-1827.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR will not rehearse this afternoon but will resume next week, September 8, at 4:00 P.M. in Grundy Hall. If you haven’t yet registered, don’t worry—it’s not too late to join us. For more information, 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: THE OUTREACH FOUNDATION — The Outreach Foundation is a mission arm of the Presbyterian Church that connects God’s people with God’s work in the world to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. They connect churches to global partners with whom they have formed a personal relationship and whose work they have witnessed firsthand. These organizations are all over the world, including in Cuba, Haiti, Kenya, Mozambique, Pakistan, Palestine, Rwanda, Taiwan, Uganda, and Zambia. For more information, go to theoutreachfoundation.org or contact Missions at missions@fpcnashville.org.

2019 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP — There is still time to sign up for this amazing 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 a 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.
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.

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 srrandleman@fpcnashville.org to submit a request.

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

Music Ministry

Farewell and Best Wishes to Nick Bergin — Our organist, Nick Bergin, will play his last Sunday service here today. Nick joined the music staff in July 2012 shortly after he completed his master’s degree at Indiana University’s School of Music. He’s served faithfully and delightfully, always well prepared and supportive while directing the handbell choir, or as an accompanist to soloists, the choir, or a children’s choir. He lives out a passion for leading the congregation in worship.

About a year ago and after a long period of inquiry and prayer, Nick and his wife Rachel were received into the Eastern Orthodox Church at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox. For the past year, Nick has been living between First Presbyterian and Holy Trinity, trying to experience the best of both worlds and be loyal to both places. He has decided now to commit to just one community. You may know that Nick has many talents; several years ago he earned a certificate in copyediting, work which has been increasingly demanding of his time. Nick will also serve as a staff accompanist at Belmont University and Lipscomb University.

We are so grateful for Nick’s time with us and are pleased that he’ll remain in Nashville. We hope that you’ll express your appreciation to him.

Older Adult Ministry

Sunday Lunch — We will have lunch at Southside Grill on Nolensville Road after the 11:00 service on Sunday, September 15. RSVP by Friday, July 19.

Thursday Luncheon/Program — On Thursday, September 19, at 12:00 P.M., our own Sue Clark will share her family story of Cousin Fannie Battle. Fannie was a smart, well-educated school teacher at Cane Ridge when the Civil War reached Nashville, making her the perfect spy for the Confederate Army. Sue will introduce us to the real Fannie Battle, not merely the name of a daycare center in East Nashville or the name of Christmas carolers who warm our hearts with their carols. RSVP by Monday, September 16.

Picnic Daytrip — On Wednesday, September 25, from 10:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., we will travel to Sue Clark’s farm off Burkitt Road, which is the same land Fannie Battle grew up on. We will take picnic boxes from the church; chicken or ham sandwich, chips, and a cookie, $6. RSVP by Monday, September 23.

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love through worship, education, and service.
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

PICKLEBALL — Join us for pickleball each Wednesday, 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

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.*