SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES
Stuart Gordon

†VOLUNTARY  
*Prelude in D Minor*  
Edward C. Bairstow

†INTROIT  
*Amen, siyakudumisa*  
Traditional  
South Africa

Amen, siyakudumisa. Amen, Bawo, Amen, Bawo. Amen, we praise Your name, O God. Amen, Bawo, Amen, Bawo.

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

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of complete trust:
People: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Leader: For this reason we all have received mercy:
People: so that in us, Christ might display His great patience.
Leader: To the King of the ages, the only God;
People: to the immortal, invisible, only-wise God, be honor and glory forever!

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12*  
-ST. DENIO-

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP
Stuart Gordon

MINUTE FOR MISSION  
Sarah Bird

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. (A moment for silent confession.)
**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

**Kyrie Eleison**

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Congregational Response 581*  
**Gloria Patri**

**THE WORD**

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

**Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles**  
(8:30) Deb O’Brien and Stuart Gordon

**Children’s Time**  
(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

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:  
Grant us so to hear them,  
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,  
that we may embrace and ever hold fast  
the blessed hope of everlasting life,  
which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Old Testament Scripture Reading**  
Fred Peters  
Psalm 103:1–14, page 554

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 629**  
*St. Agnes*  
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

**Sermon**  
Stuart Gordon  
*Not Ashamed to Give*

**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**  
(8:30) *Open Thou Mine Eyes*  
John Rutter

Open Thou mine eyes and I shall see:  
incline my heart and I shall desire:  
Order my steps and I shall walk  
in the ways of Thy commandments.  
O Lord God, be Thou to me a God,  
and beside Thee let there be none else,
no other, nought else with Thee.
Vouchsafe to me to worship Thee and serve Thee
according to Thy commandments,
in truth of spirit, in reverence of body,
in blessing of lips, in private and in public.

(11:00) Let the People Praise Thee, O God    William Mathias
Let the people praise Thee, O God.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing.
God shall bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.
God be merciful unto us and bless us,
and show us the light of His countenance and be merciful unto us.
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations. (Psalm 67)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE    Doxology    OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 620    LAUDA ANIMA
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION    Stuart Gordon

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 547    AR HYD Y NOS
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
Wir gläuben all an einen Gott, BWV 680

* 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 Ministries
Ike Cooper, Cross Bearer
Charlie Welch, Bible Bearer
Raphael Bundage, Director of Music
Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist
Joseph O’Berry, Guest Organist
Hosanna and Doxology Children’s Choirs,
    Kelly Posey and Brianna Meler, Directors
Dillon Brown, Djembe
FLOWERS on the chancel table are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Lipscomb Davis Jr. by his family.

FLOWERS in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Calvin Houghland by his 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.

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.

LIVESTREAM IN COURTENAY HALL — Each of the Sunday morning worship services is streamed live in Courtenay Hall.

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

Recognize the face but can’t remember the name?
Be brave – introduce yourself!

BIBLE PRESENTATION TO THIRD GRADE CHILDREN — The presentation of a Bible to each third grade child begins the Milestone for this age group, Exploring the Word of God. We have selected The Student Study Bible, New Revised Standard translation. It is our prayer that each child will know, “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 110:105). This morning’s recipients are: Mira Skye Alexander, Adam Bennett Beck, Davis Gable Blair, Lillie Clare Bourbeau, Jake Garrett Bowers, Matthew Hamilton Bowman, Charles Hamilton Brinkley, Victoria Lane Butler, Anne Victoria Coltea, Miriam McGaw Cross, Nealya Whitson DeVries, Isabelle Jane Dickson, Thomas Greenlee Flanagin III, Hudson Margaret Frericks, Jacqueline Reid Fuller, Jane Frances Goldthorpe, Jackson David Hall, Haston Brooks Hollis, Madeline Claire Hollis, Mary Catherine Martin, John Hudson McCarter Jr., Howard Hayes Mouser, Flora Idi Munezero, Haydee Claudia Munyaneza, Gabriella Grace O'Shaughnessy, Mary Beatrice Ozier, Campbell Paul Pearson, Sophia Lee Pearson, Grayson Raggio, Luke William Richardson, Douglas Heuer Ross, Macie Tucker Rouse, Hudson William Stewart, Patrick Martin Thompson III, Anne Elizabeth Walker, Norah Weeks, Parker Layne Wilson.

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 the 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.
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, September 22, 2019, following the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee and to act on the committee’s recommendation. Though the PNC would love to share information about the candidate before the meeting, to do so would violate church polity and risk a leak of the news back to his current congregation. So that we may do things “decently and in order,” and so that he may have the privilege of announcing his intentions to them, the PNC will wait until the meeting to give you a full introduction. We think you’ll be pleased!

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, Josh Rodriguez is preaching A Firm Grip. 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.

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.

FALL COMMUNITIES OF BELONGING — Kickoff, October 2. Join us this fall as we launch a new Communities of Belonging program called Godspeed. Together, we’ll learn how to slow down and invest more fully in our relationships with God and one another. We have nearly 20 different groups meeting at various times throughout the week, so go online and sign up for the one that best fits your schedule. All groups will gather together for a big Kickoff Event in Courtenay Hall on October 2 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Take time today to register your group! Feel free to reach out to Rev. Sarah Bird at sbird@fpcnashville.org with any questions. See you this fall!

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

- Teresa & Mark Alspaugh, on the death of Mark’s mother, Mary Ellen Alspaugh, who died on August 26.

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 continue to be held on September 15, 22, 29, and October 6, during the Sunday School hour from 9:45 to 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@fpchnashville.org.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL — Questions? Contact Sarah Bird at sbird@fpchnashville.org or 615-298-9518 or check us out online at fpchnashville.org.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

CHILDREN’S CHOIR will not rehearse this afternoon but will resume next week, September 22, from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. in Grundy Hall. If you haven’t yet registered, don’t worry—it’s not too late. Visit music.fpcnashville.org/children/childrens-music/.

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

MISSION SPOTLIGHT: INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION — IJM is based in the United States but works in communities around the world working with the justice system in other countries to reduce slavery and change laws to help rescue victims, restore justice, restrain criminals, and represent survivors. Together, they address local resources, training, and accountability and give hope to victims. For more information, go to www.ijm.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. You can sign up online on our website.

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

SUNDAY LUNCH — We will have lunch at Southside Grill on Nolensville Road after the 11:00 service today.

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. 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. Picnic box lunch of chicken or ham sandwich, chips, and a cookie is $6. RSVP by Monday, September 23.

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

JUNIOR HIGH SMALL GROUP — Continues Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. Join Angelina, Ben, and volunteer leaders in the youth offices for dinner and small group! Bring $5 for dinner.

HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP — Begins today from 6:30 to 8:15 P.M. in The Gathering Place. Bring $5 for dinner.

GUYS’ ST. LOUIS RETREAT — January 31 to February 2.

GIRLS’ BEACH RETREAT — February 14 to 17. Email youth@fpcnashville.org if you are interested in attending! These trips fill up fast!

Every youth is required to have an online release form completed in order to participate in FPC activities! Please check the website, complete the online release form, and email youth@fpcnashville with a photo of the front and back of your insurance card. Thank you!

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