



SEPTEMBER 22, 2019
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM
GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Stuart Gordon

†VOLUNTARY *Prelude and Fugue in F, LubWV8* Vincent Lübeck

†INTROIT *Te Deum in B Flat* C.V. Stanford

We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
 To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens, and all the Powers therein.
 To Thee Cherubin and Seraphin continually do cry,
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Josh Rodriguez
(11:00) Adam DeVries

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;
People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
 Leader: Declare His glory among the nations,
People: His marvelous works among all the peoples.
 Leader: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
People: He is to be revered above all gods.

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 41 *O Worship the King* LYONS

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Stuart Gordon

CALL TO CONFESSION (8:30) Josh Rodriguez
(11:00) Adam DeVries

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You
 in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved You
 with our whole heart and mind and strength.
 We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 In Your mercy forgive what we have been,
 help us amend what we are,
 and direct what we shall be,
 so that we may delight in Your will
 and walk in Your ways,
 to the glory of Your holy name.**
 (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) Josh Rodriguez
(11:00) Adam DeVries

‡ 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

**Living God, help us so to hear Your holy Word
that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe,
and, believing,
we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking Your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Brian Blount

Pastor: The Word of the Lord. Luke 16-1-13, *page 79*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *On Being Dishonest* Brian Blount

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30) Sarah Bird
(11:00) Sandra Randleman
The Apostles' Creed (traditional) Hymnal, *page 35*

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION (8:30) Matt Hancock
(11:00) Bill Bainbridge

OFFERTORY

(8:30) *A Prayer for Humility* Mark Patterson

Mighty God and gentle Lamb,
Lord of all creation, how we long to know You,
how we strive to serve You,
help us now to love You even more.
Give us humble hearts to praise You
and listening ears to hear Your voice,
willing hands to serve You, thankful spirits to rejoice.
Lord of all, we adore You, and we bring this prayer before You:
create in us humble hearts.
When our thoughts turn proud,
remind us of the grace You freely give.
When we lose our way, Lord,
find us, draw us close to You again. Amen.

(11:00) Johannes Brahms

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place
How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts.
For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord.
My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.
Blest are they that dwell within Thy house;
they praise Thy name ever more. (Psalm 84:1-2, 4)

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Stuart Gordon

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 611 HYMN TO JOY
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Brian Blount

*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 Carson P. Cooman
Canzona II

* Those who are able, please stand. † Latecomers may be seated.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Sarah Bird, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Engagement
Brian Blount, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary
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
McKenzie Cooper, Cross Bearer
Luke Richardson, Bible Bearer
Raphael Bundage, Director of Music
Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist
Joseph O'Berry, Guest 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 loving memory of Diana and DeWitt C. Thompson III 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.

■ **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.

■ **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

■ **BRIAN K. BLOUNT, GUEST PREACHER** — Brian K. Blount is President and Professor of New Testament at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, and Charlotte, North Carolina. An M.Div. graduate of Princeton Seminary in 1981, he obtained his B.A. from the College of William and Mary in 1978. He was William and Mary's first African-American to receive membership in the Alpha Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society received his Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from Emory University in 1992. Blount's primary work has been in the Gospel of Mark, the Book of Revelation, and in the area of cultural studies and hermeneutics. He is the sole author of six books. Blount lectures widely and is an editor with many publishing companies. The author of numerous articles, he also preaches and directs adult education classes in local congregations.

■ **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 Good Hard Look*. All are welcome!

■ **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** — The Session has called a congregational meeting for today during the sanctuary worship services. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee, to vote on its nominee to be the next Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and to deal with any related matters. Please honor the need of our candidate to share the news first with his current congregation, by refraining from posting this information online.

■ **OFFICER ELECTIONS** — There will also be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 29, 2019, following both worship services, for the purpose of electing new officers.

■ **ORGANIST UPDATE** — We express our gratitude to Joseph O'Berry, who has served as our guest organist for several weeks, and congratulate him on his new position at Saint John's Cathedral, Denver. A strong candidate for the organist/assistant director of music position has been interviewed, and we hope to have a positive report soon.

■ **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!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Linda Skaggs, on the death of her husband, Cessna Lynn Skaggs, who died on September 12. Sympathy also to Amy & Harold Harr, Avery Harr, Ryan Harr and Jackson Harr, Mandy Allender, Isla Allender, Briggs Allender, Aubrey Allender and Boone Allender, and Andrea & Andrew Skaggs.
- Jean Barksdale, on the death of her husband, Philip Shelton 'Phil' Barksdale, who died on September 14.

■ **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 continue to be held on September 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@fpcnashville.org.

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

Bethel 1 & 2 <i>Bethel Class 1—CH Dining Rm.</i> <i>Bethel Class 2—Enrich. Ctr. 102</i>	Bethel Bible Series	Call Church Office
Coffee & Bible <i>OHS L-204</i>	Romans	All ages
Cornerstone <i>Vance Hall</i>	Biblical topics/ <i>Godspeed</i>	Parents of school-aged children
Current Issues <i>OHS L-200</i>	Scripture and current events	All ages
Discipleship <i>Witherspoon</i>	Acts of the Apostles	All ages
Enneagram <i>Jones Session Rm.</i>	Enneagram Journey Part 2	Register online
Family Fellowship <i>Memorial Library</i>	Discussion; <i>Luke for Everyone</i> (N.T. Wright)	Singles & couples with young children
Good News <i>OHS L-207</i>	Life and teaching of the Apostle Paul	All ages
Inquirers' <i>Edgar Rm.</i>	Membership at FPC	All ages
June Ramsey <i>CH Living Rm.</i>	Guest lecturers	All ages
Logos <i>Chapel</i>	Lecture: <i>Surprised by Hope</i> (N.T. Wright)	All ages

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** resumes today 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/.

■ 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: FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES** — The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) have been challenging coaches and athletes on professional, college, high school, middle school, and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering, and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ. For more information, go to www.fcanashville.org or contact Missions at missions@fpcnashville.org.

■ **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** — The Yaqoobi family will be at both services today for introductions as we kick off this year's Habitat for Humanity project. This year's build will be on weekends from October 19 through November 10. Mark your calendars to be a part of building someone a home. You can sign up now on the FPC website. All skill levels needed.

■ **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

■ **PICNIC DAYTRIP** — On Wednesday, September 25, from 10:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Sue Clark has invited us to her farm off Burkett Road for a picnic lunch and to hear stories about Fannie Battle. Kim will pack lunches of chicken salad or ham sandwiches, chips, and a cookie for \$6. Sue will provide drinks. 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

■ **YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN** — Registration is now open for our fall/winter youth basketball league! Kindergarten through 6th grade ballers will play seven games. Grab your friends and get ready to hoop it up this fall. Head to rec.fpcnashville.org/childrens-basketball/ for more information. The season runs from October 26 through December 14. Coaches' meetings will be October 3. Email David Tippett at dtippett@fpcnashville.org for more information!

■ **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.

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

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

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** — Continues Sundays 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.org 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.



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