



SEPTEMBER 29, 2019  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
8:30 and 11:00 AM  
GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Stuart Gordon

†VOLUNTARY Domenico Scarlatti  
*Sonata in C Minor*

INTROIT Ralph Vaughan Williams  
*Psalm 23*

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

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
**People: who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,**  
Leader: will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,  
**People: my God, in whom I trust."**  
Leader: When You call to me, I will answer You;  
**People: "With long life I will satisfy you,  
and show you my salvation."**

†\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 687 ST. ANNE  
*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

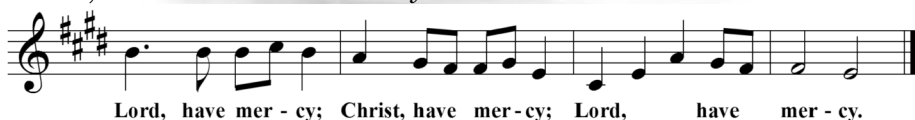
†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Stuart Gordon

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change,  
open to us a future in which we can be changed,  
and grant us grace  
to grow more and more in Your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.  
(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

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

PRESENTATION OF HYMNALS (8:30) Stuart Gordon and Deb O'Brien

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) Adam DeVries

Allison and Scott Hearon are presenting their daughter, Elizabeth Hart Hearon, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Jon Bechtel

†HYMN FOR BAPTISM

TALLIS' CANON

3 Lord Je - sus Christ, our Lord most dear, as

6 You were once an in - fant here, so give this child of

Yours, we pray, Your grace and bless - ing day by day

‡ 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

**Guide us, O God,  
by Your Word and Spirit,  
that in Your light we may see light,  
in Your truth find freedom,  
and in Your will discover Your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Eli Stark  
Genesis 17:1–14, *page 13*

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Stuart Gordon  
Acts 15:1–11, *page 134*

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

SERMON

Stuart Gordon

*Upon Further Review*

## 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

Sidney Campbell

*Sing We Merrily Unto God Our Strength*

Sing we merrily unto God our strength;  
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.  
Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute.  
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,  
Ev'n in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day.  
For this was made a statute for Israel  
and a law of the God of Jacob. Alleluya.

\*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Stuart Gordon

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 318

ST. PETER

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

\*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

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Toccata and Fugue in F*

\* 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

Esperance Nayizere, Cross Bearer

Elaine Morgan, Bible Bearer

Cate Welch, Baptism Buddy (11:00)

Charlie Welch, Worship Helper (11:00)

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Greg Thomas, Guest Conductor

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Sara Crigger, Alto

**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 Laura Elizabeth Barrier and John Culling Slaughter and in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. Van Allen Phillips and Betty L. Barrier.
- **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](http://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, Josh Rodriguez is preaching *The Exasperated God*. All are welcome!
- **CHILDREN'S HYMNALS** — Today we welcome our 4 year old children to worship in the Sanctuary and celebrate this Milestone by giving each child their own copy of "Sing to God: A Hymnal for Children and Their Families." This hymnal, produced and published by our church, brings parents and children together to worship, harmonize, and share songs of the Christ faith. We hope this hymnal will help families joyfully sing together and join their hearts in praise and thanks to God. And please free to welcome these young people into worship! Eliza Alexander, McCall Bateman, William Billington, Madeline Brewer, Ben Buckley, Virginia Burkhalter, Sam Byram, Jack Callison, Luke Callison, George Deans, Rosine Deo, Lucy Fox, Thomas Frericks, Amelia Frye, Sims Hancock, Banks Harris, Boone Holland, Hayden Hudson, Jane Jagar, Tripp Leach, Todd Looney, Blair Lubnik, James Martin, Will McClaran, Campbell McDonald, Elli Miller, Lark Moats, Allie Oldacre, Bailey Pearson, Walter Petree, David Pitman, Lily B Rixie, Jameson Rodriguez, Cameron Sarosiek, Easton Schmidt, Jeffrey Scott, David Sheaff, Graham Swafford, Lydia Tigrett, Watts Ward.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** — A Congregational Meeting will be held today immediately following both worship services for the purpose of voting on a slate of candidates presented by the Officer Nominating Committee. Nominated for Elder, Class of 2022, are: Ellie Billington, Wilson Brim Sr., Charlie Bryan Jr., Becky Campbell, Wally Conyers, Laura Coyle, Tom Davis Jr., Wally Dietz, Mary Earthman, Mickey Fitts,

Chuck Lassing, and Bryant Tirrill. Nominated for Deacon, Class of 2022, are: Bill Bainbridge, Ian Byram, Mary Lindley Carswell, Sam Crosby Jr., Annie Flanagan, Max Fuller, Brad Gilmore, Travis Hill, Cabot Hyde Sr., John Keller Sr., Laura May, Rodney Przybylinski, Anderson Rader, Worth Scott Sr., Beth Singer, Mary Loch Smith, Graham Swafford III, Andrew Wall, Jacquie Watlington, and Joel Zehr. Nominated to fulfill unexpired terms for Deacon, Class of 2020, are: Dick Fleming Sr., Anne Gernert, and Tom Groomes. Nominated to fulfill an expired term for Elder, Class of 2021, is Kevin Garvey.

■ **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: re-tiling the floors in the hallway and the entrance to The Gathering Place. We apologize for the inconvenience.

■ **GOLF TOURNAMENT** — Save the date for the upcoming FPC Golf Tournament, Tuesday, October 1, at 1:00 P.M. at Nashville Golf & Athletic Club. Register at [fpcnashville.org](http://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 for your group! Feel free to reach out to Rev. Sarah Bird with any questions at [sbird@fpcnashville.org](mailto:sbird@fpcnashville.org). See you this fall!

## ADULT EDUCATION

■ **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Questions? Contact Sarah Bird at [sbird@fpcnashville.org](mailto:sbird@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9518 or check us out online at [fpcnashville.org](http://fpcnashville.org).

Bethel 1 & 2 <i>Bethel Class 1—CH Dining Rm.</i> <i>Bethel Class 2—Enrich. Ctr. 102</i>	Bethel Bible Series	Online registration
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

■ **INQUIRERS' CLASS** — An Inquirers' Class will continue to be held on September 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](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** continues 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/](http://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](mailto:dobrien@fpcnashville.org).*

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

■ **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](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org) for additional information.

## MISSION MINISTRY

■ **MISSION SPOTLIGHT: LEGACY MISSION VILLAGE** — Legacy Mission Village (LMV) seeks to be agents of hope for refugees by feeding the hungry, giving care and counsel, providing education and training to those in need, and assisting as refugees adapt to a new culture. In Middle Tennessee, LMV empowers legal refugees to achieve citizenship and realize their full potential spiritually, socially, and intellectually through Kindergarten Readiness, English Class, and Family Mentoring/Life Skills programs. Their mission in Africa is to restore lives through health, education, and community development. For more information, go to [legacymissionvillage.org](http://legacymissionvillage.org) or contact Missions at [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@fpcnashville.org).

■ **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** — This year, FPC's Habitat for Humanity build will be on weekends from October 19 through November 10. Mark your calendars to be a part of building the Yaqoobi family, with their three children, a home. You can sign up now on the FPC website. All skill levels needed.

■ **JAMAICA 2020 MISSION TRIP** — February 8–15. This year's mission is looking for dentists and construction help to continue the expansion of our sister church, the Ebenezer Church. Trip costs will be approximately \$1,250-\$1,350. Deadline for registration and deposit is due by December 15. J.T. Martin is the trip leader. To join this amazing mission, contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@fpcnashville.org).

■ **FPC DISASTER RESPONSE COMMITTEE** has voted to allocate \$10,000 in support of the hurricane damage in the Bahamas. These funds will go to directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. In addition to these funds, the congregation is invited to participate by making personal contributions to assist in these relief efforts. Your contributions can be made via check payable to First Presbyterian Church with a notation that the funds are to be used for Hurricane Relief.

■ **MEDICAL MISSION TRIP** — It is a blessing to touch and to look Jesus in the eye, in one of the Galilee's of our era, rural Guatemala. The second meeting of those interested in the Presbytery' of Middle Tennessee's March 7–14, 2020 Guatemala Medical Mission Trip will be at East Brentwood Presbyterian Church, 9000 Concord Road, Brentwood, TN, Monday, September 30, at 6:30 P.M., upstairs, the second floor. We can catch you up quickly if you missed the first meeting! If you cannot come to the meeting but might be interested, please call or write Mike Magee, MD, 615-232-4900, [MageemichaelJ@aol.com](mailto:MageemichaelJ@aol.com).

■ **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](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org) to submit a request.

*For more Mission Ministry info, contact Annette Crout  
at 615-298-9507 or [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@fpcnashville.org).*

## OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **COMMUNITIES OF BELONGING** — Tuesdays, October 8, 15, 22, and 29, at 2:00 P.M., Memorial Library. We will use a study guide called *Godspeed*. It features writers like N.T. Wright and Eugene Peterson, discussing the need for us to slow down and to take time to know one another and be known by one another. Hal Sauer and Brenda Geise will be leaders. Register online or call Brenda at 615-298-9515.

■ **THURSDAY LUNCHEON/PROGRAM** — Thursday, October 17, 12:00 P.M., Courtenay Hall. A personal friend of Bill Arrants, Mr. Jim Splawn from Huntsville, Alabama, will share information and stories about his career with NASA. RSVP by Monday, October 14.

■ **SUNDAY LUNCH** — Sunday, October 20, following the 11:00 A.M. worship service, at Vittles in Brentwood. We will meet in the foyer and ride the church bus. RSVP by Friday, October 18.

### **The Mission of First Presbyterian Church**

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

## 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/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:cstacy@fpcnashville.org).

*For Recreation Ministry info, contact  
Bryan Miller at [bmiller@fpcnashville.org](mailto:bmiller@fpcnashville.org).*

## YOUNG ADULT & COLLEGE MINISTRY

■ **TITANS GAME** — Come hang out with us at the Titans Game on October 20! Register online.

■ **ME MORNINGS** — ME Mornings meet Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. Come join us in The Gathering Place!

*For Young Adult Ministry info, contact  
Josh Rodriguez at 615-298-9598 or [jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org](mailto:jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org).*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

■ **JUNIOR HIGH SMALL GROUP** — 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** — 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:youth@fpcnashville.org).*



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