



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

OPENING SENTENCES Sarah Bird

†VOLUNTARY Herbert Sumsion

Pastoral

†INTROIT Parker Ramsay

Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes to the hills,
from whence my help doth come.
My help cometh from the Lord my God,
Who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, He that keepeth Israel will slumber not nor sleep.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Josh Rodriguez
(11:00) Stuart Gordon

Leader: We come as people on the way,
finding our true life in the Living God.

People: We come to worship and bow down.

Leader: We come to learn of Christ's path of discipleship,
following with eyes fixed on Him.

People: We come with ready hearts.

Leader: We come waiting for the Holy Spirit to move us to action,
challenging us to live the Good News.

**People: We come with joy to meet the ever-present
Triune God.**

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 403 UNSER HERRSCHER
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Stuart Gordon

CALL TO CONFESSION (8:30) Josh Rodriguez
(11:00) Stuart Gordon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,
we long to be faithful stewards of Your abundant grace;
to serve each other in love and humility;
to serve Your world with wisdom and energy.
Forgive us when we stumble over pride,
when our words and actions are not guided by love.
Turn our hearts when we act in greed.
Restore our energy when it is gone,
for we ask it all in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.
(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



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 baptism.

CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30) Josh Rodriguez

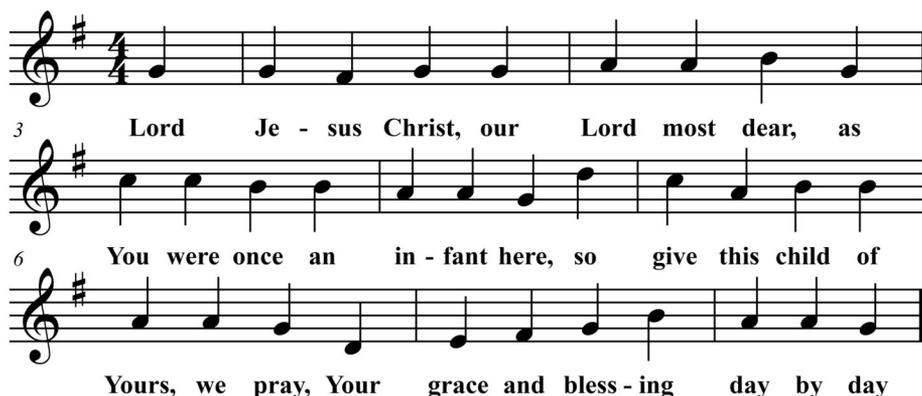
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00) Stuart Gordon

Nancy & Zouky Mapangala are presenting their son, Elijah Mapangala, for baptism. Assisting Elder: John Eason

†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

Sarah Bird

**Holy God, You gave the law to show Your people the way of righteousness.
Help us receive Your commandments as grace and live as Your obedient children that Your goodness may shine through us, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Lacy Sheppard
Exodus 16:2-3, 11-17, page 62

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Sarah Bird
2 Corinthians 8:1-15, page 182

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Sarah Bird

Keeping Up with the Macedonians

*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending***RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30) Adam DeVries
 (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 *Rejoice, O Judah!* G.F. Handel
 from *Judas Maccabaeus*
 Rejoice, O Judah, and in songs divine,
 with Cherubim and Seraphim, harmonious join.
 Hallelujah, Amen. O Judah, rejoice!
 Rejoice, O Judah, in songs divine,
 with cherubim and seraphim harmonious join.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 757 KINGSFOLD
Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Sarah Bird

*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 John Ireland
Alla Marcia

* 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
 Robert Hininger, Cross Bearer
 Julianna Mapangala, Bible Bearer (11:00)
 Joyce Mapangala, Baptism Buddy (11:00)
 David Mapangala, Worship Helper (11:00)
 Raphael Bundage, Director of Music
 Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist
 Psalmody Ensemble, Carol McClure, Director
 Greg Thomas, Tenor

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 Charles (Chuck) Self 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.
- **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, Josh Rodriguez is preaching *Powerful Words*. 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: re-tiling the floors in the hallway and the entrance to The Gathering Place. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- **PW FALL GATHERING** — The Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering is 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.

■ **FALL COMMUNITIES OF BELONGING** — Kick Off 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 Kick Off Event in Courtenay Hall on October 2 (5–7 P.M.). Take time today to register for your group! Feel free to reach out to Rev. Sarah Bird with any questions (sbird@fpcnashville.org). See you this fall!

■ **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:

- Colyer & Drew Robison, on the death of Drew's mother, George Ann Robison Ahles, who died on August 28. Sympathy also to Allie & Noah Mudd, Andrew Robison and Luke Robison.

■ **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 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.

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

Bethel 1 & 2 <i>OHS L-202 and CH Dining Rm.</i>	Bethel Bible Series	Online registration
<i>"(The Bethel Joint Kickoff Class on 9/8 is in the Enrichment Center Choral Hall)"</i>		
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 this afternoon 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/childrensmusic/.

■ **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: FAMILY RECONCILIATION CENTER** — Family Reconciliation Center supports the loved ones of incarcerated persons by operating a guest house providing free accommodations for people who are visiting their family members in prison. FRC provides a respite for its guests through a ministry of hospitality. Studies have consistently shown that prisoners who maintain close contact with their family members while incarcerated have better post-release outcomes and lower recidivism rates.

For more information, go to www.familyreconciliationcenter.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.

■ **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 on Sunday, September 15. RSVP by Friday, September 13.

■ **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 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.

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

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

■ **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 estacy@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** — This afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the church. Please register and complete online release form in advance.

■ **JUNIOR HIGH SMALL GROUP** — Begins on Wednesday, September 11 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.

■ **FPC MOVIE NIGHT** — Friday, September 13! We need youth to help lead games for the younger members of our congregation! Please let Dave Garvey at dgarvey@fpcnashville.org know if you are able to help that night!

■ **HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP** — Begins on Sunday, September 15 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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