



OCTOBER 27, 2019
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
REFORMATION SUNDAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Stuart Gordon

†VOLUNTARY C. McClure
Festive Prelude on Ein feste Burg

†INTROIT (8:30) Ellen McClune and
A. Steven Taranto
Let Us Go to the House of the Lord

I was glad when they said unto me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Shout for joy all the earth,
singing praise to God's name,
Let us go to the house of the Lord!
Happy are those whose dwelling place
is in the house of the Lord
I will forever sing God's praise,
my heart and soul rejoice!

†INTROIT (11:00) HYMN 621 I WILL CALL
I Will Call Upon the Lord

*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Adam DeVries
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

Leader: Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion;
**People: and to You shall vows be performed,
Who answers prayer!**
Leader: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
People: You forgive our transgressions.
Leader: Happy are those whom You bring near.
**People: We shall be satisfied
with the goodness of Your house.**

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 275 EIN' FESTE BURG
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Stuart Gordon

(8:30) COMMISSIONING OF THE ADAM DEVRIES
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TEAM

CALL TO CONFESSION

(8:30) Adam DeVries
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.
We have failed to be obedient disciples.
We have not done Your will,
we have broken Your law,
we have rebelled against Your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 581 *Gloria Patri*

THE WORD

‡ 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

Gracious God,
we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from Your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today
in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Caroline Bryan
Deuteronomy 5:1–5, *page 162*

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Joseph Small
Philippians 1:27–2:2, *page 197*

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

SERMON

Joseph Small
Any Communion in the Spirit?

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (traditional)

Sarah Bird
Hymnal, page 35

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

Richard Farrant and John Hilton

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
that we may walk with an upright heart,
before Thee now and evermore. Amen.

(11:00)

Arr. Alfred V. Fedak

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd
(*Christus Paradox*)

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and swordbringer
of the way You took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.
Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
beggared by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are both gift and cost.
You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide.
Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy Your defeat and victory.
Worthy still Your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and our life.
Alleluia, You, who are our death and our life.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Stuart Gordon

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

Sandra Randleman,

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

Joseph Small, Barry B. Gibbs Guest Lecturer

Reagan McMullen, Cross Bearer

Eleanor Yarbrough, Bible Bearer

Will Hannon (8:30) Banner Bearer

Damon Hininger (11:00) Banner Bearer

Shona Wood, Harp

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

(8:30) Hosanna and Doxology Children's Choirs:

Kelly Posey and Brianna Meler, Directors

(11:00) All God's Children's Choir: Jerry Monds, Director

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 the church narthex for additional information or if you are interested in becoming a member. There, you may visit with one of our elders, staff, or pastors. 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 Michel Jillian Christian and Benton Stewart Harvey, and in loving memory and honor of the bride's and groom's grandparents.

■ **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.

Are there angels in the Sanctuary?

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

(Hebrews 13:2)

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **GUEST PREACHER, JOSEPH SMALL** — Joseph D. Small served as director of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Theology and Worship from 1989–2011. He is now adjunct faculty at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and Church Relations Consultant to the Presbyterian Foundation. He serves on the boards of the Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology, the Institute for Church Renewal, and Innovative Space for Asian American Christianity. He served as co-chair of the second and third rounds of the international Reformed-Pentecostal Dialogue and has participated regularly in international ecumenical consultations sponsored by the World Council of Churches, the World Communion of Reformed Churches, and the Centre International Reformé in Geneva. Dr. Small holds degrees from Brown University, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Louisville Theological Seminary. He has served on the staff of Pittsburgh Seminary, and as pastor of churches in Towson, Maryland; Westerville, Ohio; and Rochester, New York. Dr. Small is the author of *A Pastoral Rule for Today*, with John P. Burgess & Jerry Andrews (2019), *Flawed Church, Faithful God* (2018), *To Be Reformed: Living the Tradition* (2010), *Let Us Reason Together: Christians and Jews in Conversation* (2010), *Proclaiming the Great Ends of the Church* (2010), *Conversations with the Confessions* (2005), *Preservation of the Truth* (2005), *Fire and Wind: The Holy Spirit in the Church Today* (2002), *Committed Conversation* (2000), and *God and Ourselves: A Brief Exercise in Reformed Theology* (1997); he has written numerous monographs, book chapters, journal articles, study series, and theological papers.

■ **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 *Heads Up!* All are welcome!

■ **HOLY COMMUNION** will be observed at all morning worship services today. Prepare your hearts to celebrate this sign of Christ’s love.

■ **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** — The Session has called a Congregational Meeting today, in order to present to the congregation Mark DeVries’s request that he be honorably retired. Mark served as Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families until 2014 and since then has served on a consulting basis. In order for Mark to become retired, the congregation must vote to concur with his request. The meeting will be held at the conclusion of the sanctuary services at 8:30 and 11:00.

■ **WELCOME TO THE REVEREND DR. RYAN MOORE** — Welcome the Moore family on November 3! Ryan will preach his first sermon at First Presbyterian of Nashville. He and Heather will move their family to Nashville during the last week of October, and Elijah, Jonah, and Georgia will enroll at Oak Hill School and the church’s Early Preschool. Plan to be with us as we celebrate their arrival. (A welcome reception will be held on the occasion of Ryan’s installation, on a date to be determined.)

■ **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.

■ **STEWARDSHIP/GENEROSITY** — The Generosity Team invites you to ask God for three things:

1. Inspiration for us to embrace our mission as a church;
2. Participation by more and more of us in funding the mission;
3. Dedication on your part to being part of that mission.

You soon will receive a mailing with information on the campaign along with a pledge card. You may go online to pledge, place your pledge card in the offering plate, or mail it in. You may also text “Generosity” to 707-475-3005. With our new pastor set to begin this month, it’s an exciting season at First Presbyterian. Thank you for investing early in this next chapter of our ministry together!

■ **FALL COMMUNITIES OF BELONGING** — Join us as we continue our 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. Feel free to reach out to The Reverend Sarah Bird with any questions at sbird@fpcnashville.org.

ADULT EDUCATION

■ **REFORMATION SUNDAY** — Join us this morning at 9:45 A.M. for an all-church adult Sunday School class in Courtenay Hall to hear from our Barry B. Gibbs lecturer this year, Dr. Joe Small. Small is a Presbyterian pastor, author, and denominational leader who will also be preaching at both the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. worship services. Most noteworthy among Small’s achievements has been the development of theological papers—“Is Christ Divided?” and “Hope in the Lord Jesus Christ”—that have helped the PC(USA) find consensus to settle major disputes. We hope you will come hear from our guest, Dr. Small!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **AGENCY OF THE MONTH: THE LITTLE PANTRY THAT COULD** — We are collecting canned fruits and vegetables during the month of October.

■ **CHILDREN’S CHOIR** will not rehearse this afternoon but will resume next week, November 3, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

■ **CONGRATULATIONS** — The First Presbyterian Church family congratulates:

- Molly & Andrew Downing, on the birth of their son, Andrew James Downing III, born on October 12. Proud grandparents are Becky & Stuart Campbell. Proud aunts and uncles and their families are Amy & Matt Pearson and Lauren & Matt Hancock.
- Mary Julia & Will Hannon, on the birth of their daughter, Diana Jane Hannon, born on October 15. Proud grandmother is Adelaide Davis.

■ **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.

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **MISSION SPOTLIGHT: MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION** — MBF works to partner with the local churches in developing nations to build sustainable healthcare ministries. They bring up-to-date, evidence-based healthcare practices and technology as they support the appropriate, affordable, sustainable, and quality services of their partners. For more information, go to mbfoundation.org or contact Missions at missions@fpcnashville.org.

■ **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY — WE NEED YOUR HELP NOVEMBER 3!** — This is the 19th year that First Presbyterian Church has sponsored a Habitat home. You may not be aware, but in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, our First Presbyterian Church congregation contributes \$64,000 to purchase the materials to build the home and our volunteers work alongside the homeowners with Habitat's guidance and supervision. We need volunteers each day of the build, especially on November 3. Come lend a hand and share in the experience of building not just a house but a home and a new start. Thank you for your generosity!

■ **ROOM IN THE INN: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — Each winter, First Presbyterian houses 14 men every Wednesday night in the Canon Center for a hot evening meal, a place to sleep, breakfast, and a lunch to take with them for the next day. We need volunteers to 1) stay overnight, 2) prepare a quick breakfast, 3) prepare a sandwich for a sack lunch, and 4) drive the van to pick up and drop off guests. Room In The Inn begins Wednesday, November 6, and goes through March. Sign-up sheets are in Courtenay Hall, or contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or missions@fpcnashville.org.

■ **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.

■ **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.*

MUSIC MINISTRY

■ **12:20 CONCERT** — Join us after the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, November 3 for the season opener of the series. Claire Boling Paschal, Sara Crigger, Derek Meler, and Greg Thomas will be performing the music of W.A. Mozart with our new organist Peter Rogahn accompanying.

■ **PETER ROGAHN**, our new Organist and Assistant Director of Music, begins work at FPC on Monday, October 28. He is moving from Indianapolis, where he has been preceptor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church while completing his Doctor of Music degree in Organ Performance and Literature at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music. He is a native of Austin, Texas and earned his Bachelor of Music degree at Concordia College (Moorhead, Minnesota). At Indiana University, he earned the Master of Music degree in Organ Performance and Cognate Field in Church Music and the Performer Diploma in Organ Performance. He is married to Tiantian Liang, a pianist and doctoral candidate at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. We welcome them to First Presbyterian!

For Music Ministry info, contact 615-298-9517 or music@fpcnashville.org.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **COMMUNITIES OF BELONGING** — Tuesday, October 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.

■ **DAYTRIP TO PINWOOD KITCHEN AND MERCANTILE** — Thursday, November 7, Nunnely, TN. The church bus will leave the church at 9:30 A.M. and return at 3:00 P.M. RSVP Tuesday, November 5.

■ **SUNDAY LUNCH AT PUFFY MUFFIN** — Sunday, November 17. Meet in the narthex after 11:00 worship. RSVP Friday, November 15.

■ **THURSDAY LUNCHEON/PROGRAM** — Thursday, November 21, 12:00 P.M., Courtenay Hall. The program will be presented by our own Mike Hindman who will share his testimony, as well as show remarkable pictures from the recent church mission trip to Kenya. RSVP Monday, November 18.

For First Friends info, contact 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

■ **THE TABLE WORSHIP NIGHT** — Join in a quiet evening of singing, praying, and journaling. Receive the invitation to rest in the presence of your Savior. November 14, 7:00 P.M., The Gathering Place.

■ **BARNABAS TRIP** — November 5–7. Josh will be visiting Rhodes, Ole Miss, Auburn, Alabama, and Samford.

■ **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.*

YOUTH MINISTRY

■ **JUNIOR HIGH SMALL GROUP** — Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 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** — Join us for *Practice* on Sundays from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. in The Gathering Place for the next six weeks

■ **REGISTER ONLINE TODAY FOR THESE RETREATS AND TRIPS!**

- **Guys' St. Louis Retreat** — January 31 to February 2.
- **Girls' Beach Retreat** — February 14 to 17.
- **Spring Break Mission Trip to Waco, Texas** — March 14–20
- **High School West Virginia** — May 31–June 5, 2020 (Seniors depart May 29)
- **Junior High Great Escape** — June 7–12, 2020
- **Mystery Trip for Graduated Seniors** — June 18–25, 2020

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.*

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

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



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