



OCTOBER 6, 2019  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Stuart Gordon

†VOLUNTARY *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID  
(*Spanish Folk Melody*) Arr. by Albert Zabel

INTROIT *O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips* Richard Webster

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Sandra Randleman  
(11:00) Sarah Bird

Leader: 8:30 spoken in Chinese; 11:00 spoken in Russian  
Minister: What shall we render to the Lord for all His benefits to us?

**People: We will take the cup of salvation  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

Leader: 8:30 spoken in Spanish; 11:00 spoken in Serbian

Minister: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore, let us keep the feast!

**People: O taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessed is the one who trusts in Him!**

†\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1 NICAEA  
*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Stuart Gordon

CALL TO CONFESSION (8:30) Sandra Randleman  
(11:00) Sarah Bird

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God: From the ends of the earth  
You have gathered us around Christ's holy table.  
Still, we cling to divisive ways.**

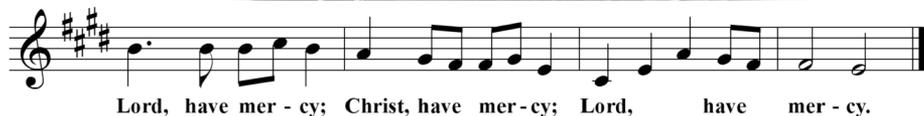
**Forgive, we pray, everything that keeps us apart:  
when our pride prevents us from making peace,  
when our stubbornness keeps us from saying, "I was wrong,"  
when our prejudices keep us from listening and learning,  
when our fears bind us and keep us from going forth  
into Your kingdom of peace.**

**Merciful God, forgive us.**

**Give to us a new and a right spirit,  
that we may break bread together—truly together—  
and so testify to Jesus Christ as Lord of all.**

(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

THE WORD

‡ Children ages 4 and 5 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 READING

(8:30) Carter Hyde

(11:00) Saunders Hull

Jeremiah 17:5–8, *page 719*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Stuart Gordon

Philippians 1:1–11, *page 196*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Stuart Gordon

*IPO*

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(8:30) Josh Rodriguez

(11:00) Adam DeVries

Spoken in Swahili both services

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Hymnal, *page 35*

OFFERTORY

*We Are One in Christ*

James Chepponis

(8:30)

based on THAXTED

by Gustav Holst

*Refrain: As the bread of life is broken, the cup of love outpoured,  
we are one in Christ, our Savior, and sent to serve the Lord.*

We, the many who are gathered, are united here as one;  
in this joyful celebration, recall what God has done.

In the word of God proclaimed here, the good news of truth is heard.

In the telling of the stories, be open to God's word.

In the bread of life here given, we become what we receive.

In the cup of love here offered, affirm what we believe.

Sent as blessing for God's people, to go forth in love and peace,  
in our witness to God's kingdom, may charity increase.

(11:00)

*O Salutaris Hostia*

Ēriks Ešenvalds

O Salutaris Hostia  
Quae coeli pandis ostium.  
Bela premunt hostilia;  
Darobur, fer auxilium.  
Uni trinoque Domino  
Sit sempiterna gloria;  
Qui vitam sine termino,  
nobis donet in patria.

O redeeming Sacrifice,  
who opens the gate of heaven:  
Foes threaten us;  
give us strength, give us aid.  
Give everlasting glory  
to the One in Three.  
Grant us life without end  
in Your kingdom.

\*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDETH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



## **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

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

FPC Handbells

Flag Bearers—Members of the 2019 Confirmation Class: Kennedy

Conyers, Parker Dotson, Robert Hininger, Milly Hininger, Sassy

Neuman, Sophie O'Keefe, Richmond Ross, Owen Rouse, Elizabeth

Thomson, Evelyn Watlington, Will Watlington

Basket Bearers: Aleki Ndayishimiye, Jennifer Deo, Alphonsine

Hakizimana, Ebralie Mwizerwa; Pitcher Bearer: Lauren Scharstein

Bread Bearer: Jennifer Deo; Cup: Louise Mukesha

Cross Bearer: (8:30) Susan Wood; (11:00) Dennis Wood

Bible Bearer: (8:30) Mattie Grace Pearson; (11:00) Webb Sheaff

(8:30) Readers: Yuna Hermann, Chinese; Christina Amezquita, Spanish;

The Reverend Peter Kavia, Swahili

(11:00) Readers: Olga Kravtsov, Russian; Lidija Lazendic, Serbian;

The Reverend Robert Warhenya, Swahili

MTSU Steel Drum Ensemble, Lalo Davila, Director

Claire Boling and Daphne Garey, Sopranos

***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 Mary Katherine Atkins and George Lee Ritzen and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Wendell Atkins Jr. and Mr. Olin Clifton Lancaster Jr.

■ **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

■ **HOLY COMMUNION** will be observed today, at the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. worship services. Prepare your hearts to celebrate this sign of Christ's love and grace.

■ **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, Angelina DeVincenzo is preaching *Keep Moving Forward*. 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.

■ **STEWARDSHIP/GENEROSITY** — Today, we kick off our annual Stewardship/Generosity campaign! We are launching earlier this year, with the goal of concluding the campaign on November 24 at our annual ThanksGiving breakfast. 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 begin texting your contribution by texting "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 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. Feel free to reach out to Rev. Sarah Bird with any questions at [sbird@fpcnashville.org](mailto:sbird@fpcnashville.org). See you this fall!

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

■ **CONGRATULATIONS** — The First Presbyterian Church family congratulates Mimi & Nathaniel Beaver, on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Victoria "Evie" Beaver, born on September 27. Proud grandparents are Ellen & John Mayo.

■ **SYMPATHY** — The First Presbyterian Church family extends sympathy to Frances Tipton, on the death of her husband, John Howard Tipton Jr. who died on September 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](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org) for additional information.

## ADULT EDUCATION

■ **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).

■ **INQUIRERS' CLASS** — The last Inquirers' Class is today 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.

■ **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	Bethel Bible Series	Call Church Office
<i>Bethel Class 1—Cheek House (CH) Dining Rm.</i>		
<i>Bethel Class 2—Enrich. Ctr. 102</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** rehearses 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).*

## MISSION MINISTRY

■ **MISSION SPOTLIGHT: FRIENDS LIFE** — Friends Life Community is grounded in the conviction that God creates every individual with unique gifts. Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are no exception. Here, our Friends receive support and services necessary for them to maximize their strengths while making valuable contributions to the communities in which they play, live, and work. Friends Life Community believes and demonstrates that everyone has value and a place in this world, and we work to help our Friends achieve that reality. For more information, go to [www.friendslife.org](http://www.friendslife.org) or contact Missions at [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@fpcnashville.org).

■ **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EAST AFRICA** — Please welcome our guests from the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA). Participating in the service today is The Reverend Peter Kariuki Kania, Secretary General to PCEA, joined by The Reverend Robert Waihenya, Director of Mission, and Rev. Lauren Scharstein, Deputy Director of Missions.

■ **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).

■ **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.

■ **THURSDAY LUNCHEON/PROGRAM** — Thursday, October 17, 12:00 P.M., Courtenay Hall. Mr. Jim Splawn, who lives in Huntsville, Alabama, and is a college friend of our own Bill Arrants, 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.

## 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. 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 MINISTRY

■ **TITANS GAME** — Come hang out with us at the Titans Game on October 20! Cost is \$50 and includes ticket and tailgate. 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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