



DECEMBER 1, 2019
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

OPENING SENTENCES AND WELCOME

Ryan Moore

†VOLUNTARY

Johann Sebastian Bach

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
("Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us)

†INTROIT

Martin Luther, arr. C. McClure

Saviour of the Nations, Come

Saviour of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30) Josh Rodriguez

(11:00) Sarah Bird

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: I will say it again: Rejoice!

Leader: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

People: The Lord is near.

Leader: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.
Let us worship God!

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 93

TRURO

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT

HYMN 88

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

CALL TO CONFESSION

(8:30) Sandra Randleman

(11:00) Stuart Gordon

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ryan Moore

Zechariah Sings!

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

J.S. Bach

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
 Holy wisdom, love most bright,
 drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,
 soar to uncreated light.
 Word of God our flesh that fashioned
 with the fire of life impassioned.
 Striving still to Truth unknown,
 soaring, dying, round Thy throne.
 Through the way where Hope is guiding,
 hark, what peaceful music rings,
 where the flock in Thee confiding,
 drink of joy from deathless springs.
 Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,
 theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
 Thou dost ever lead Thine own,
 in the love of joys unknown.

(11:00)

G.F. Handel

*And the Glory of the Lord
 from Messiah*

And the glory, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
 And all flesh shall see it together,
 for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 82

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

ST. LOUIS

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
 No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
 where meek souls will receive Him,
 still the dear Christ enters in.**

*The congregation will be seated for a moment of silent prayer
after the congregational response.*

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Ralph Vaughan Williams
"Hyfrydol" from *Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes*

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

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, Pastor

Sarah Bird, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Engagement

Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor

Sandra Randleman,

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministries

Reed Groomes, Acolyte

Katherine Groomes, Cross Bearer

Isaac Shapiro, (8:30) Bible Bearer

Marion Stewart, (11:00) Bible Bearer

Candle Lighting:

(8:30) The Kabavamwo Family:

Louise, Francoise, Damasi, and Marcelline

(11:00) The Singer Family:

Beth, Jackson, Will, Laura Lee Singer, and Cole Melrano

Riley McDaniel, Youth Liturgist

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Peter Rogahn, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Psalmody Ensemble, Carol McClure, 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 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

■ **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 *Benedictus (Zechariah's Prophecy)*. All are welcome!

■ **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING, DINNER & CAROLING** — Join us for the Christmas Tree lighting, dinner, and caroling on Wednesday, December 4, at 5:00 P.M. Dinner will be French toast, chicken biscuits, etc. in Courtenay Hall, followed by the tree lighting outside after dinner (6:20ish). We will also have hot chocolate with marshmallows while caroling. Children who have finished eating will have an opportunity to help with a service project. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 3-12 (ages 0-2 are free), and there is a \$22 family maximum. Register online.

■ **MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR ADVENT** — A memorial fund has been established for sanctuary flowers during Advent. Please send your contribution and the name(s) of those to be memorialized to the church by tomorrow! You may also contribute online by clicking Register/Payments under the Events menu on our website. When making your payment, you will find the Advent Flowers fund within the Specific Donation/Giving fund. Please be sure to write the name of the person being honored/memorialized in the “Add Optional Gift Description” field.

■ **DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT** — Deepen your Advent experience this season with insights from C.S. Lewis, one of the most prolific and popular Christian apologists of the twentieth century, followed by reflections from C.S. Lewis scholar Dr. Joel Heck. The daily Scripture, quotes, reflections, and prayers will serve as a faithful fellow traveler accompanying you through Advent and enriching your Christmas preparations as you await the Savior who comes offering peace, hope, and light for all. Copies of this booklet are available in the literature areas of the church.

■ **ANNUAL ADVENT BREAKFASTS** — December 4, 11, and 18. Nourish your spirit, mind, and body, and join us for this wonderful opportunity to share in a relaxed buffet breakfast and to hear an inspiring message to jump-start your day. Our annual Advent Breakfasts will be held this year on Wednesday mornings, December 4, 11, and 18, at 7:00 A.M. in Courtenay Hall. Each breakfast will feature a different speaker: Stuart Gordon, Bill Caruso, and Ryan Moore. Feel free to attend just one breakfast or all three...and bring a friend! Cost for breakfast is \$5 per person.

■ **SERVICE OF HOPE** — The Stephen Ministers are offering a “Service of Hope” on December 22 with a time for scripture, prayer, and the lighting of candles. This service is especially for people who are dealing with a loss arising from the death of a loved one, divorce, lack of employment, challenges of childbirth, health issues, etc. Please reach out to those that you know are hurting. All are welcome! This Christmas, receive and give the special gift of healing from the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

ADULT EDUCATION

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

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **AGENCY OF THE MONTH: SALVATION ARMY JOY SHOP** — For the month of December, we will be collecting books, craft supplies, board games, and clothes (adult small to XL for tweens ages 11-14).

■ **FAMILY ADVENT DEVOTIONS** are being distributed through Sunday School.

■ **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **December 7, 2:30–4:30 P.M.** — Serving Together at Salvation Army
- **December 15, 11:00 worship** — All God’s Children Sing
- **December 19, 2:00 P.M.** — Early Preschool Christmas presentation
- **December 22** — NO CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL
- **December 22, 12:00–1:30 P.M.** — Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Service
- **December 24, 5:00 P.M.** — Christmas Eve Family Service (Nursery available beginning at 4:15 P.M. No nursery care for 8:00 P.M. or 11:00 P.M. services.)

■ **CHILDREN’S CHOIR** will continue today at 4:00 P.M. in Grundy Hall. 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

■ **SYMPATHY** — The First Presbyterian Church family extends sympathy to:

- Gail Forsythe Harris, on the death of her husband, Frederick ‘Sears’ Harris Jr., who died in November.
- Sandy Schaap, on the death of her husband, Mark O. Schaap, who died November 24.

■ **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: INTERFAITH DENTAL CLINIC** — For low-income, working individuals with severe dental disease and/or other dental needs but who have no dental insurance. Interfaith Dental Clinic is a faith-based, donor-funded care center that provides the highest quality of dental care and whole health education for a low “ability to pay” fee. For more information, go to interfaithdentalclinic.com, or contact Missions at missions@fpcnashville.org.

■ **OVER 30,000 MEALS!** Thank you Rise Against Hunger volunteers! You packed more than 30,000 meals to be distributed to those in need. What a THANKSGIVING!

■ **WE NEED YOUR HELP** — FPC’s Room In The Inn needs overnight hosts for December 4 and 11 as well as following dates. There will be two overnight hosts who will be met by the site coordinator to help with serving dinner and to walk you through the process. Arrive by 5:30 P.M., and leave the next morning by 6:00 A.M. Feel free to call with any questions. Sign-up sheets are in Courtenay Hall and online, or contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or missions@fpcnashville.org.

■ **DONATIONS NEEDED** for the homeless. We will be collecting donations for FPC’s Room In The Inn guests and the Downtown Presbyterian Church clothing closet. Items needed most are new socks and boxer shorts, other clean and gently used clothing, coats, gloves, scarves, belts, etc. There will be a donation box in the Welcome Center hall.

■ **95TH ANNUAL DPC WAFFLE SHOP** — Thursday, December 5, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Bring family and friends to enjoy hot chicken and waffles for a good cause. Proceeds from the event benefit DPC’s Community Assistance Fund. There will also be tours of the Egyptian-style sanctuary, holiday shop, and silent auction. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased through FPC or at Downtown Presbyterian Church. FPC will provide a shuttle that will leave the church at 10:30 A.M. and return around 12:30 P.M. Please contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or missions@fpcnashville.org to reserve your space. Also, volunteers are needed at the Waffle Shop. If you can help, contact Mary Turner at mtturner2614@gmail.com or 615-294-8040.

■ **COMFORT AND JOY PROJECT FOR FOSTER CHILDREN** — Look for Sue Fort White in Courtenay Hall to select names and wish lists for Davidson County foster children in need of Christmas gifts. Sponsors receive a list with a child's first name, age, gender, clothing sizes, and wish list. Gifts must be returned no later than Sunday, December 15. Sue also accepts the names of FPC members who will serve as last-minute Angel Shoppers for children placed into emergency foster care shortly before Christmas. Contact Sue Fort White at 615-218-8977 or suefortwhite@ourkidscenter.com with any questions.

■ **GIFTS FOR "FORGOTTEN ANGELS"** — The Salvation Army is asking for new, unwrapped toys or clothing items valued at approximately \$25 for a boy or girl, ages 12 and under, to be given to those children whose names weren't selected from the Angel Tree project. Collection deadline is December 9. A collection box will be in Courtenay Hall.

■ **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

■ **SANCTUARY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT** — On Sunday, December 8, at 4:00 P.M., the Sanctuary Choir will present its annual Christmas concert, *Glory to God in the Highest*. Led by Raphael Bundage and accompanied by orchestra, the choir will sing well-loved music by Bach, Vaughan Williams, and Handel and lesser-known works by Kim Andre Arnesen and Shawn Kirchner; they will also lead the congregation in several familiar carols. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Music Department at 615-298-9517 or music@fpcnashville.org.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **BOOK DISCUSSION** — Thursday, December 5, 2:00 P.M., Memorial Library. We will have a book discussion of Denise Kiernan's *The Last Castle*, the story of the Vanderbilts' building of Biltmore Mansion and contributing to the development of the entire area around Asheville, North Carolina.

■ **FRANKLIN HOLIDAY LIGHTS TROLLEY TOUR** — Friday, December 6, 5:45-7:45 P.M. We will take the church bus from the church to The Factory in Franklin, leaving at 4:00 P.M. and returning around 8:00 P.M. At The Factory, we will board the private trolley, which has 30 seats. RSVP as soon as possible with \$20 payment.

■ **CHARLESTON, SC** — April 20-25, 6-day tour of Charleston, South Carolina. Contact Brenda Geise at 615-298-9515.

For First Friends info, contact 615-383-1815.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

■ **PW CHRISTMAS GATHERING** — December 10, 10:30 A.M., Courtenay Hall, featuring speaker Sandy Dunbar on “The Imperfections of Christmas.” \$20/person. RSVP online by December 5. Childcare available.

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

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

■ **ROOTED IN CHRIST: FAMILY PROM** — Save the date! January 11, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

*For Young Adult Ministry info, contact
Josh Rodriguez at 615-298-9598 or jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org.*

YOUTH MINISTRY

■ **PRAYER PARTNER BREAKFAST** — December 8 at 9:40 A.M. in the Enrichment Center. RSVP online.

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

- **Guys' St. Louis Retreat** — January 31–February 2
- **Girls' Beach Retreat** — February 14–17
- **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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