



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

OPENING SENTENCES AND WELCOME

Ryan Moore

†VOLUNTARY

arr. Steven S. Nelson, Jon Schmidt,
and Al van der Beek

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30) Sarah Bird

(11:00) Adam DeVries

Leader: The mighty God summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

People: **Our God comes and will not be silent.
God calls, and we respond to His love.**

Leader: The heavens declare God's righteousness.

People: **We tell out God's glories!**

Leader: Offer up to God your thanksgiving.

People: **And our God will hear us, save us,
and stay with us forever.**

—based on Psalm 50:1-3,6

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 104

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

O Lord, How Shall I Greet You?

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT

(8:30) The Brewer Family

(11:00) The Missita Family

HYMN 88

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.**

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

CALL TO CONFESSION

(8:30) Sandra Randleman

(11:00) Josh Rodriguez

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, always with us, always coming:
We confess that we do not know how
to prepare for Your Advent.
We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;
we have ignored the promise of Your kingdom;
we get distracted by all the busyness of this season.
Forgive us, God.**

**Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,
the intelligent courage of the Magi,
and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,
that we may journey with them to Bethlehem
and find the good news of a child born for us.
Now, in the quiet of our hearts,
we ask to make us ready for His coming.
(A moment for silent confession.)**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (traditional)

Hymnal, page 35

Children are invited to come to the front.

ANTHEM (8:30)

Michael Bedford

Prepare a Way for the Lord!

Prepare a way for the Lord!
Get ready, He's coming soon!
We light the Advent candles, we light them one by one;
we light the Advent candles, for God's own Son!
We light the Advent candles and then we join to say,
"Make room in your hearts for Jesus who comes on Christmas Day!"
Prepare a way for the Lord!
Get ready! He's coming soon!

BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Ann & Matt Garvey are presenting their daughter, Katheryn Reese Garvey, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Kevin Garvey

†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

Olivia Shirley

**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 LESSON

Isaiah 11:1–10, page 640

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF PREPARATION

GETTY/TOWNEND

My Soul Will Magnify the Lord

My soul will magnify the Lord;
I rejoice in God my Savior, in the wonder of His favor.
For He has done great things for me;
He was mindful of His servant.
Every age shall call me blessed.
The Hope of Abraham come in the giving of a Son;
for He who promised is mighty in remembering His mercy.
My soul will magnify the Lord
for His grace to those who fear Him through ev'ry generation.
The proud He scatters to the wind
as the ruler's strength is broken,
and the rich are left with nothing.
The humble lifted high, and the hungry satisfied;
Our Portion and our Treasure,
our Hope and Help forever.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 1:46–56, page 57

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Ryan Moore

A World Upside Down

OFFERTORY

Words: Robert Herrick
(1591–1674)

Music: Michael Fink

What Sweeter Music

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol for to sing
the birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!
Heart, ear, and eye, and everything.
Awake! the while the active finger
runs division with the singer.
What sweeter music can we bring?

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(debts) Hymnal, page 35

HYMN 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

HYMN 144 *In the Bleak Midwinter* CRANHAM

**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan;
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.**

HYMN 134 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Marcel Dupré

Magnificat VI: Gloria (Finale)

* 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

Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families

Sandra Randleman,

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministries

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Acolyte

Alex Kirkpatrick, Cross Bearer

Maddie Fry, Bible Bearer

Candle Lighting:

(8:30) The Brewer Family: Bob, Monica, and Madeline

(11:00) The Missita Family: Sheena, William, Gavyn, Grayson, and
Selah Missita

Will Blair, Baptism Buddy

Betsy Blair, Worship Helper

Olivia Shirley, Youth Liturgist

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Peter Rogahn, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Hosanna and Doxology Children's Choirs,

Kelly Posey and Brianna Meler, Directors

Daphne Garey, Soprano

Ryan Casey, Guitar

Julia Tanner, Cello

Carol McClure, Harp

"My Soul Will Magnify the Lord"

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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, Sarah Bird is preaching *Magnificat (Mary's Song)*. All are welcome!
- **THANK YOU!** — Thanks to all who have pledged to the annual stewardship/generosity campaign! Every pledge enables First Presbyterian to continue its ministry in our community and around the world. If you have not yet pledged, you may either fill out a pledge card, go online, or call the finance office. Your participation in this campaign is vital for our congregation to expand its ministry.
- **DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT** — Deepen your Advent experience this season with insights from “Let the Heavens Be Glad” devotional booklet. We, with all of heaven, are gladdened by the Good News of the coming Christ Child to save us. And we are blessed to be able to share that joy with those around us this Advent season. Excerpts of Henri Nouwen’s writings, as well as Scripture passages and original reflections and prayers, will inspire and encourage you to live a life of rejoicing in the precious gift of the Savior. Copies of this booklet are available in the literature areas of the church. Pick one up today!
- **ANNUAL ADVENT BREAKFASTS** — December 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 remaining annual Advent Breakfasts will be held on Wednesday mornings, December 11 and 18, at 7:00 A.M. in Courtenay

Hall, featuring speakers Josh Rodriguez and Ryan Moore. Feel free to attend just one breakfast or both...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).

■ **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **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 rehearse this afternoon 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

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

- Rebecca & Alec Sheaff, on the birth of their daughter, May Beverly Sheaff, born on November 16.
- Margot & Philip Dickman, on the birth of their son, Patrick Joseph Dickman, born on November 25. Proud Grandparents are Kathy & Marbut Gaston.

■ **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: KORE FOUNDATION** — KORE works to break the cycle of extreme poverty through feeding the hungry, supporting local farmers to start their own poultry business, and providing medical and maternal health care, orphan care, clean water, and community discipleship. For more information, go to www.korefoundation.org, or contact Missions at missions@fpcnashville.org.

■ **SERVE WHILE YOU SLEEP!** — FPC's Room In The Inn needs overnight hosts for January 1 and 8 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 the FPC Room In The Inn guests and the Downtown Presbyterian Church clothing closet. Items needed most are new socks and boxer shorts, other clean gently used clothing, coats, gloves, scarves, belts, etc. There will be a donation box in the Welcome Center hall.

■ **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** — Today, 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

■ **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.

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

■ **COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL** — December 15—January 19 (no Sunday School, December 22).

■ **COLLEGE CHRISTMAS PARTY** — December 19, 4:30–6:30 P.M. at Mary Lauren & Lawson Allen's home. Light snacks will be provided! Carpooling is encouraged.

■ **ME MORNINGS** — ME Mornings will resume meeting on January 9, 2020.

■ **UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY** — December 16, 6:30 P.M. at Brandon & Savannah Van Pernis's home. RSVP Josh at 765-618-2261 with a chili topping, side dish, or dessert (chili dinner provided).

■ **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** — Today at 9:40 A.M. in the Enrichment Center. RSVP required.

■ **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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