



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

November 7, 2021



MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPE WITH LIGHTNING
Francisque Millet

For Christ, for His kingdom, and for the common good. Since 1814.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

He who has learned to look to God in everything he does is at the same time diverted from all vain thoughts.

—John Calvin, *Institutes III.7*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

The God of Abraham Praise
Gerald Near

WELCOME

†INTROIT

Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord
WOODLANDS

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord: unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Stuart Gordon (8:30)
Rev. Joshua Rodriguez (11:00)

Pastor: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

All: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Pastor: Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

All: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Rejoice, lift up your heart, and sing praises to Almighty God, for he alone is worthy!

*†OPENING HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!
DARWALL'S 148TH

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Campbell Grace Ward (8:30)
Charlie Bryan (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Hebrews 12:3–6

³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Sandra Randlman (8:30)

Rev. Adam DeVries (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 581

Glory Be to the Father
GLORIA PATRI

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, please mark your presence by signing the friendship pad and greet those seated near you as you pass it along.

‡BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

MILESTONE CELEBRATION (11:00)

Deb O'Brien

Children who are age 4, 5, or 6 (not in 1st grade) are invited to join Young Children & Worship.

HYMN OF PREPARATION 833

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
ST. MARGARET

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Isaiah 43:1-7

¹ But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵ Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶ I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Homeward Bound

Dr. Ryan Moore

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. —Isaiah 43:1

OFFERTORY

The Heavens Are Telling (from *The Creation*)

Joseph Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God, with wonders of his work resounds the firmament. Revealed are his ways by day unto day, by night that is gone, to following night. In every land is known the Word, every ear will hearken, never tongue be dumb.

As you reflect on the Lord's goodness, you can make an offering by dropping your gift in the offering plate, texting "GIVE" to 707-475-3005, or donating online at fpcnashville.org.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

A Blessing

James Chepponis

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you, may God hold you, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"

Craig Phillips

** Those who are able, please stand.*

† Latecomers may be seated.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*

Adam DeVries, MDiv – *Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families*

Stuart Gordon, DMin – *Executive Pastor*

Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Missions*

Joshua Rodriguez, MDiv – *Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministry*

Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*

Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*

Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Gilliland by his wife Beth and daughter Allison.

MUSIC NOTES

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COVER IMAGE

Francisque Millet, *Mountain Landscape with Lightning*, ca. 1675, oil on canvas, National Gallery, London.

NURSERY CARE AND YOUNG CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Young Children & Worship will meet in the Children's Ministry Wing. Parents will pick up their child after worship at the door to Grundy Hall.

Nursery care for children 6 months to 3 years old is available for the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services, and during the education hour. Reservations are required weekly and can be made at fpcnashville.org. Pickup for nursery care is located in the interior parking lot by the Gathering Place.



Milestone Celebrations — Just as ancient roadways used stones to mark the miles traveled, our church partners with parents to nurture children on their faith journey by marking spiritual milestones between birth and age 12, celebrating the deepening faith in God that forms along the way. Our Milestone Ministry recognizes a faith milestone as a marker along life's journey that says, "This is something important, and God is here too." It becomes a faith-formation practice for both home and congregation that helps all generations recognize God's presence in everyday life.

Today during the 11:00 worship service, our young children will receive the milestone gift for their age group. Our 5-year-olds celebrate reaching out together, our 4-year-olds celebrate worshipping together, and our 3-year-olds celebrate learning together. An afternoon event will provide space for families to gather for fellowship and guidance as they seek to raise their children to be faithful followers of Jesus.

Presentation by Haitian Pastor Leon Dorleans | Today | 9:45 a.m. | Session Room — Leon Dorleans will share compelling good news about how God is at work in Haiti—the poorest country in the western hemisphere—even in the midst of natural disasters, violence, and corruption. Pastor Leon is the founder of Haiti Outreach Ministries, a ministry partner of the Outreach Foundation, which FPC generously supports. He will give a presentation on his work during the Family Fellowship Class. All are welcome to attend.

Youth Prayer Partner Breakfast Today | 9:45 a.m. | Outside Administrative Wing — The annual Youth Prayer Partner Breakfast will take place in the horseshoe parking lot outside the church administrative wing today during the education hour (rain location is the Sanctuary). All youth are invited to attend, regardless of the availability of their prayer partner.

Generosity Celebration & Breakfast | November 21 | 9:30 a.m. | Courtenay Hall — On Sunday morning, November 21, enjoy a delicious breakfast between worship services in Courtenay Hall and hear the latest on the Generosity/Stewardship campaign, including initiatives that the 2022 budget will support.

Thanksgiving Eve Service | November 24 | 5:30 p.m. | Chapel — Before celebrating Thanksgiving this year, please join us in the Chapel on Thanksgiving Eve, November 24, at 5:30 p.m. to worship God and give thanks as a congregation for his bounteous goodness and providential care.

Christmas Ceilidh and Tree Lighting | December 5 | 4:30 p.m. | Courtenay Hall — A ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) is a party with music and dancing, a Scottish tradition that we'll celebrate on Sunday, December 5, at 4:30 p.m. There will be food, Celtic music, and Scottish country dancing in Courtenay Hall, followed by carol singing and the lighting of the Christmas tree outside the Sanctuary.

Presbyterian Women Christmas Gathering | December 14 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary — The Presbyterian Women Christmas Gathering will be held in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14, with a boxed lunch to follow in Courtenay Hall. Three women representing different generations at FPC will share short reflections on the theme "Finding Christ at Christmas." Music will be provided by pastors Ryan Moore, Sarah Bird Kneff, and Stuart Gordon, as well as Daphne Garey and Peter Rogahn. As part of the event, we will be collecting supplies for the ministries that PW supports. The cost for the event is \$15; register online.

Stephen Ministry Training — A training class for serving as a Stephen Minister will be offered in February 2022. Stephen Ministers offer confidential support to persons going through a challenging time. The most important skills are a compassionate heart, a listening ear, and a willingness to pray with and for the person receiving care. If you are interested in serving as a Stephen Minister, please contact Sandra Randleman at srandleman@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9502.

MISSIONS

Room In the Inn | Wednesday Nights | Tyne House — Every year from November through March, First Presbyterian Church houses homeless men through Room in the Inn. There are a number of volunteer opportunities available this year: overnight hosts, van drivers, breakfast donors, lunch donors, and laundry volunteers. All RITI guests have received their COVID vaccine. Sign up to volunteer at linktr.ee/fpcnashville or contact missions@fpcnashville.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive | November 14 | 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | Gym — The next Red Cross blood drive will be next Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Gym (in the OHS wing). First Presbyterian Church is known to the Red Cross as a generous and reliable source of blood donations. With your support on November 14, we can continue to aid in their life-giving work, which is especially vital during the pandemic. To sign up, visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville.

Rise Against Hunger | November 22 | 3:30–5:30 p.m. | Enrichment Center — FPC has packed over 100,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger in the past, and the week before Thanksgiving is the perfect time to volunteer. There are jobs for all ages, and families and groups of friends can work together.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Cast Needed for New Christmas Pageant — This year's family Christmas Eve service, held at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary on December 24, will feature a new pageant. Informally named *Journey to Bethlehem*, the pageant is open to all children who wish to participate. There are openings for singing and speaking roles, as well as costume parts. Rehearsals (which include pizza) will be each Sunday at 12:15 p.m., November 14 through December 19. To register your child, visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville; sign-up deadline is November 11.

WELCOME

First Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. Since 1814 First Presbyterian has sought to be faithful in service to Jesus Christ and the common good. We are rooted in the Reformed, orthodox, and evangelical traditions of the larger church. If you do not have a church home, we would love to welcome you!

Join us downstairs in Courtenay Lounge between services for coffee and doughnuts.

Hearing Assistance App Directions: Join WiFi network. You must be connected to this network for the app to work. Network Name: FPC Guest; Password: GreenRock-81. Download the WaveCAST app. Open the app and select "First Pres Sanctuary." Plug in your headphones and adjust the volume to your preference.

The **Mother and Infant Quiet Room** is located in the Nursery Wing.

INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE CONNECTED?

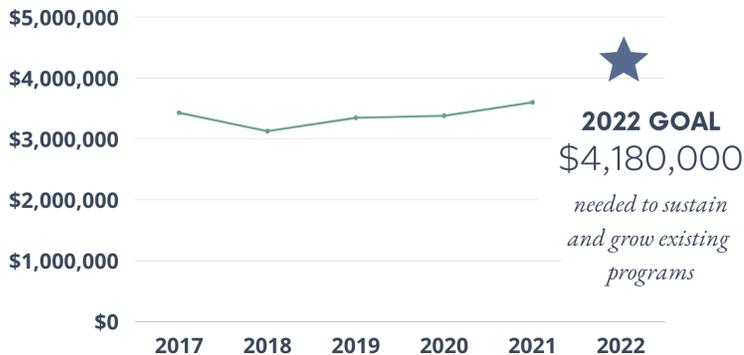
We are delighted you have chosen to join us in worship. Whether you are a guest or a longtime member, fill out the Connect Card to get more involved, update your contact information, or sign up for church communications. Drop your completed Connect Card in the offering plate.

Stewardship & Generosity

FIVE-YEAR PLEDGE CAMPAIGN HISTORY

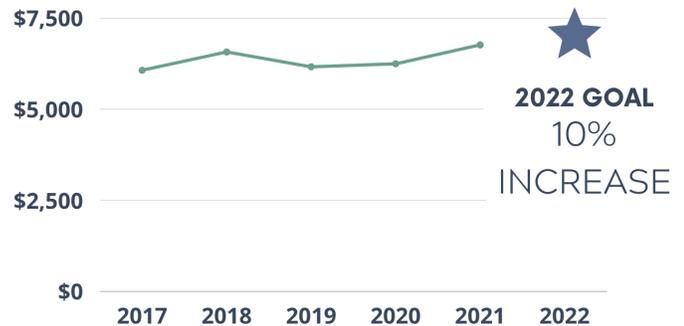
TOTAL PLEDGES

The church operating budget, also known as the General Fund, is determined by pledges. This chart shows the total amount pledged for the past five fiscal years.



AVERAGE PLEDGE

The chart below shows the average pledge amount over the past five years. Our goal for 2022 is a 10% increase.



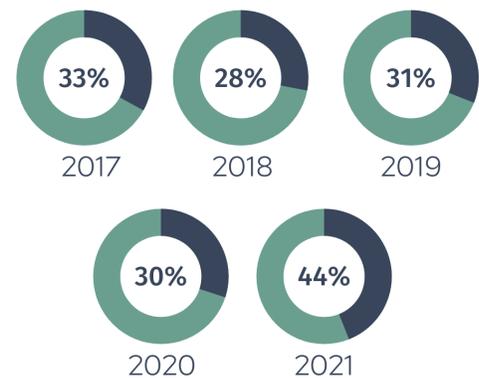
PLEDGE UNITS

Pledge units are the number of households that have made a pledge. Our goal for 2022 is to increase the number of household pledges from 532 to 600.



PLEDGE PARTICIPATION

The rings below show the percentage of the congregation who submit a pledge.



2022 CAMPAIGN REPORT

220 PLEDGES

Our goal for 2022 is to increase the number of household pledges from 532 to 600.



\$1,956,365 PLEDGED

The goal for 2022 is a 10% increase from 2021 for a total amount of \$4,180,000.



47%

GOAL
\$4,180,000