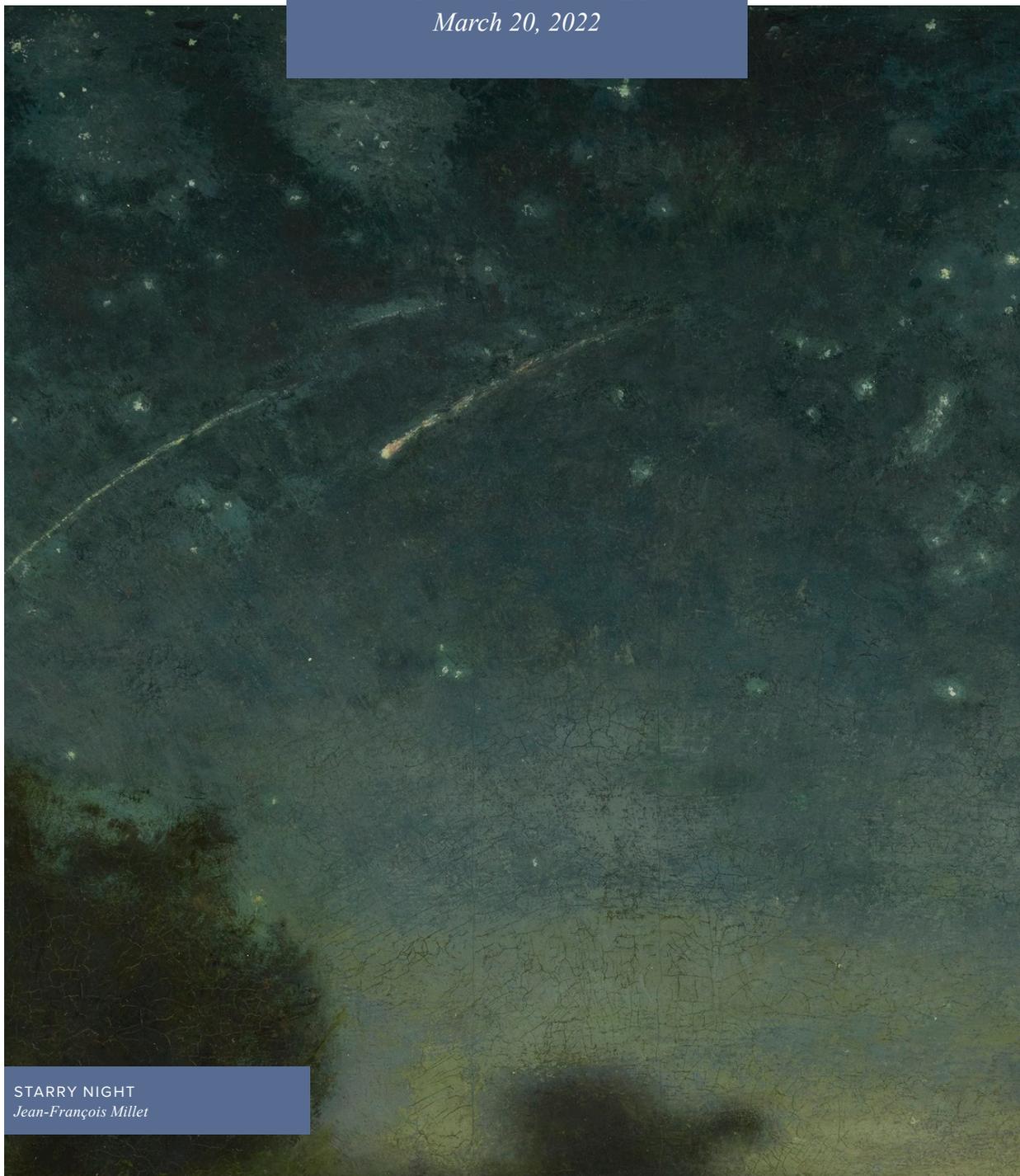




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
*March 20, 2022*



STARRY NIGHT  
*Jean-François Millet*

## WORDS OF PREPARATION

*The truth of God's almightiness in creation, providence, and grace is the basis of all our trust, peace, and joy in God, and the safeguard of all our hopes and answered prayer, present protection, and final salvation.*

—J.I. Packer

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

*God the Father, Be Our Stay*  
Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

INTROIT | Psalm 42

*My Soul is Thirsting for the Lord*

*My soul is thirsting for the Lord: when shall I see God face to face? As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food both day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"*

CALL TO WORSHIP | based on Psalm 86:8–10

Dr. Sandra Randleman (8:30)  
Dr. Stuart Gordon (11:00)

Pastor: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

**All: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**All: Who made heaven and earth.**

\*†OPENING HYMN 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
ST. DENIO

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

John Eason (8:30)  
Damon and Milly Hininger (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Colossians 1:15–20 (pg. 983)

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff (8:30)  
Rev. Joshua Rodriguez (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*A moment for silent confession.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

*The Power of the Cross*  
Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day. Christ on the road to  
 Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your suf - f'ring

4  
 Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then  
 7 I am \_\_\_ free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live

10  
 nailed to a cross of \_\_\_ wood. This the pow'r of the  
 won through Your self - less \_\_\_ love! This the pow'r of the

13  
 cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the  
 cross Son of God slain for us. What a

blame, bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en at \_\_\_ the cross.  
 love, what a cost. We stand for - giv - en at \_\_\_ the cross.

\*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.

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*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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

(8:30) Mary Julia and Will Hannon are presenting their son, Lee William Hannon, for baptism.  
Assisting Elder: Becky Campbell.

(11:00) Katy and Reid Hill are presenting their son, Andrew Edwin Hill, for baptism.  
Assisting Elder: Joel Locke.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

*During the 8:30 and 11:00 services, children who are age 4, 5, or 6  
(not in 1st grade) are invited to join Young Children & Worship.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION 803

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
RESIGNATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Isaiah 40:21–31 (pg. 600)

<sup>21</sup> Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; <sup>23</sup> who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

<sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**Our Great God**

Dr. Ryan Moore

*The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. —Isaiah 40:28*

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OFFERTORY | Psalm 19:1-2

*The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God (From Creation)*  
Franz 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.

COMMISSIONING OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TEAM (8:30)

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.**

\*CLOSING HYMN 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*  
AMAZING GRACE

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 in the palm of his hand.

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*We All Believe in One True God*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

\* *Those who are able, please stand.*

† *Latecomers may be seated.*

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## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*

Stuart Gordon, DMin – *Executive Pastor*

Sarah Bird Kneff, MDiv – *Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Engagement*

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*

Daphne Garey, *Soprano*; Claire Paschal, *Soprano*; Greg Thomas, *Tenor*; Chris Simonsen, *Baritone*

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sue and Duncan M. Fort, Jr. by their family.

## MUSIC NOTES

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## COVER IMAGE

Jean-François Millet, *Starry Night*, detail, 1850–65, oil on canvas, unframed: 65.4 × 81.3 cm, Yale University Art Gallery.  
<https://artgallery.yale.edu/collections/objects/52945>.

## 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 Hall 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.

**Young Children & Worship** meets in room CW-110 in the Children’s Ministry Wing. Parents pick up at the door of CW-110 after worship. **Nursery care** for children 6 months to 3 years old is available from 8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Check-in and pickup for nursery care are both located at the nursery entrance near Courtenay Lounge. The **Mother and Infant Quiet Room** is located in the Nursery Wing.

To **livestream** worship and special events or view past services, visit [youtube.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofnashville](https://www.youtube.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofnashville).

## INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE CONNECTED?

For most of us, the past few years have been filled with uncertainty. As a church family, we have seen with new clarity how essential it is for us to gather for worship, fellowship, and study. If you are new to our community, we would love to get to know you and welcome you personally into the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a guest or a longtime member, fill out a 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 so we can follow up!



**Event Hosts Needed for Easter Festival** — Our Children's Ministry is planning a fun Easter Festival on April 10 with activities, dinner, and family-friendly worship. We hope this to be one of our biggest outreach events of the year, welcoming families from our Recreation program, Oak Hill School, the Early Preschool, and the community. Church members of all ages are encouraged to share their gifts and help host this family-friendly event. Volunteer opportunities range from hiding eggs, leading activity stations, making popcorn, and much more. Sign up at [linktr.ree/fpcnashville](http://linktr.ree/fpcnashville) or contact Mallory Hammond ([mhammond@fpcnashville.org](mailto:mhammond@fpcnashville.org)) to find a volunteer task that is a good fit. Activities begin at 3:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:00 p.m., and finish with Worship on the Porch at 5:30 p.m., the first outdoor service of the season.

**Officer Nominations** — The Officer Nominating Committee is soliciting recommendations from the members of First Presbyterian Church for persons to be considered to serve in the offices of Elder and Deacon for the Class of 2025. Please prayerfully consider submitting a recommendation for this important and vital service for your church. The deadline for recommending nominees is May 1, 2022. To submit a nomination, find an online form at [linktr.ree/fpcnashville](http://linktr.ree/fpcnashville) or a printed form on the tables in the Narthex or Hospitality Center.

**12:20 Concert | Today | 12:20 p.m. | Sanctuary** — Pianist Xiang Chen (Leo) Qi will perform pieces by Beethoven and Chopin. Originally from Beijing, China, Leo won first prize in the 2021 Beijing-Tianjun Regional Chopin Competition and has also been awarded with a silver medal in the Liszt Ferenc International Piano Competition. Leo attends The Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tennessee where he studies with FPC choir member, Janet Gustafson Linton.

**First Friends Luncheons Return | Thursday, March 24 | 12:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall** — After a long hiatus, First Friends monthly luncheons return in March. The theme will be "Reconnecting with Staff Heroes." Dr. Stuart Gordon will give a presentation on FPC's current staff, with the aim of reacquainting the First Friends community with them. A St. Patrick's Day-inspired lunch (\$6) will be served. Register online at [fpcnashville.org](http://fpcnashville.org) or contact Sabrina Vlahos at 615-298-9509.

**Kneff Vow Renewal** — You are invited to join in the celebration of Michael and Sarah Kneff's vow renewal on Saturday, April 2, at 4:00 p.m. The ceremony will be held in the Sanctuary with an opportunity to greet the couple in Courtenay Hall following the service. All are welcome!

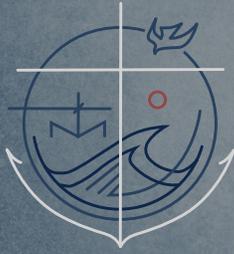
**Easter Floral Dedications** — A Flower Fund has been established for the floral arrangements that beautify our sanctuary. During the Lenten season, those who make a contribution to the Flower Fund may do so in memory or in honor of loved ones. The names of those being memorialized or honored will be printed in the Easter morning bulletin. To make a dedication and contribution pick up a form from the narthex or Hospitality Center, or submit your information on the church "Sanctuary Flowers" webpage. Dedications for the Easter Sunday bulletin must be submitted by April 8.

**Organ Maintenance this Winter** — Scaffolding has been erected and some pews have temporarily been moved as the Beckerath pipe organ is undergoing refurbishment. Every few decades, organs need routine repairs and refurbishment, and ours is currently in process. During the week, two Beckerath technicians from Hamburg, Germany, are disassembling the instrument to inspect and clean every component, with aging parts being repaired or replaced. Their work will not interrupt our worship services, as sections of the organ will be kept working on weekends. The funds for this renovation are from an endowment established by Henry Fusner, FPC's Organist and Choirmaster from 1970 to 1989.

**Employment Opportunities** — First Presbyterian Church is accepting applications for the following open positions: Youth Director, Human Resources Coordinator, Graphic Designer/Creative Coordinator, Communications Manager, Nursery Attendants, and Early Preschool Educators/Support Educators (school-year schedule). Read more about these positions and learn how to apply by visiting [fpcnashville.org/work-us/](http://fpcnashville.org/work-us/).

## MISSIONS

**Instruments of Joy Drive** — Share the joy of music by donating new or gently-used instruments to benefit local mission organization, Instruments of Joy. Donations are delivered by mission teams to music programs around the world. Handheld instruments like horns, winds, strings, tambourines, harmonicas, guitars, and small electronic keyboards are accepted. On weekdays, donations may be left in the hospitality center; on Sundays they can be dropped off in the narthex. Contact [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@fpcnashville.org) for more information.



# HOLD FAST

## LENT & EASTER 2022

### W O R S H I P

**Lenten Vespers | Sundays through April 3 | 5:30 p.m. | Stanford Chapel** — Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff and Rev. Josh Rodriguez will lead an informal evening worship service, rooted in the Reformed tradition with music led by Raquel Warchol. Each week, the service will conclude with a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**Sunday Morning Worship | 8:30 (livestreamed) and 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary** — On Sunday mornings, we will explore the Apostles' Creed through worship and teaching, reminding ourselves each week of what it means to hold fast to our confession of hope.

**Palm Sunday | April 10**

8:30\* & 11:00 a.m.\* | Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. | Worship on the Porch following Easter Festival

**Maundy Thursday | April 14**

6:30 p.m.\* | Sanctuary

**Good Friday | April 15**

12:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday | April 17**

6:30 a.m. | Sunrise Service | Columbarium

*Easter breakfast served after sunrise service in Courtenay Hall*

8:00\*, 9:30\*(livestreamed), and 11:00 a.m.\* | Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. | Worship on the Porch

*\*Nursery care for ages 6 months–3 years for nursery care is provided. Reservations are no longer required. The nursery is open from 8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.*

### S P E C I A L O P P O R T U N I T I E S

**Easter Festival | Sunday, April 10 | 3:30 p.m. | Front Lawn** — All ages are invited to the Easter Festival. Join in on an Easter egg hunt, family games, a cakewalk, and family Worship on the Porch, the first outdoor service of the season. Activities begin at 3:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:00 p.m., and worship at 5:30 p.m.

**Logos Sunday School Class | Sundays | 9:45 a.m. | Stanford Chapel** — The confessions of Reformed churches typically offer instruction on three fundamentals of the faith: the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Apostles' Creed. In Lent, we will consider what wisdom we may gain from our ancestors' reflections on the Creed. The Heidelberg Catechism says that true faith is a knowledge of what God has revealed in Scripture, plus a wholehearted trust in God's free grace. Faith includes head and heart; we will exercise both in this season.

**Thursday Night Study Group | Thursdays | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom** — Dr. Stuart Gordon convenes this discussion group each week. Beginning March 10, the group will gather via Zoom to study the Apostles' Creed. To join the group, contact Stuart at [sgordon@fpcnashville.org](mailto:sgordon@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9554.

**Midweek Study with Ryan Moore | Wednesdays | 11:30 a.m. | Jones Session Room** — All ages are welcome to join Pastor Ryan Moore for a weekly presentation on our Lenten focus on the Apostles' Creed, with time for questions and discussion. Kim Rogers will serve a light lunch each week, payment for which is donation-based.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

HEBREWS 10:23–25