



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
*May 22, 2022*



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

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## WORDS OF PREPARATION

*When the Church tries to embody the rule of God in the forms of earthly power it may achieve that power, but it is no longer a sign of the kingdom.*

—Lesslie Newbigin

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

*The Peace May Be Exchanged*  
Dan Locklair

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Louisa Ekiss (11:00)

Pastor: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

**All: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: O praise the Lord with me,

**All: Let us exalt God's name together.**

\*†OPENING HYMN 263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*  
CORONATION

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Donna Dalton (8:30)  
Ada Shapiro & Eleanor Yarbrough (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 93 (page 498)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. <sup>2</sup> Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. <sup>3</sup> The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. <sup>4</sup> Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty! <sup>5</sup> Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Sandra Randleman (8:30)  
Rev. Adam DeVries (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

*A moment for silent confession.*

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

*Jesus! What a Friend of Sinners!*  
HYFRYDOL

**Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.**

*Refrain:*

***Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.***

**Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;  
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain***

*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.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Campbell Grace Ward (11:00)

**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.**

‡BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

*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.*

PRESENTATION OF THE 2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS

HYMN OF PREPARATION 803

*My Shepherd Willl Supply My Need*  
RESIGNATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Colossians 1:24-29 (page 983)

<sup>24</sup> Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup> of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

**Union with Christ**

Dr. Ryan Moore

*Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom,  
that we may present everyone mature in Christ. —Colossians 1:28*

OFFERTORY

*Rise Heart*  
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen sing his praise, without delays, who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise: That, as his death calcined thee to dust, his life may make thee gold, and much more, just. Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art. The cross taught all wood to resound his name who bore the same, his stretched sinews taught all strings, what key is best to celebrate this most high day. Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long: or since all music is but three parts vied, and multiplied; O let thy blessed spirit bear a part, and make up our defects with his sweet art.

*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](http://fpcnashville.org).*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*All bread is gluten free and the cup is juice.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*O Sacred Feast*  
Healey Willan

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia. Alleluya, Alleluya.

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 353

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*  
SOLID ROCK

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\*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

*"The People Respond – Amen!" from Rubrics*  
Dan Locklair

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

† *Latecomers may be seated.*

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CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2022

William Walter Burton IV  
Annie Hughes Cochran  
John Houston Corn  
Olivia Ann Cox  
Louisa Ellen Ekiss  
Heidi St. Clair Franklin  
Anna Baria Hall  
Cecelia Anne Hardin  
Sara Maria Huddleston

Kaiser Elizabeth Martin  
Mary Austin McMullen  
Elise Katelyn Meredith  
Anna Kessler Moran  
James Lockwood Ross  
Robert Edward Sabis  
Carter Ellen Schwarz  
Ada Corinne Shapiro  
Martha Attis Stanley

Laura Britton Thompson  
Sarah Elizabeth Turcotte  
Caroline Stuart Vrettos  
Campbell Grace Ward  
Catherine Barbara Welch  
Eleanor Hobbs Yarbrough  
Patrick Blayne Young

CONFIRMATION CLASS LEADERSHIP

*Confirmation Team Leader:* Austin McMullen

*Small Group Leaders:* Whitney & Wally Conyers, Gretchen Ekiss, Chris Holstein, Garry Latimer, Kelly McMullen, Lauren Ross, Erika Shapiro, Wesley and Lamar Stanley

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*

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

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*

Chris Simonsen – *Baritone*

Alison Hoffman, *Violin*, Craig Nelson, *String Bass*

Parish DeVries, Mary Austin McMullen – *Handbells*

*Acolytes:* Liam Burton, Annie Cochran, Patrick Young

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in honor of Liam Burton and the 2022 Confirmation Class by Walt and Melissa Burton.

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## MUSIC NOTES

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## COVER IMAGE

Anonymous, *Christ depicted resting after creation of the world*, 12th century mosaic, Monreale Cathedral, Sicily.

## GIVING

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**Celebrating the Lord's Supper** — Communion at FPC is offered to all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior, and will be served today by intinction. When your row is called, come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and receive both elements together. The bread served is gluten-free. Individual Communion kits are also available. The kits contain both elements, each under its own layer of plastic; please take care to peel back one layer at a time.

**Ascension Day Worship Service | Thursday, May 26 | 12:00 p.m. | Sullivan Gardens** — Ascension Day commemorates the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven after his resurrection on Easter. Join us for worship as we remember and celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ into heaven. Worship will be accompanied by a brass quartet. We will enjoy light refreshments following the service.

**Ukraine Disaster Relief Funds Update** — Ukrainian relief efforts began in March and will certainly continue over a long period of time. To date, FPC has released \$22,000 in funds from Disaster Response, National & World Missions, and Missions Council budget line items. Funding discussions for this relief effort will be ongoing. Coincidentally, FPC member donations designated for Ukraine have also totaled \$22,000 to date – an amazing show of generosity! These funds are being used to support two relief efforts:

- The Outreach Foundation, a Presbyterian partner organization, will receive \$39,000 toward relief efforts being provided in several surrounding countries of Ukraine. Most of the relief work is done by Outreach partner churches in each country. In his presentation at FPC on April 24, Executive Director Mark Mueller said that The Outreach Foundation has already distributed \$450,000 to partner churches in eastern Europe.
- The remaining \$5,000 will go to the Ukrainian Relief Fund. This is a small non-profit that is managed by one of our local mission partners who has lived, worked, and has family living in Ukraine. Chris Lovingood, Executive Director of Nations Ministry, provides, through the Ukrainian Relief Fund 501c3, financial support for those still in Ukraine to receive much-needed food, shelter, and medical care.

Thank you for all that you do to support these and other mission initiatives locally, nationally, and abroad.

**Karen Fitts Retirement Celebration | Today | 12:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall** — After 16 years of serving FPC families with young children, Karen Fitts will retire at the end of May. A lifelong member of FPC and a staff member since 2006, she has shared her warmth and compassion with countless children and their families. The entire congregation is invited to join us following worship as we honor Karen Fitts for her faithful service as Nursery Coordinator. Light refreshments will be served.

**Death and Funeral Notices** — FPC's Congregational Care emails keep subscribers informed about the deaths of church members and friends. To sign up for this mailing list, please contact [svlahos@fpcnashville.org](mailto:svlahos@fpcnashville.org). To find a listing of recent deaths, information about funerals, or prayer concerns, visit [fpcnashville.org/congregational-care-connections](http://fpcnashville.org/congregational-care-connections).

**"Burnt Offerings" Grill Team** — At recent church events, you may have noticed that FPC has a grill team, known by the moniker "Burnt Offerings." This team of volunteers has used the 84-inch smoker and grill to serve food to victims of the Nashville tornado and the Waverly flood, and on-site for our local mission partners. The beloved grill team needs volunteers to continue this mission. Volunteers can serve with smoking, grilling, or serving food. Coordination skills are welcomed as well. If you're interested in joining this fun crew, contact [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@fpcnashville.org) or call 615-298-0507 to be notified of different volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

**Home Maintenance Help** — The Congregational Care Committee has an outreach available for members of our church family who may need assistance with minor home maintenance needs. This home maintenance team is available for senior adults, single parents, those with health limitations, or any situation that limits someone's ability to take care of their home. While they are not able to pave a driveway or install a new roof, this crew of helpers can assist with small household tasks like replacing light bulbs, fixing dripping faucets, lubricating hinges/locks, loosening stuck windows, replacing toilet flapper valves, replacing air filters and smoke alarm batteries, installing a fire extinguisher, or unclogging a stuck drain. Send requests for home maintenance assistance to Dr. Sandra Randleman at [srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org). If you're interested in joining this team of volunteers, contact Allen Kennedy at 615-668-8447.

**Vespers | Today | 5:30 p.m. | Stanford Chapel** — For our last Vespers service, we will finish our study of the life of David, exploring the Old Testament's rich depictions of his failures and victories. Join us as we rediscover David: one of the most complex and vital characters in Scripture. Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff and Rev. Josh Rodriguez lead this family-friendly worship service.



# Kirkin' Sunday and Festival

Sunday, May 29

Dr. Paul Lim will be the guest preacher on Sunday morning as we celebrate Kirkin' o' Th' Tartan with a spectacular procession of bagpipes, drums, and traditional Scottish Highland dress. Join the entire church family at 9:30 a.m. for the Kirkin' Festival where we will enjoy food, play Highland Games, and enjoy a bluegrass band in front of the Sanctuary.

## 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.

**Children of all ages** are invited to worship alongside their families and **worship activity bags** are provided at each entrance to the Sanctuary. **Young Children & Worship** meets in room CW-110 in the Children's Ministry Wing for ages 4–6. Parents pick up at the door of Grundy after 8:30 a.m. worship or children can stay for Education Hour. After the 11:00 a.m. service parents pick up at the door of CW-110 after worship. **Nursery care** for children ages 0–3 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://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 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 so we can follow up!

## CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT

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