

WORDS OF PREPARATION

The message of the resurrection is that this world matters! That the injustices and pains of this present world must not be addressed with the news that healing, justice, and love have won...If Easter means Jesus Christ is only raised in a spiritual sense—then it is only about me, and finding a new dimension in my personal spiritual life. But if Jesus Christ is truly risen from the dead, Christianity becomes good news for the whole world—news which warms our hearts precisely because it isn't just about warming hearts.

—N.T. Wright

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Choral Partita on Praise to the Lord
Joseph Ahrens

WELCOME

INTROIT

Tell Out My Soul the Greatness of the Lord (8:30)
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.

FPC Children's Choir (11:00)
I Will Give My Heart to the Lord | Mark Patterson

I will give my heart to the Lord. Every day I'll learn to love him. I will give my heart to the Lord. I will give my song to the Lord. Every day I'll learn to praise him. I will give my song to the Lord. I will give my life to the Lord. Every day I'll learn to serve him. I will give my life to the Lord. I will give him my heart, I will give him my song, I will give my life to the Lord.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Joshua Rodriguez (8:30)
Rev. Adam DeVries (11:00)

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

Pastor: God of grace, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, even as we gather before your face, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All: By the power of your Spirit, help us to lift up our hearts in praise, to receive your lavish gifts stored up for us in Christ, and to live as your faithful children and witnesses, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*†OPENING HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
MIT FREUDEN ZART

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Scott Dalton (8:30)
Katherine Cahill (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Deuteronomy 30:1–3 (page 145)

¹ “And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, ² and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your

heart and with all your soul, ³ then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Sandra Randleman (8:30)

Dr. Stuart Gordon (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 94, 95

Almighty and loving God, we confess that we put our trust in other gods. We honor these gods alongside of you and in place of you. By the Holy Spirit’s power, help us to know you, the only true God, as you have revealed yourself in your Word, to trust in you alone, to look to you for every good thing, humbly and patiently, and to love, fear, and honor you with all our hearts. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!**

**Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain***

*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

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

PRESENTATION

Walter Hayden Wilson is presenting himself for baptism. Ron Pasquale, Assisting Elder.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Speak, O Lord
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes, for your glory.**

**Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Colossians 1:1–2 (page 983)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

By God's Will

Dr. Ryan Moore

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God... —Colossians 1:1a

OFFERTORY

Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion
Malcolm C. Boyle

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and receivest unto thee. He shall dwell in thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, e'en of thy holy temple. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stay'd on thee. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord, the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stay'd on thee, because he trusteth in thee, Let the people praise thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise, thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, shall give us his blessing.

*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.

*CLOSING HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you; and give you peace, the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
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Stuart Gordon, DMin – *Executive Pastor*
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Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
FPC Bell Choir
FPC Children's Choir (11:00) – Kelly Posey and Kevin Salter, *Directors*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by Frank, Hayes and Steele, in loving memory of their mother, Florence Gifford Blair.

GIVING

You can make a gift or fulfill a pledge payment by dropping your gift in the offering plate, texting "GIVE" to 707-475-3005, donating online at fpcnashville.org, or scan the QR code.



SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Elizabeth Nathan ‘Liz’ Nesbitt.

Visitation | Thursday, May 12 | 3:00 p.m. | Cheek House

Service | Thursday, May 12 | 4:00 p.m. | 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://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 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!

MUSIC NOTES

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COVER IMAGE

Anonymous, First page of the epistle to the Colossians, from the Codex Harleianus, 12 century, illuminated manuscript, Catalogue of Illuminated Manuscripts at the British Library, <http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/illuminatedmanuscripts/ILLUMIN.ASP?Size=mid&IllID=26407>.



Spring Worship on the Porch | Sundays through May 22 | 5:30 p.m. | Front Porch — On Sunday evenings this spring, Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff and Rev. Josh Rodriguez lead a family-friendly worship service outdoors in front of the Sanctuary. Rooted in the Reformed tradition, Raquel Warchol leads contemporary worship music for all ages. Bring a picnic blanket or your favorite lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in Stanford Chapel.

One-Day Inquirers Class | Saturday, May 14 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Jones Session Room — The next Inquirers Class will be offered as a morning retreat on Saturday, May 14. If you are interested in joining the class or just learning more about membership at First Presbyterian, reach out to Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff (sbird@fpcnashville.org).

12:20 Concert Featuring Dr. Peter Rogahn | Sunday, May 15 | 12:20 p.m. | Balcony — All are invited to the balcony following the 11:00 service to enjoy a recital on our newly renovated organ given by FPC organist, Dr. Peter Rogahn. Seating in the balcony will allow concert-goers to see the performance up close. Not to be missed is a virtuosic showpiece for the organ pedals! Peter will perform pieces by Bach, Ethel Smyth, Jeanne Demessieux, and Leo Sowerby.

Waverly Project Workday | Friday, May 20 | 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | Waverly, TN — The community of Waverly, TN experienced flooding in August 2021 resulting in deep damage to their homes and businesses. We will support their recovery efforts through regular relief workdays each month. Workdays will consist of varied cleanup and construction work, led by a team of construction professionals. Volunteers will meet in Waverly at 9:00 a.m. and work until 3:00 p.m. Upcoming workdays are May 20, and June 17. All skill levels are welcomed. Lunch will be provided. Sign up at linktr.ee/fpcnashville.org or contact Mike Crout at 615-298-9593 or missions@fpcnashville.org.

Karen Fitts Retirement Celebration | Sunday, May 22 | 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.

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 refreshments following the service.

Kirkin' of the Tartan Worship Service & 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.

Shop at Bookmarks, Our Church Bookstore — FPC's bookstore is open every Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and is located across from Courtenay Hall. Check out the selections they have by church member authors, as well as greeting cards, books for children and adults, and gift items. The Pastor Picks section includes books recommended by our pastoral staff. Proceeds support the mission efforts of Presbyterian Women.

Employment Opportunities — First Presbyterian Church is accepting applications for the following open positions: Nursery Coordinator, Youth Director, 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/.

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The pastoral staff is here for you. Contact us if you would appreciate a pastoral visit/call, have pastoral care needs, would like to be on a prayer list, or if you are in the hospital. Prayer requests can be confidential and limited to the pastors.



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