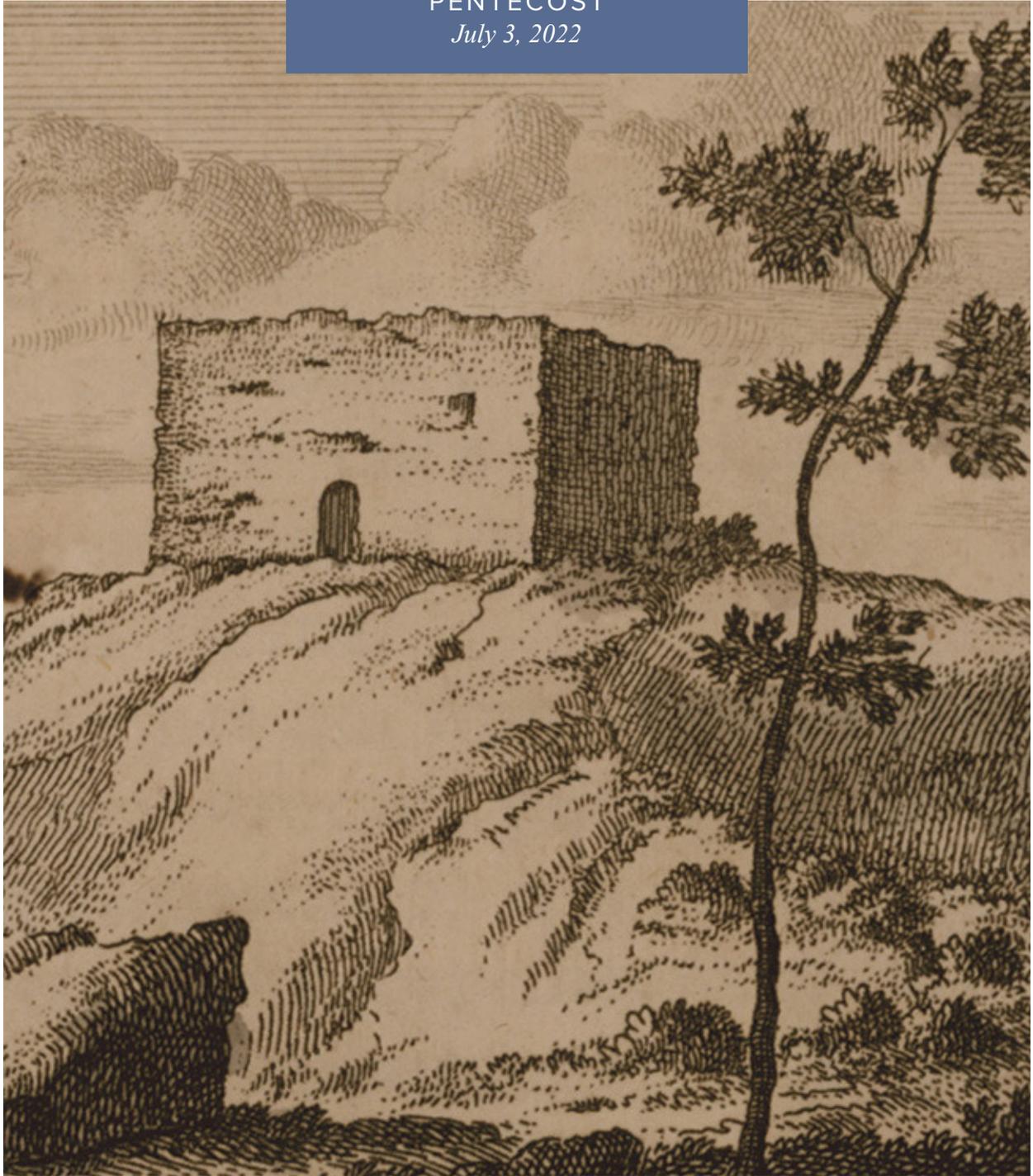




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4TH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
*July 3, 2022*



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## WORDS OF PREPARATION

*To be a Christian means gradually, Sunday after Sunday, to be subsumed into another story, a different account of where we have come from and where we are going, a story that is called “gospel.” You are properly called a “Christian” when it’s obvious that the story told in Scripture is your story, above all other stories that the world tries to impose on you, and that the God who is got you.*

—William Willimon

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

*Fanfare for the Common Man*  
Aaron Copland

## WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise the Lord.

**All: The Lord’s name be praised!**

Pastor: We give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**All: We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praises to your name, O Most High.**

\*†OPENING HYMN

*God of Our Fathers*  
NATIONAL HYMN

**God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay: thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

**From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase. Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never-ending day.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine. And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Ebralie Mwizerwa (8:30)  
Ben Dreher (11:00)

## FIRST LESSON | Psalm 16 (page 453)

<sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. <sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.” <sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. <sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. <sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. <sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. <sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being

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rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. <sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

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

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving Father, be merciful and forgive our sin. Cleanse our righteousness. Heal our hurts, and reconcile our broken relationships. Pour your Spirit upon us with renewing grace. Restore to us the joy of our salvation. Forgive our excessiveness and ingratitude. Make us a thankful people with charitable hearts, who drink from the well of your grace, that this broken world will taste the new wine of the gospel. Through Jesus, Amen.**

*A moment for silent confession.*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 581

*Glory Be to the Father*  
GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

#### \*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

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff

‡*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 802

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
ST. COLUMBA

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SCRIPTURE READING | Colossians 4:2–6 (page 985)

<sup>2</sup> Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup> At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— <sup>4</sup> that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. <sup>5</sup> Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

**Prayer and Mission**

Dr. Ryan Moore

*...pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word... —Colossians 4:3*

OFFERTORY

*Laudate Dominum (Psalm 117:1–2)*  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Laudate Dominum omnes gentes; Laudate eum, omnes populi. Quoniam confirmata est Super nos misericordia ejus, et veritas Domini manet in aeternum. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper et in saecula. Amen.*

Praise the Lord, all nations; Praise him, all people. For he has bestowed his mercy upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever. Amen.

*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 [spcnashville.org](http://spcnashville.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 353

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*  
SOLID ROCK

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*  
William Steffe | arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me: As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on. Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Amen.

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\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Final for Suite for Organ*  
Gerald Near

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

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Joshua Hickman – *Timpani*  
Claire Paschal – *Soprano*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jack Allen Oman by his family.

MUSIC NOTES

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SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Ruth Thomson Trammell.

## 9:45 EDUCATION HOUR SUMMER SCHEDULES

**Children's Sunday School** — Elementary Sunday School will continue to meet in C-Wing this summer. As many of our friends travel, we will combine grade levels. 1st-3rd graders will meet in room C-101. 4th-6th graders will meet in room C-104. PreK & Kindergarten Sunday School will meet in Grundy Hall.

**Youth Sunday School** — Our youth directors, Ben Dreher and Anna Kate Lowry, and summer youth interns, Ellie Ford and Thomas Laws, lead Sunday School for rising 7th-12th grades. Sunday School meets weekly at 9:40 a.m. in the Gathering Place. Youth start together every week for announcements, a group game, worship, and testimony before they split into classes.

**College Sunday School | Bryant Conference Room | not meeting July 3**

**Adult Sunday School** — Many classes have scheduling changes over the summer. Find locations and summer schedules for each class below. For more information on Adult Sunday School, visit [linktr.ee/fpcnashville](http://linktr.ee/fpcnashville).

**Coffee & Bible Class | Memorial Library | not meeting July 3**

**Cornerstone Class | Vance Hall | not meeting July 3**

**Current Issues Class | Room L-200 | not meeting July 3**

**Discipleship Class | Witherspoon Room | Meets during summer months**

**Family Fellowship Class | Jones Session Room | Meets during summer months**

**Good News Class | Room L-207 | Meets during summer months**

**June Ramsey Class | Cheek House Living Room | Meets during summer months**

**LOGOS Class | Stanford Chapel | Meets during summer months**

## WELCOME

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. First Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today.

**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](http://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!



**Registration Open for NaCoMe All-Church Retreat | Saturday and Sunday | August 6–7** — Join your FPC church family on NaCoMe's beautiful grounds in Pleasantville, Tennessee, just a 90-minute drive from Nashville. It's a perfect getaway for people of all ages and stages to connect with God, nature, and each other. Register to come just for Saturday or register to stay overnight. The cabins have big front porches and separated rooms inside so that each household will be in a private room with plenty of bunk beds and its own secluded bathroom. Full weekend registration is \$75 for each Adult/Youth 13+, and \$20 for children ages 3–12. Saturday-only registration is \$20 for each Adult/Youth 13+, and \$13 for children ages 3–12. If financial assistance is needed for your family to attend, please contact Sabrina Vlahos at [svlahos@fpcnashville.org](mailto:svlahos@fpcnashville.org). We hope you will join us for a memorable weekend of fellowship with your church family on NaCoMe's beautiful campus! Register at [linktr.ee/fpcnashville](http://linktr.ee/fpcnashville).

**Pool Fellowship & Open Swim | Sundays | 2:30–5:30 p.m. | Don Wade Memorial Pool** — This summer, the FPC pool will be open on Sunday afternoons for our church family to make memories together and cool off during these hot summer days. There will not be a lifeguard on duty, but a pool attendant will be present to ensure easy access to the pool. There is limited seating at the pool, so bring a lawn chair along with all your usual swim gear. All are welcome to join us for swimming and fellowship!

**One-Day Inquirers Class | July 9 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Jones Session Room** — The next Inquirers Class will be offered as a morning retreat on Saturday, July 9, followed by a fellowship lunch. Childcare is available upon request. 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](mailto:sbird@fpcnashville.org)).

**Baby Shower for Sarah and Michael Kneff | Sunday, July 10 | 12:00–1:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall** — Presbyterian Women Circle 4 invites the entire congregation to celebrate the new life that Sarah and Michael will be welcoming in August. Light refreshments will be provided. Notecards will be available at the shower to contribute to a little book of hopes, wisdom, and/or encouragement for this new baby girl and her parents. You can find a registry online at [babylist.com/babykneff](http://babylist.com/babykneff). All are welcome to join!

**Dinner Volunteers for Matthew 25 Ministry | Sunday, July 10 | 4:45 p.m. | 625 Benton Ave.** — One FPC's local mission partners, Matthew 25, serves homeless men as they transition from the street to permanent housing. Annually, they provide supportive services to help 160-190 homeless men, of whom 50 percent are veterans. They have started a new dinner program where they invite groups to provide dinner and visit with their residents. FPC has committed to providing dinner for forty men several Sunday evenings throughout the year, with our next dinner on July 10. If you would like to bring dinner, contact [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@fpcnashville.org).

**Presbyterian Women Summer Circles | July 12 | 11:00 a.m. | Cheek House Living Room** — All women are invited to the final summer session as we finish the study of Adam Hamilton's book, *Half Truths*. All PW circles will join together in the Cheek House Living Room on July 12 at 11:00 a.m.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**Deep Sea VBS: Exploring the Deep Love of God | Tuesday–Thursday, July 26–28 | 5:00 p.m. dinner; 6:00–8:15 p.m. VBS program** — VBS returns this summer in a new evening format! Children age 4 through rising 4th graders will explore the deep love of God through Bible stories, skits, music, crafts and a fun Splash Party on Thursday. Families will gather at 5:00 p.m. for an optional dinner, and the VBS program will begin each night at 6:00 p.m. Register at [childrens.fpcnashville.org/vbs](http://childrens.fpcnashville.org/vbs).

## YOUTH

**Youth Ministry Summer Programming** — This summer is filled with ways for youth (rising 7–12 graders) to play, serve, connect with one another, and worship God. Whether you're at home all summer, working, or only in-town for a few weeks, find a spot to join in on summer fun. Find the complete list at [linktr.ee/fpcnashyouth](http://linktr.ee/fpcnashyouth).

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