



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 29, 2023
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



To know Christ, to make Him known and to exhibit His love through worship, education and service.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

“Next to the blessed sacrament, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses.”
~ C.S. Lewis

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Intermezzo from Five Pieces for Organ
Healey Willan

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)
Dr. Sandra Randleman (11:00)

Pastor: Call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the Lord your God.

All: For the Lord your God is merciful. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

All: Let us bless our God; let the sound of his praise be heard from our lips.

*†OPENING HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
MADRID

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

John Eason

FIRST LESSON | Ephesians 1:7-10 (page 976)

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. John Musgrave

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sins. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

My Hope is Built
SOLID ROCK

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

*Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*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 services, PreK and Kindergarten children (ages 4–6)
are invited to join Young Children & Worship.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30)

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Maegan and Chase Manning are presenting their children, Mason Glynn Manning and Allison Caroline Manning, for baptism. Glynn Dowdle, Assisting Elder.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION 468

In My Life
LORD, BE GLORIFIED

SCRIPTURE READING | Acts 10:25-44 (page 917)

²⁵ When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. ²⁶ But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man." ²⁷ And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. ²⁸ And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. ²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me." ³⁰ And Cornelius said, "Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing ³¹ and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. ³² Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' ³³ So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been

commanded by the Lord.”³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed:³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear,⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Enlarging Our Hearts

Dr. Ryan Moore

“...but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.” ~ Acts 10:28

OFFERTORY

Laudate Dominum (Psalm 117)

W.A. Mozart

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, laudate eum, omnes populi. Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia eius, et veritas Domini manet in aeternum. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Praise the Lord, 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, and for generations of generations. 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 fpcnashville.org.

COMMISSIONING OF JAMAICA MISSION TEAM (8:30)

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF OFFICERS (11:00)

NATURE OF THE OFFICES

PRESENTATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION TO CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these persons as Elder and Deacon, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

We do, God being our guide and strength.

LAYING ON OF HANDS OF ORDINATION

ORDINATION PRAYER 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.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

You are now Elders and Deacons of the Church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation
AURELIA

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Mind of Christ My Savior
ST. LEONARDS

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling all I do and say. May the Word of God swell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only thro' his pow'r. May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing. May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win; and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro assai from Concerto in G Major, BWV 592
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
Stuart Gordon, DMin – *Sr. Associate Pastor for Christian Formation & Witness*
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Missions*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Claire Paschal – *Soprano*
Ali Gooding-Hoffman – *Violin*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

MUSIC NOTES

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COVER IMAGE

Peter Baptizing the Centurion Cornelius by Francesco Trevisani

FPC OFFICERS

Officer Installation/Ordination — New officers will be ordained or installed during the 11:00 worship service today. Nominated for Office of Elder Class of 2025 are Bill Akin, Wilson Brim, Charlie Bryan, Becky Campbell, Wally Conyers, Nell Ann Crowe, Mary Earthman, Mickey Fitts, Rick Gernert, Carrie Hininger, Chuck Lassing and Hal Sauer. Nominated for Office of Deacon Class of 2025 are John Atchley, Frank Bass, Mary Lindley Carswell, Amy Colton, Gretchen Ekiss, Brad Gilmore, Leah Hawkins, Carolyn Hill, Laura Hollins, Blewett McInteer, Jake Peters, Katie Pickel, James Pitman, Mary Loch Smith, Lamar Stanley, Brannon Taylor, Brandon Van Pernis, Jacquie Watlington, Steele Yancey and Joel Zehr. Nominated to fulfill an unexpired term for Deacon Class of 2023 is Worth Scott.

Appreciation — First Presbyterian Church would like to express its appreciation and gratitude to the following officers who have served faithfully in the Class of 2022. Elders: Ellie Billington, Wilson Brim, Charlie Bryan, Becky Campbell, Wally Conyers, Laura Coyle, Tom Davis, Wally Dietz, Mary Earthman, Mickey Fitts, Chuck Lassing and Bryant Tirrill. Deacons: Bill Bainbridge, Ian Byram, Mary Lindley Carswell, Sam Crosby, Annie Flanagan, Max Fuller, Brad Gilmore, Travis Hill, Cabot Hyde, John Keller, Laura May, Sims Polk, Anderson Rader, Worth Scott, Beth Singer, Mary Loch Smith, Graham Swafford, Andrew Wall, Jacquie Watlington and Joel Zehr.

NEWS & EVENTS

History, Politics & Religion | Tuesday, January 31 | 6:00–7:00 p.m. | Gathering Place

You're invited to a conversation between two elders of our church who are longtime friends, fellow fans of the St. Louis Cardinals, and members of different political parties: Wearen Hughes and Wally Dietz. Stuart Gordon will moderate the discussion about how their work and faith inform their politics. The hour will conclude with intercessory prayers for the nation. It's the first monthly installment of History, Politics and Religion, a year-long effort to improve our ability to engage differences and our witness as Christian citizens. If you would like to take part, contact Stuart (sgordon@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9554).

Early Preschool Community Conversation | Wednesday, February 8 | 9:45 a.m. | Gathering Place

You are invited to join the Early Preschool for our third Community Conversation which will explore the role of ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) in the life of families. This presentation will help you understand, recognize and prevent ACEs, and also gain insights into how you can help create healthier, happier childhoods for children today and bright futures for tomorrow's adults. The presentation will be led by Nancy McClellan, an educational leader with a 25-year background in leading inside the classroom as well as in administrative and professional development roles.

Inquirers Class | Saturday, February 11 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

The next Inquirers Class will be led by Dr. Ryan Moore. If you are interested in joining the class, or just learning more about membership at First Presbyterian Church, please contact Sandra Randleman (srandleman@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9502).

First Friends Luncheon | Thursday, February 16 | 12:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall | Cost \$8

Legal Issues for Seniors with Warner McNeilly, Attorney at Law. Have questions about estate planning? Worried about probate issues? Wondering how you might lessen your tax burden? Curious about benefits of giving to a charity such as First Presbyterian Church, Nashville? Confused over survivor benefit? If this sounds interesting and beneficial to you, come join us as we listen and ask questions of Warner McNeilly. Register online or contact Sabrina (615-298-9509) by February 8.

Moonlighters Big Band | Saturday, February 18 | 1:00-3:00 p.m. | Enrichment Center

First Friends invites church members and guests to come enjoy a big band performance by the Moonlighters, a 20-piece band based in Nashville, that plays the standards from an era where swing was king. Light refreshments will be provided. There is no cost for this event, however, please register so we know how many to plan for. Register on the church website or email Sabrina (svlahos@fpcnashville.org).

MISSIONS

Jamaica Mission Trip Commissioning Today

The Jamaica Mission Trip Team will be commissioned during the 8:30 service today. Twenty-one team members will be going to Jamaica February 4-11, including dentists, teachers and others to assist and do construction. Team members include Trip Leader J.T. Martin, Bill Akin, Coneale Bethurum, Duncan Dashiff, Stephen Dashiff, Elizabeth Derck, Danny Dotson, Ford Gatgens, Stuart Gordon, John Hollins, Jr., Adele Holloway, Joel Locke, Scott Mason, Mickey Martin, Hayes McWilliams, Jackson Ross, Tom Smith, Dale Sullivan, Temp Sullivan, John Wimberly and Anna-Kristin Yarbrough.

Children's Ministry Pajama Drive benefiting Fannie Battle Day School | Ends February 5

Each sponsored child will receive a pair of pajamas, and this year, we are also requesting diapers. To sponsor a child, select a card from the large bulletin board near the Children's Ministry entrance. Please bring donations by Sunday, February 5. All items must be new, and extra items will be donated to the center.

Multi-Generational & Family Mission Trip to Huntsville, Alabama | March 12-16

FPC is planning a mission trip for Spring Break week, March 12-16. Families, couples and individuals are all invited. Children should be 10 years and older. Activities include home renovations and/or clean-up projects, and potentially a morning VBS for FPC kids and the Lincoln Project School kids. Cost is \$200 per person, which covers meals and supplies for VBS and/or construction. Team members are responsible for hotel and transportation. Registration deadline is February 8. For more info, contact Annette or Mike Crout (missions@fpcnashville.org or 615-289-9507).

Food Drive for Matthew 25/Nueva Vida Food Bank | January 29 – February 12

1 in 8 people, including 1 in 6 children, struggle with hunger in Middle Tennessee. Help provide food by donating nonperishable food. Collection boxes are in the narthex and Welcome Center lobby. The food bank operates out of Glenclyff Presbyterian Church and primarily serves the Latino community. Items needed include: Nido brand powdered milk, dry rice, dried black and red beans, Maseca flour (for making tortillas), baby formula, detergent, diapers for all ages, including adult, baby wipes, and other nonperishable food.

ADULT EDUCATION

The Bethel Bible Series Returns | Sunday, February 19 | 9:45 a.m. | Room L-203

The Bethel Bible Series reveals the Bible to us as one fully-connected love story by God, from Genesis to Revelation. We are blessed to be a blessing. In 2023, we're dividing the class into 'Bethel Bible Mini-Series' so that class members can join and depart as their lives dictate, yet still share in the richness and connectedness of our Holy Bible. Also, we will record and share each lesson so members can continue their Bethel journey when they are away. *Interested in learning more?* Join us in Classroom L-203 on February 19 as we introduce Bethel during the Sunday School hour.

STEWARDSHIP 2023

Did you know ... First Presbyterian's budget drives the programs and ministries of our church. It is a comprehensive budget and the Finance Committee, Session and church staff do an amazing job of developing and managing the budget, both in its development and implementation throughout the year. Did you know that, through your generous pledges and gifts, we devote over \$3.6 million to ensure the viability of our programs. Supporting our programs is why your pledge for 2023 is vital in helping make certain that programs and initiatives continue to be a priority. If you haven't made your pledge, please do so *for Christ, His Church, and His Kingdom*. To make a virtual pledge, visit the website, fpcnashville.org/generosity. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks as well as other locations throughout the church.

SYMPATHY

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Gwendolyn Hale White.

Celebration of Faith Sunday

February 12, 2023



GUEST PREACHER

Dr. Greg Jones

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services

Known for his entrepreneurial leadership, Dr. Greg Jones became president of Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee on June 1, 2021. Prior to his appointment at Belmont, he served as the longtime dean of Duke Divinity School (from 1997-2010 and again from 2018-mid 2021). Between 2010 and 2018, he served in a variety of roles, including vice president and vice provost for global strategy at Duke University and provost and executive vice president of Baylor University.



GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Ivan Rusyn

9:45 a.m. in Courtenay Hall

The Outreach Foundation is pleased to present Dr. Ivan Rusyn, President of the Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Dr. Ivan Rusyn is the president of the Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary (UETS) in Kyiv, Ukraine, and teaches mission studies applied to the Ukrainian and Central Asian contexts. Ivan holds a PhD in missiology from the Drahomanov National Pedagogical University in Kyiv, Ukraine. He is an ordained minister of the Ukrainian Evangelical Church and co-pastors a church plant in Kyiv. His humble and faithful leadership within Ukraine and Central Asia is recognized by the World Communion of Reformed Churches and other global church councils.



Belmont University Chorale

11:00 a.m. Service

The Belmont Chorale is the flagship, classical choral ensemble of the School of Music at Belmont University. It is also one of the earliest performing ensembles in Belmont's musical history. This auditioned, mixed ensemble performs diverse literature from all genres, and is currently under the direction of Dr. Jeffery Ames, Director of Choral Activities.