



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Youth Sunday
April 30, 2023



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

WORDS OF PREPARATION

“Jesus tells his disciples they are to be ‘the salt of the earth,’ and a ‘city on a hill’ whose ‘good deeds’ are a light that will lead non-believers to praise the Father in heaven. Salt dispersed into meat was a preservative. So, Jesus is indicating that Christians out in the world who are living lives consistent with the gospel keep society from deteriorating, morally, socially, and culturally.”

—Tim Keller

S—Serve

A—Abide

L—Love

T—Together

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Prelude on ‘Slane’ (Be Thou My Vision)
Healey Willan

WELCOME

Rachel King, Henry Roberts

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Riley McDaniel, Daniel Stark

*CALL TO WORSHIP | from Psalm 36:5-9

Ben Dreher

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Leader: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

All: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

*†OPENING HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
NETTLETON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 16:5–11 (p. 453)

Cadman Yarbrough

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. ⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. ¹¹ 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

Ava Meredith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Merciful God, please forgive us. We admit that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess the wrongs we have done and the actions we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and have not loved others as we have loved ourselves. We are truly sorry yet confess to you knowing your overwhelming mercy and patience. Deliver us away from evil and lead us into your light and let us abide by your example. In Jesus Christ, our Savior's Name, Amen. Let's hold the silence.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

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

Jack McGuire, Olivia Shirley

‡During the 8:30 and 11:00 services, PreK and Kindergarten children (ages 4–6) are invited to join Young Children & Worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hayden Kirkland

SCRIPTURE READING | John 13:1–17 (p. 900)

Caroline Trichel

¹ Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share

with me.”⁹ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.”¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you?”¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Serve, Abide, Love, Together

Will Elrod (Serve)
Helen Thompson (Abide)
Mary Virginia Sullivan (Love)
Vee Counter (Together)

OFFERTORY

Abide In Me
Andrew Marcus

I am the vine; you are the branch; do not forsake me. Come and reside with me, and I’ll show you my glory. Abide in me. I am the bread of life; with me you won’t go hungry. I am the way; I am the truth; receive my mercy. Abide in me. *Stay close, don’t let go for the seed I plant brings peace that always grows. Stay close, don’t let go. Abide in me.* I am the first. I am the last. I hold the middle. I am the door. Come enter into peaceful meadows. Abide in me.

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 YOUTH MISSION TRIP (8:30)

Gage Arnold

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

Dr. Sandra Randleman

We warmly welcome our new members: Cecil Coleman, Hailey and Andrew Conniff, Matt Garvey, Chase Manning, Haden and Jimmy Pickel, Hannah and Nick South, Prudencia Gwelleng Ntembo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Maggie Kaufman

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

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

*Chorus: Bless the Lord Oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name*

**The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Chorus***

**You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus***

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws nearer and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praises unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore! *Chorus***

SUMMATION

Rachel King

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
AR HYD Y NOS

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Paeon (Praise)
Michael McCabe

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

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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*
Stephen King—*Guitar*
Gage Arnold—*Director of Youth Programming*
Ben Dreher—*Youth Director*

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

Vee Counter, Isabella Dahle, Will Elrod, Mitchell Frankum, Sam Johnson, Maggie Kaufman, Rachel King, Hayden Kirkland, Riley McDaniel, Jack McGuire, Ava Meredith, Jack Myers, Bentley Polk, Kam Posey, Henry Roberts, Olivia Shirley, Daniel Stark, Mary Virginia Sullivan, Helen Thompson, Caroline Trichel, Cadman Yarbrough

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in honor of our high school seniors.

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude on Slane (Be Thou my Vision) - Healey Willan - Slane, Prelude for Organ "At the close of the day", CF Peters, © 1967
10,000 Reasons by Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman © 2011 Atlas Mountain Songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) sixsteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 1121456
Paeon (Praise) Michael McCabe © 2010, from Marilyn Mason Music Library Vol. 5, Morningstar Publishing. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net License A-714895.

COVER IMAGE

Jesus washing feet, unknown artist, Ethiopia.

SUPPORTING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of

Ernest Keesee 'Willie' Hardison III

Special Thanks from the Youth Department

Thank you to our volunteer leaders of this graduating senior class for their six years+ of love and support: Drew Danieley, Chris and Polly Douse, Kathy King, Tate McDaniel, Frank and Neely McGrew, Allison McGuire, Craig and Margaret Polancich, Alec and Rebecca Sheaff, and Elizabeth and Temp Sullivan.

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER PROGRAMMING

This summer is filled with ways for youth (rising 7th–12th 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 the summer fun at FPC. For more information visit linktr.ee/fpcnashyouth or contact youth@fpcnashville.org.

WEEKLY

Festivus Youth Group | Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., June 14–August 2 (off July 5 & July 26)

Weekly Hang Time | Wednesdays, June 14–August 2 (off July 5 & July 26) 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Youth Sunday School | Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

SUMMER TRIPS

West Virginia Mission Trip | rising 9th–11th grade | June 4–9

The Great Escape | rising 7th–8th grade | July 21–26

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ocoee Rafting Day Trip | Friday, June 16

Retro Night Roller Skating | Thursday, June 29

Swim & Movie Night at FPC | Thursday, July 13

Dollywood Day Trip | Monday, July 31

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!

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.

Join us downstairs in Courtenay Hall between services for coffee and doughnuts.

To **livestream** worship and special events or view past services, visit youtube.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofnashville.

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 Grundy Hall in the Children's Ministry Wing for ages 4–6. Parents pick up at the door of Grundy Hall. After 8:30 a.m. worship, children can stay for the Education Hour. **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.

INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE CONNECTED?

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!

*Stay informed about news and upcoming events by reading FPC's weekly Parish News email.
To subscribe, email communications@fpcnashville.org.*

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Officer Nominations for Class of 2026—The Officer Nominating Committee seeks recommendations for members to serve as elders and deacons at FPC. Please prayerfully consider submitting a recommendation for this important and vital service for your church. To submit a recommendation, please complete an Officer Nomination Form found in the literature areas or online.

Mother's Day Celebration | Sunday, May 14 | 9:00–11:00 a.m. | Courtenay Hall—Join us for a special Mother's Day celebration to honor all mothers. Come enjoy live music and "Sunday Tea" refreshments. All are invited, every age. A photographer will be available to capture a keepsake photo for your family. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ascension Day Worship Service | Thursday, May 18 | 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.

RECREATION MINISTRY

Volunteer | Welcome Visitors as a Soccer Saint—Would you help us greet players, coaches and the community by volunteering as a Soccer Saint on Saturday mornings during soccer season? It's a great way to serve God's people and spread joy. Contact Erika Shapiro (eshapiro@fpcnashville.org).

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

VBS 2023 | July 25–27 | Evenings FPC Campus—Vacation Bible School is back and the entire church family is invited! Volunteers of all ages and life stages can support VBS. To volunteer or become a VBS prayer partner, contact Mallory Hammond (mhammond@fpcnashville.org). We look forward to sharing more about this exciting event!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Handiwork Drop-In | Monday, May 1 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Memorial Library—Vacation Bible School is back and the entire church family is invited! Volunteers of all ages and life stages can support VBS. To volunteer or become a VBS prayer partner, contact Mallory Hammond (mhammond@fpcnashville.org). We look forward to sharing more about this exciting event!

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering | Tuesday, May 9 | 6:00 p.m. Hininger Home—The Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering is a time for fellowship and reflection on the past year. Join us at the home of Carrie Hininger as we enjoy dinner together, thank our outgoing leadership, welcome our new leaders and incoming moderator, and name the recipient of the PW Lifetime Achievement Award. Register in-person or online by May 5. In-person reservations will be accepted today in Courtenay Hall.

FIRST FRIENDS

FPC Book Readers Club | May 16 | 2:30 p.m. | Church Library—You're invited to join the FPC Book Readers Club on the third Tuesday of each month. Our upcoming books are *If I Were You* by Lynn Austin (May 16) and *The Sun Walks Down* by Fiona McFarlane (June 20). All books are available in the church bookstore.

Cheekwood Programs and Events with Shelby Brewer Thursday, May 18 | 1:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall | \$10—Join us for our next First Friends Luncheon and hear Shelby Brewer, Public Programs Coordinator, share the latest from Cheekwood. She will share the status of some of their popular activities and events, including touring the mansion, seasonal programming, and upcoming exhibits. In addition, you will hear about programming opportunities for adult education and more. Everybody loves Cheekwood—let's get updated! Make your reservations online at fpcnashville.org or by contacting Courtney Mott (cmott@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9551).



Sunday, May 7

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services in the Sanctuary and the Education Hour in Courtenay Hall

Guest Preacher: Rev. John McCall

We will welcome long-time friend and missionary partner Rev. John McCall on Sunday, May 7. He will preach at both services and speak during the Education Hour. Rev. McCall has served in Taiwan for over 20 years. He travels throughout the country, teaching courses on ministry and spiritual formation at the seminaries of the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan. In addition, he equips Taiwanese pastors to teach, preach and lead their churches. He says, "I have the privilege of accompanying both seminary students and pastors as they seek to be Christ's light and salt in this land." *FPC supports John's missionary work through The Outreach Foundation.*