



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

DAY OF PENTECOST
May 28, 2023 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Kirkin' of the Tartan



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

WORDS OF PREPARATION

“And so, as we confess that God the Father created us when we were not, as his Son our Lord Jesus redeemed us when we were enemies to him, so also do we confess that the Holy Spirit does sanctify and regenerate us, without respect to any merit proceeding from us, be it before or be it after our regeneration. To put this even more plainly: as we willingly disclaim any honor and glory for our own creation and redemption, so do we willingly also for our regeneration and sanctification; for by ourselves we are not capable of thinking one good thought, but he who has begun the work in us alone continues us in it, to the praise and glory of his undeserved grace.”

—The Scots Confession, 1560

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Water is Wide, traditional British Isles
arr. Kim Robertson

WELCOME

Dr. Ryan Moore

PROCESSIONAL

Highland Cathedral
Korb | Roevert

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 105:1–2; Romans 5:5; Revelation 4:8

Mallory Hammond (8:30)
Gage Arnold (11:00)

Pastor: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

All: We dwell in him and he in us.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

All: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Pastor: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

All: And speak of all his marvelous works.

Pastor: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

All: Who was and is and is to come!

*†OPENING HYMN

Psalm 100
OLD HUNDREDTH
Ralph Vaughan Williams

**All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him, and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.**

Choir Only: O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name alway, for it is seemly so to do.

**For why? The Lord our God is good: his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Frieda Locke (8:30)
Sheila Akin (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Romans 8:15–16 (page 944); Galatians 5:22–23 (page 975)

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. (Romans 8:15–16)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22–23)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Holy Spirit
Townend | Getty

Holy Spirit living breath of God breathe new life into my willing soul. Let the presence of the risen Lord, come renew my heart and make me whole. Cause your word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see, give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me. Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover ev’ry sin, in each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my strivings into works of grace; breath of God show Christ in all I do. Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made, show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our pray’rs arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice, that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Stuart Gordon

1539 liturgy used by both John Calvin and John Knox

Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed your Word nor followed your holy commandments. For your goodness’ sake and for your name’s sake, be gracious unto us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, which is very great. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Christ Is Our Light
Korb | Roever
HIGHLAND CATHEDRAL

Christ is our light! The bright and morning star covering with radiance all from near and far. Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray into our hearts, into our world we pray.

Christ is our joy! transforming wedding guest! Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed. Christ be our joy; your glory let us see, as your disciples did in Galilee.

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
MORECAMBE

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.**

**Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | 1 Corinthians 12:7–11 (page 959)

⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Ghosted by John Knox

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERTORY

Psalm 104
William Lovelady
arr. James Vivian

My soul give praise unto the LORD of heaven, in majesty and honour clothed; the earth he made will not be moved, the seas he made to be its robe. Give praise. The waters rise above the highest mountain, and flow down to the vales and leas; at springs, wild asses quench their thirst, and birds make nest amid the trees. My soul give praise unto the LORD of heaven. In majesty and honour clothed; the earth he made will not be moved, the seas he made to be its robe. Give praise. The LORD, how manifold is your creation, all things in wisdom you provide; you give your riches to the earth, and to the sea so great and wide. You take your creatures breath and life is ended, your breath goes forth and life begins; your hand renews the face

of earth, your praise my whole life I will sing. My soul give praise unto the LORD of heaven, in majesty and honour clothed; the earth he made will not be moved, the seas he made to be its robe, give praise.

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

Dr. Sandra Randleman

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 269

Lead On, O King Eternal!
LANCASHIRE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

Amazing Grace
Scotland the Brave

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Variation on 'I was glad', Scottish Psalter (1615)
George Dyson

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

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Dr. David Renwick – *Guest Preacher*
Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
Stuart Gordon, DMin – *Associate Pastor for Christian Formation & Witness*
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 – *Assistant Organist*
Jonas Pauliukonis, Peter Liu, Cooper Lloyd – *Bagpipes*
Chris Lowry and Caleb Littleton – *Percussion*
Claire Paschal, Emily Kent, *Sopranos*; Sarah Crigger, *Alto*; Kevin Salter, Greg Thomas, *Tenors*
Shona Wood – *Harp*
Scottish Processional – Suzanne Burns, Joan Campbell, Ellen Marsh, Sam Marsh, Scott Rogers,
Dennis Wood, Susan Wood

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. W.C. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. John Witherspoon, Sr., Mr. John Witherspoon, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James Suddoth, Mrs. Helen Suddoth Powell, Mr. Bill Powell, and Roberta Harrington Witherspoon by the Witherspoon family.

SUPPORTING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

You can make a gift or fulfill a pledge payment by placing 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 Sue Bomar Bartlett.

A NOTE ON TODAY’S MUSIC

Sir George Dyson, the composer of today’s closing voluntary, was an English musician and composer (1883–1964). A student of Charles Villiers Stanford, he was the first alumni to become director of the Royal College of Music.

KIRKIN’ O’ THE TARTAN

Today is Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan Sunday at First Presbyterian Church. Kirk is the Scottish word for church, and in Scotland the word is synonymous with the Presbyterian Church. Thus, Kirkin’ of the Tartan roughly translates to “Churching of the Tartan”—a blessing of the beautifully patterned fabrics and the heritage they represent. While much of this heritage was suppressed by the English during the 18th century, the visit of King George IV to Edinburgh in 1822 (and its attendant tartan pageantry) was seen as an affirmation of the culture of the Scottish Highlands, elevating the tartan kilt to become part of Scotland’s national identity.

Kirkin’ is an opportunity to celebrate Scotland’s Christian history. In 563, St. Columba brought the Christian faith from Ireland to Scotland, where it took root and flourished. In 1547, nearly one thousand years later, John Knox brought the Protestant Reformation to Scotland from Geneva, Switzerland, exclaiming from the depth of his evangelical zeal, “Give me Scotland, or I die.” The Reformed faith spread across Scotland, and it went on to greatly influence Christianity in America as waves of Scots immigrated to the New World. Ultimately, the Kirkin’ of the Tartan is a product of this influence.

Though the Kirkin’ draws on Scotland’s cultural and religious traditions, the service is an American invention and was first held on April 27, 1941, in Washington, D.C., at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, then under the leadership of the Scottish-born Peter Marshall. After Dr. Marshall’s death, the Kirkin’ moved from place to place, and in 1954 it found a home at the Washington National Cathedral. Since then, the service has spread to congregations of various denominations across the United States and Canada. First Presbyterian Church has held the service annually since May of 1989.



Today’s Guest Preacher: Dr. David Renwick

Originally from Edinburgh, Scotland, Dr. David Renwick (pronounced *Renick*) has served congregations from 17 members to 2500 members across North America for 45 years. David holds degrees from St. Andrews University in Scotland, Gordon-Conwell Seminary in Massachusetts, and Union Seminary in Virginia. He and his wife, Currie, have three adult children and five grandchildren

NEWS AND EVENTS

History, Politics, and Religion: The Virtue of Forbearance | Tuesday, June 6 | 6:00–7:00 p.m. **Gathering Place or Watch Online**—Dr. James Calvin Davis will join us for an evening of conversation about the sanctifying effect of Christian obedience to God's call to forbearance and the blessing of living in relationships that include disagreement. Contact Stuart Gordon for details (sgordon@fpcnashville.org). Childcare is available for this event.

UPCOMING FIRST FRIENDS EVENTS

First Friends will have a number of opportunities to connect in June. We hope you can join us! **First Friends Luncheon on June 2** | 12:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall | Luncheon with Bill Caruso on his new book *Out Franklin Road*. Please make reservations with Courtney Mott (cmott@fpcnashville.org); **FPC Book Club** on June 20 | 2:30 p.m. | FPC Library | *The Sun Walks Down* by Fiona McFarlane; **Downtown Outing on June 22** | 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. | Lunch at the Nashville Farmer's Market and highlights tour of the TN State Museum. No reservations required.

MUSIC

Opera on Wheels | June 11 | 4:00 p.m. | FPC Sanctuary—The Nashville Opera is coming to FPC via Opera on Wheels—their summer and fall program of touring performances. Using the FPC Sanctuary, they will perform favorite opera arias from Puccini, Mozart, Verdi, and classic Broadway solos. You will recognize several of our Sanctuary Choir Members participating in the program. This family-friendly concert is free and open to the public.

Register for the FPC Music Academy—Registration for the FPC Music Academy fall semester is now open. The Music Academy is a program of vocal and instrumental lessons to allow our younger disciples and adults to explore their God-given artistic gifts. We have assembled a team of five very qualified instructors in voice, violin, harp, piano, and organ. Our music instruction meets a standard of excellence that inspires students to learn, grow, and serve with their gifts to the glory of God alone. The fall semester runs from August–November. Lessons are held on Monday–Thursday evenings from 3:00–6:30 p.m. in the Cheek House Chapel. Registration closes June 30. For more information, contact Peter Rogahn (progn@fpcnashville.org).

YOUTH

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.

MISSIONS

Grilling for Nueva Vida ESL Graduation | Wednesday, May 31 | 5:00–6:30 p.m. | Glencliff Presbyterian Church—The Burnt Offerings grill is firing up to celebrate Nueva Vida ESL graduation at Matthew25 Food Bank (Nourish), which serves the food insecure. If you would like to participate in this special event by helping grill, serve, or support the graduates, please contact Missions (missions@fpcnashville.org).

Summer Habitat Build Weekends | June 10–11 and June 17–18—Come work with us to help a hardworking future Habitat homeowner take steps toward a better life by purchasing their own home. This year's Habitat recipients are Latisha Burns and her 8-year-old son. Latisha works at Thistle Farms as a sales assistant and proudly received her high school GED at 33. Each build day covers a variety of tasks for every age and skill level. Breakfast bars, coffee, and a full lunch and water will be covered, so all you have to do is sign up for a build day and show up dressed and ready to work. Contact missions@fpcnashville.org for more information.

Upcoming FPC Mission Trips—FPC is committed to serving Christ around the world, and we are planning several mission trips in the coming months. Registration for our trips to the Dominican Republic (September 16–22) and Cuba (November 4–10) is open through July 14. Please check the website for more details about these exciting opportunities. We look forward to serving alongside you and growing in our faith together.

RECREATION

What a fun time we had playing soccer! Over 1,500 children came to our church campus on Saturdays this spring to learn, grow, and play together on the soccer fields. Many people gave of their time and talent to make this effort a successful one. From volunteer coaches who encouraged the players on and off the field to the Soccer Saints who showed up every week to offer a ministry of presence and a treat or two, we enjoyed being together in a space that reminded us to have fun and to love one another. We look forward to doing it again this fall!

Pool Fellowship & Open Swim | Sundays, June 4–August 13 | 2:30–4:30 p.m. | Don Wade Memorial Pool—The FPC pool opens on Sunday afternoons starting June 4. Pool Fellowship & Open Swim is a time for our church family to make memories together and cool off during these hot summer days. The pool has limited seating, so bring a lawn chair and all your usual swim gear. All are welcome to join us for swimming and fellowship; however, children will need adult supervision. Please note there will not be a lifeguard on duty, so please swim carefully.

VBS

UNDER THE STARS

July 25–27

5:00 p.m. Dinner
5:45–7:45 p.m. VBS Program

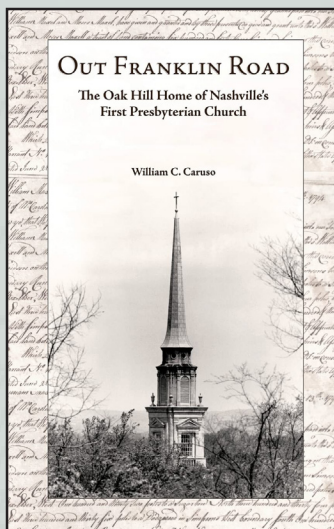
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Out Franklin Road Book Launch

First Friends Luncheon | Friday, June 2 | 12:00 p.m.

Book Signing | Sunday, June 4 | Education Hour | 9:30 a.m.



Join us for the launch of Bill Caruso's book *Out Franklin Road: The Oak Hill Home of Nashville's First Presbyterian Church*. The book is a brief history of FPC's home since 1949. Owned by a succession of influential Nashvillians since 1790—this 60-acre tract of land has a vast and interesting history. Bill served many years as the FPC historian before moving to Black Mountain, NC, in 2023. You can hear him speak about this new book on June 2 for the First Friends luncheon or during the Education Hour on June 4. Books will be available for purchase at both events.

Make your reservations for the First Friends Luncheon online at fpcnashville.org or by contacting Courtney Mott (cmott@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9551).