



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 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

"I have come to know a God who has a soft spot for rebels, who recruits people like the adulterer David, the whiner Jeremiah, the traitor Peter, and the human-rights abuser Saul of Tarsus. I have come to know a God whose Son made prodigals the heroes of his stories and the trophies of his ministry...Grace is free only because the giver himself has borne the cost."

—Philip Yancey

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Prelude on St. Columba (The King of Love My Shepherd Is)
C.V. Stanford

WELCOME AND MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kevin Roberts
Habitat for Humanity

†INTROIT

Let Us Come to Worship God
HIAO HOIAN

Let us come to worship God; let us come to worship God; bless the holy name; enter God's house with thanks and reverence, for the Lord is good; God's love endures fore'er. Let us sing and praise the Lord; let us sing and praise the Lord; make a joyful noise; sing to the Rock of our salvation, for the Lord is full of grace and King of all.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gage Arnold (8:30)
Dr. Sandra Randleman (11:00)

Pastor: Praise the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised!

Pastor: We will 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 610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
AZMON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Warner McNeilly

FIRST LESSON | Romans 5:18–21 (page 942)

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Stuart Gordon (8:30)
Dr. John Musgrave (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There are many times we think we love you well, O God. But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you; in grace rekindle our love for you in seeing anew Jesus' love for us. 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

(8:30) Elyse Virginia Cahill, Gabriella Grace O'Shaughnessy, Norah Dolly Weeks, and Parker Layne Wilson are presenting themselves for baptism. Austin McMullen, Assisting Elder

(11:00) Jillian and Brian Eischeid are presenting their daughter, Caroline Palmer Eischeid, for baptism. Overton Thompson, Assisting Elder

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

*‡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 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
RATHBUN

SCRIPTURE READING | Mark 8:22–26 (page 844)

²² And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. ²³ And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” ²⁴ And he looked up and said, “I see people, but they look like trees, walking.” ²⁵ Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ And he sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Eyes Touched by Grace

Dr. John McCall

OFFERTORY

Festival Alleluia
James Chepponis

Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, give joy to my heart; your teaching is light to my eyes. Alleluia. Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path. Alleluia. Your word, O Lord, is truth; make us holy in the truth. Alleluia.

*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

Gage Arnold (8:30)
Dr. Sandra Randleman (11:00)

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 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
AMAZING GRACE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Mind of Christ
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

Rejoice, the Lord is King! (Darwall's 148th)
Percy Whitlock

* *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*
Gage Arnold – *Director of Youth Programming*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Chris Simonsen – *Baritone*
(11:00) Blackman High School Select Chorus; Wendy Payne, chorus conductor

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Susan Eason by Nancy, Missy and John Eason.

MUSIC NOTES

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COVER IMAGE

The Healing of the Blind Man and the Raising of Lazarus, made in Castile-León, Spain, 12th century, fresco transferred to canvas, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York.

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.



12:20 Choral Concert Today

Join the Blackman High School Select Chorus for a concert immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Their concert will include choral works by Felix Mendelssohn, William Byrd, and Jean Berger. Wendy Payne is the chorus conductor and a FPC Sanctuary Choir member.



Join Dr. McCall at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services in the Sanctuary and at 9:30 during the Education Hour in Courtenay Hall

Today's Guest Preacher: Dr. John McCall

Today we welcome long-time friend and missionary partner Dr. John McCall. Dr. 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.*

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!

Find Mother's Day and Graduation Gifts at BookMarks
BookMarks, our church bookstore, has a new selection of books from Logos Bookstore, plus some great gift items for Mother's Day and graduation. Thistle Farms products are 10% off throughout the month of May to help you celebrate mothers and graduates. BookMarks is open every Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. to noon and is located across from Courtenay Hall. Come check us out!

FIRST FRIENDS

First Friends Book Readers Club | May 16 | 2:30 p.m. | Church Library—You're invited to join the First Friends 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).

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Palliative and Hospice Care with Alive Hospice | Tuesday, May 16 | 4:30–5:30 p.m. | Vance Hall—You're invited to join our Stephen Ministers for a presentation from representatives of Alive Hospice on the topic of "Palliative and Hospice Care." For more information, please contact Sandra Randleman (srandleman@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9502).

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Confirmation Class Worship Service on the Porch | Tonight 5:30 p.m. | Front Porch—The entire church is invited to a special worship service led by our 2023 confirmation class this evening. It's a meaningful way for our sixth graders to connect with the church and grow in their faith.

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

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.

Summer Habitat Build | June 10–11 and June 17–18
There are 20 volunteer openings each date. No prior experience is necessary, and heavy lifting is not required. We may be working on various stages of the construction process, from framing to siding to finish work. Volunteers aged 16–17 may participate with adult supervision. Contact missions@fpcnashville.org for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

May 21 | Confirmation Sunday

June 6 | History, Politics, and Religion: The Virtue of Forbearance | 6:00 p.m.

June 14 | Blood Drive | 12:00–5:00 p.m.

July 25–27 | VBS | Starts at 5:00 p.m.

ASCENSION SERVICE

Thursday, May 18 | 12:00 p.m. | Sullivan Gardens



Rain location: Sanctuary

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. A brass quartet will accompany worship.

Immediately following the service at 1:00 p.m., join us in Courtenay Hall for lunch and hear an update on Cheekwood programming and events at our Frist Friends Luncheon. Registration for the luncheon is required by May 12 (\$10). Register online or contact Courtney Mott (cmott@fpcnashville.org).

KIRKIN' FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 28 | 9:30 a.m. | Front Porch



Dr. David Renwick will be the guest preacher on Sunday, May 28 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 games, and enjoy and enjoy the sounds of Scotland in front of the Sanctuary.