



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

SECOND SUNDAY OF
PENTECOST

June 11, 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

O Lord and Maker of all things, from whose creative power the first light came forth, who did look upon the world's first morning and see that it was good, we praise you for this light that now streams through these windows to rouse us to the life of another day. Let us open to you the windows of our hearts, that all our lives may be filled by the radiance of your presence. Let no corner of our being be unilluminated by the light of your countenance. Let there be nothing within us to darken the brightness of the day. Let the spirit of him whose life was the light of the world rule within our hearts until evening. Amen.

—Based on John Baille, *A Diary of Private Prayer*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Hymn Prelude from Orlando Gibbons: Song 22, 'Love of the Father'
George Dyson

WELCOME

†INTROIT

Tell Out My Soul
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

Mallory Hammond

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Leader: Praise God according to his surpassing greatness!

All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

*†OPENING HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory
CWM RHONDDA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Joseph Bellardo (8:30)
Cindy Luna (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 25:1–12, 21 (page 459)

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ² O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. ³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. ⁶ Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! ⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love

and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. ¹¹ For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. ¹² Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. ²¹ May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Stuart Gordon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hear us now, O Lord, as we are in need of your mercy and forgiveness of our sinful ways: for unkind words spoken deliberately; for thoughtless words spoken in haste; for envious eyes and greedy hands; for our eagerness to find fault with others and our resentment at being found at fault; for our good intentions and failure to fulfill them; for our willingness to serve ourselves and our slowness in serving others; for anger and resentment harbored; for our eagerness to receive and slowness to give; for our desire for earthly pleasure and indifference to your ways. Have mercy upon us and grant us your forgiveness through Jesus Christ and help us to walk in your ways. We ask this in your most holy name.

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 (11:00)

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Caroline Tanner Everett and Thomas King Everett are presenting their son, Thomas Randolph Everett, for baptism. Hugh Tanner, 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 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower
PROMISE

SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 9:9–13 (page 814)

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Guided by the Light

Dr. Sandra Randleman

“As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.”—Matthew 9:9

OFFERTORY

How Shall I Sing That Majesty?
arr. John Ronald Daniels

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire? Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heav’nly choir. Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high; ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I? Thy brightness unto them appears; whilst I thy footsteps trace, a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face. They sing because thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heav’n is but once begun, there alleluias be. Enlighten with faith’s light my heart, inflame it with love’s fire; then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir. I shall, I fear be dark and cold, with all my fire and light; yet, when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite. How great a being, Lord is thine, which doth all beings keep! Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep. Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere; thy time is now and evermore, thy place is ev’rywhere.

*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. John Musgrave

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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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 pow'r controlling all I do and say. May the Word of God dwell 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

Improvisation on "Cwm Rhondda"
Paul Manz

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

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Stuart Gordon, DMin – *Senior Associate Pastor for Christian Formation & Witness*
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Missions*
Mallory Hammond – *Director of Ministry with Children & Their Families*
Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Greg Thomas – *Guest Conductor*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Mary Fowler Howell and Andrew Triggs.

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.



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.*

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2023 FINISHES STRONG!

The stewardship campaign for 2023, *A Commitment to Christ, His Church, and His Kingdom*, wrapped up in March, and there is much to celebrate as our congregation helped us finish strong! We completed the campaign by meeting 99% of our pledge goal, raising over \$3.9 million for ministries, missions, programs, and operations—many thanks to everyone who supported the campaign.

A very special thank you to Dr. Ryan Moore, Kevin Garvey, the Generosity Team, and numerous volunteers whose leadership and encouragement made a significant difference. The response to this campaign continues a long-standing tradition of generosity at First Presbyterian Church. God is doing a good work in each of us, and we have responded with grace and gratitude. Thank you!

—Dr. Bill Mott, *Director of Resource Development*

UPCOMING FIRST FRIENDS EVENTS

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 | Today | 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. 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 (progahn@fpcnashville.org).

RECREATION

Pool Fellowship & Open Swim | Sundays | 2:30–4:30 p.m. | Don Wade Memorial Pool—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.

MISSIONS

Volunteers Needed for Habitat Build Weekends | 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.

FLOWERS AT FPC

Monday Flower Volunteers Needed—Each Monday, the chancel flowers are rearranged and delivered to six different people needing encouragement. The Monday Flower group is recruiting substitute volunteers to help deliver 3–6 floral arrangements when regular volunteers are not available. If you are interested in being a substitute volunteer in the Monday Flower ministry, please get in touch with Mary Earthman (MEarthman@BellSouth.net or 615-330-4535).

Flower Dedications Available—Church members give the flowers in our sanctuary each Sunday to remember loved ones or celebrate a milestone, and their contributions are acknowledged in the bulletin. There are many Sundays available for dedications in 2023. A flower dedication costs \$300 for one arrangement or \$500 for two. If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday worship service, please submit the form found on the church website Sanctuary Flowers page. If you have any questions, please contact the Flower Committee Chair Kelly McMullen (kelly_mc@comcast.net).

LOOKING AHEAD

July 16 | Matthew 25 Volunteer Dinner
July 21–26 | The Great Escape (rising 7th–8th grade)
August 5–6 | NaCoMe All-Church Retreat
September 10 | Kickoff Sunday



BLOOD



DRIVE

Roll Up Your Sleeves to Give the Gift of Life!

Wednesday, June 14
12:00–5:00 p.m.
Courtenay Hall

Did you know someone in the United States needs blood every two seconds due to an accident, disaster or illness? Help save lives in our community by giving the gift of life by donating blood.



Scan here to sign up
or contact missions@fpcnashville.org.