



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
June 18, 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

We do not fall in and out of grace like courtiers who may find themselves in and out of favour with their sovereign, or politicians with the public. No, we stand in it, for that is that nature of grace.

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

—John Stott

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God, BWV 657
Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

†INTROIT

Psalm 150
John Harper

Alleluya, alleluya. Praise God in his holy place, praise him in his mighty heav'ns, praise him for his powerful deeds, praise his surpassing greatness. Alleluya, alleluya. O praise him with sound of trumpet, praise him with lute and harp, praise him with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and pipe. Alleluya, alleluya. O praise him with resounding cymbals, praise him with clashing of cymbals, let ev'rything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord. Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Sandra Randleman

Pastor: Praise the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised!

Pastor: In the midst of the congregation, I will praise you. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

All: We will extol you, our God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; God's greatness is unsearchable.

*†OPENING HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
MADRID

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Kaiser Martin (8:30)
Elijah Moore (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 116:1–2; 12–19 (page 510)

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. ² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. ¹² What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the

LORD in the presence of all his people. ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. ¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds. ¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD. ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Stuart Gordon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness and mercy. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 (8:30)

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Lauren Hill Skipp and Philip Leane Skipp are presenting their daughter, Tilden Louisa Skipp, for baptism.
Scott McWilliams, 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 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
RESIGNATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Romans 5:1–8 (page 942)

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Resolute Joy
“... rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” —Romans 5:2

Dr. Ryan Moore

OFFERTORY

Zion's Walls
Aaron Copland

Come, fathers and mothers, come, sisters and brothers, come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion? We'll shout and go around the walls of Zion.

*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

Mallory Hammond (8:30)
Gage Arnold (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

And Can It Be That I Should Gain
SAGINA

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the
He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so in - fin -
Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay, fast bound in sin and
7 No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; for Christ, and all in
Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain for me who caused his
nite his grace), emp - tied him - self of all but love, and bled for Ad - am's
na - ture's night. Your sun - rise turned that night to day; I woke, the dun - geon
15 him is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in righ - teous -
bit - ter death? A - maz - ing love! How can it be that
help - less race. What mer - cy this, im - mense and free, for
flamed with light! My chains fell off; your voice I knew; I
21 ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal throne, and
you, my Lord, should die for me? A - maz - ing love! How
O my God, it found out me!
rose, went out, and fol - lowed you.
27 claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
can it be that you, my Lord, should die for me?

*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 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

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542
Johann Sebastian Bach

* Those who are able, please stand.

† Latecomers may be seated.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
Stuart Gordon, DMin – *Senior Associate Pastor for Christian Formation & Witness*
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Missions*
Gage Arnold – *Director of Youth Programming*
Mallory Hammond – *Director of Ministry with Children & Their Families*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Douglas E. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Frost by Emmy Frost Phillips, and Vicki and Hamilton Frost, Jr.

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.



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COVER IMAGE: *Crucifixion of Saint Peter*, Caravaggio, 1601, oil on canvas, Santa Maria del Popolo, Rome.

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.*

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. Meet in the Tyne side church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. and leave at 11:15 a.m. sharp for lunch and shopping at the farmers market. The tour of the TN State Museum begins at 1:00 p.m.

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

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.

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.

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 Needed—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).

RECREATION

Registration Open: NaCoMe All Church Retreat August 5–6—NaCoMe is a special weekend of fun with the FPC church family in a beautiful camp setting away from the hustle and bustle of Nashville life. All are welcome, from the youngest to the oldest member of any family, married or single, kids or no kids. This mostly unstructured time to connect with one another after busy summers is a great way to slow down with brothers and sisters in Christ before starting the new school year! Register on fpcnashville.org.



FPC STAFF NEWS

Julia Wilk Joins FPC Staff as Connections and Engagement Coordinator

This week we welcomed Julia Wilk as the FPC Connections and Engagement Coordinator, where she will engage visitors and new members and foster meaningful relationships throughout the congregation. Julia is a long-time member of FPC and has served in various roles around campus. She currently co-teaches the Cornerstone Adult Sunday School class. Julia is married to Frank, and they have two sons, Frank and Patrick, who came through FPC Youth. You can contact her at jwilk@fpcnashville.org.



VBS
UNDER
THE STARS
July 25–27

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

Visit fpcnashville.org
or scan the code to register
as a family or as a volunteer



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FPC Music Academy

Monday-Thursday evenings

3:00–6:30 p.m.

Fall Semester: August–November



Registration
closes June 30

