



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

July 16, 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

The parallel with reading Scripture seems to me almost exact: If I am not participating in the reality—the God reality, the creation/salvation/holiness reality—revealed in the Bible, not involved in the obedience [John] Calvin wrote of, I am probably not going to be much interested in reading about it—at least not for long.

—Eugene Peterson, *Eat this Book: A Conversation in the Art of Spiritual Reading*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Choralpartita on Praise to the Lord
Joseph Ahrens

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 | Isaiah 55 and Psalm 124

Dr. John Musgrave

Pastor: Ho, everyone who thirsts: Come to the waters!

People: You that have no money, come, buy and eat.

Pastor: Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good;

People: Delight yourselves in rich food.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

All: Let us worship God.

*†OPENING HYMN 624 | verses 1–4

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
TOULON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Ashley Higgins

FIRST LESSON | Romans 8:1–8 (page 944)

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the

things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mallory Hammond

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor our neighbor as ourselves.

We fail to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, as we could.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your steadfast love.

In your great compassion, create in us clean hearts, and renew within us right spirits.

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us willing spirits,
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, for the glory of Christ our Lord.**

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
TOULON

**Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.**

*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 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord
REPTON

SCRIPTURE READING | Jeremiah 31:31–34 (page 660); Romans 8:9–11 (page 944)

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”
—Jeremiah 31:31–34

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. —Romans 8:9–11

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

A Novel Approach

Dr. Stuart Gordon

OFFERTORY

My God, My Portion, and My Love
arr. Mack Wilberg

My God, my portion, and my love, my everlasting all, I’ve none but thee in heaven above, or on this earthly ball. What empty things are all the skies, and this inferior clod! There’s nothing here deserves my joys, there’s nothing like my God. In vain, the bright, the burning sun, scatters his feeble light; ’tis thy sweet beams, create my noon; if thou withdraw ’tis night. Let all that dwell above the sky, and air, and earth, and seas, conspire to lift thy glories high, and speak thine endless praise. The whole creation join in one, to bless the sacred name. Of him who sits upon the throne, and to adore the lamb!

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

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

My Life Flows On
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion. I
Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing. It
What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav-ior liv-eth. What
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing! All
5
hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion. No
finds an echo - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing.
though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?
9
storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing. Since
13
Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing? _____

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in D Major, BWV 532
Johann Sebastian Bach

* 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*

Mallory Hammond – *Director of Ministry with Children & Their Families*

Ashley Higgins – *Pastoral Intern*

Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*

Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*

Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gene Berry Bryan McNair by her family.

Flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Carolyn Wallace Morgan by her 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
William George ‘Bill’ Heim.

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.*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Decorate the Church for VBS | July 17–24—The VBS planning team is looking for folks to help us help decorate the Children's Wing and C Wing to bring our Under the Stars theme to life! Slots are available from July 17–24, so if you enjoy decorating, find a slot that works for you (and invite a few friends to join)! Go to our Linktree page to sign up. For more information, contact Mallory Hammond (mhammond@fpcnashville.org).

MUSIC

Registration Extended for FPC Music Academy—FPC has launched a Music Academy! This program of vocal and instrumental lessons allows our younger disciples and adults to explore their God-given artistic gifts. Our qualified team of instructors offers lessons for 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 has been extended through August 14. Visit our Linktree page to sign up.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

First Friends Events in July:

FPC Book Club on July 18 | 2:30 p.m. | FPC Library
Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

Downtown Franklin Walking Tour | Thursday, July 27
Carpool from the church at 8:55 a.m. or join the group in Franklin at 9:30 a.m.—This 2-hour tour starts at Landmark Books at 114 East Main Street in Franklin and includes the town's best stories (and a few secrets). They'll take us from Franklin's founding through the Civil War, and on to the present. This tour includes several stops where you'll meet locals who share brief histories of their buildings and ends at a local sweet shop for a special treat. The cost is \$25. Please let Courtney Mott (615-383-1815 or cmott@fpcnashville.org) know if you plan to attend.

FPC Handyman Crew—FPC Handyman Crew serves as an outreach to assist senior congregational members and single mothers with minor home maintenance needs. They're not able to pave your driveway or install a new roof, but they're pretty good at replacing light bulbs, fixing dripping faucets, or unclogging a stuck drain. If you're interested in volunteering on the Handyman Crew, please contact Allen Kennedy (615-668-8447). If you need handyman assistance, contact Congregational Care (615-383-1815).

RECREATION

Register for Fall Soccer!—We are excited to open registration for the fall soccer season. Teams are available for boys and girls from 3 years to 4th grade. We will host seven Saturday gamedays: August 19, August 26, September 9, September 16, September 23, September 30, and October 7. Early registration (\$140) is open through July 23. Regular registration (\$240) runs July 24–July 31. Visit our Linktree page to register.

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! Visit our Linktree page to sign up.

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.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

2024 FPC Israel Trip | April 9–17, 2024 (Informational meeting on July 24)—Join Michael Baron, Les Coble, and Dr. Stuart Gordon on a trip to Israel to explore significant sites and bring the historical context of the Bible to life. On this meaningful trip, we will visit the temple precincts in Jerusalem, worship in the garden tomb area, and see the towns where Jesus lived and called disciples. Michael Fanning with MBF Enterprises will lead our trip. He has a vast knowledge and understanding of the area, developed over years of leading trips to Israel. He holds a Ph.D. in Old Testament from Baylor University. An informational session will be held via Zoom on July 24 at 8:00 p.m. To learn more, contact Stuart Gordon (sgordon@fpcnashville.org).

FPC Sanctuary Choir Tour | England | July 21–29, 2024

The FPC Sanctuary Choir has been invited for summer Residency at England's Wells Cathedral. The Residency includes supplying anthems and psalm settings for their nightly evening worship services as well as music for the Sunday service on July 28. In addition to the services at the Cathedral, short day excursions to parts of western UK are also scheduled. As with our past tours, we expect that 20-25 choir members will travel and FPC members and friends are also invited as space will allow. The cost of the tour will be finalized later this summer when airline fares are published in early August 2023. For more information, contact Daphne Garey (dgarey@fpcnashville.org).

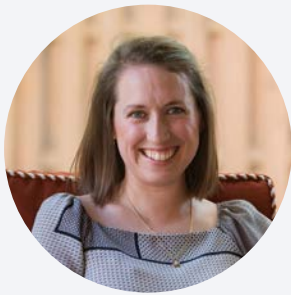
FLOWERS AT FPC

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 still several 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.mcmullen97@gmail.com).



MALLORY HAMMOND

*Director of Ministry with
Children & Their Families*



ASHLEY HIGGINS

Church Member

MALLORY HAMMOND AND ASHLEY HIGGINS SERVE AS PASTORAL INTERNS AT FPC

For the next six months, FPC will be privileged to host two pastoral interns. Church member Ashley Higgins and Mallory Hammond, FPC's Director of Ministry with Children & Their Families, are both under care of the Session while they formally pursue ordination and discern their respective calls to ministry. As a part of the process, both must undergo a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) placement, and we are excited to have Ashley and Mallory placed with FPC as a part of their CPE. Dr. Sandra Randleman is their pastoral liaison with the Presbytery, and they will primarily work with the Congregational Care team.

The internship includes a broad set of responsibilities, including making home and hospital visits, teaching, and participating in committee meetings. They look forward to building multi-generational relationships and experiencing all aspects of ministry—from leading bible studies to attending Stephen Minister's training and more. "I'm excited to build relationships with people in the congregation that I haven't before," says Ashley Higgins. "It's a real privilege to serve my home church, where I'm on staff and where I worship," says Mallory Hammond. "And I'm grateful for how the session and staff allow us to learn and grow through this process."

Please join us in praying for Ashley and Mallory in this important step in their ordination process as they seek to discern God's call in their life and vocation. "I truly am excited about this phase in ordination and look back at God's faithfulness over the last couple of years through this process," says Ashley Higgins.

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

