



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

July 23, 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

*Wrong will be right, when Aslan comes in sight,
At the sound of his roar, sorrows will be no more,
When he bares his teeth, winter meets its death
And when he shakes his mane, we shall have spring again.*

—C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

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

WELCOME

Dr. Ryan Moore

†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 | Based on Psalm 47

Dr. Sandra Randleman

Pastor: Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**All: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.**

Pastor: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**All: For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!**

*†OPENING HYMN 363 | verses 1–3

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!
DARWALL'S 148TH

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Chris Holstein (8:30)
Meredith & Marion Stewart (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Romans 8:12–25 (page 944)

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 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, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not

worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)

Dr. Stuart Gordon (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE | verse 4

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come and gather all the saints to their eternal home. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Myriam Mwizerwa and Dermot Ryan are presenting their children, Finley Mwizerwa Ryan and Hannah Mwizerwa Ryan, for baptism. Bob LaGrone, Assisting Elder

Cicely and Tim Mwizerwa are presenting their children, Jude Monroe Mwizerwa and Roan Walter Mwizerwa, for baptism. Bob LaGrone, Assisting Elder

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION 370

This Is My Father's World
TERRA BEATA

SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 (page 818)

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’” ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Wheat, Weeds, and What's to Come

Mallory Hammond

“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

—Matthew 13:43

OFFERTORY

Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion
Malcolm C. Boyle

Thou, O God art praised in Sion, and unto thou shall the vow be perform'd in Jerusalem, thou that hearest the prayer unto thee, shall all flesh come. Blessed is the man whom thou choolest and receivest unto thee. He shall dwell in thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, e'en of thy temple. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the, Lord forever for in the Lord

Jehovah is everlasting strength. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stay'd on thee, because he trusteth in thee. Let the people praise thee, O God, yea let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God shall give us his blessing.

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 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
ST. MARGARET

*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

Alla Marcia
John Ireland

* *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*
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Missions*
Mallory Hammond – *Director of Ministry with Children & Their Families*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*

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.*

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 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! Registration closes today. 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)—*This trip, coordinated by MBF Enterprises, will be led by Dr. Stuart Gordon and a certified, in-country guide selected by Michael Fanning. Mr. Fanning's availability for the trip is uncertain at this time.* Join Michael Baron, Les Coble, and Stuart 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. 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).

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

FPC is committed to serving Christ around the world, and we are planning several mission trips in the coming months. Please check the website for more details about these exciting opportunities or contact Missions (missions@fpcnashville.org) for more information.

Jamaica Mission Trip | February 3–10, 2024

This year's mission is looking for dentists and construction help to build much-needed homes in the community in partnership with St. Andrews Church. Oak Hill School is also sending a team of teachers to work on school programs for the children. The deadline for registration and deposit is due by October 31. J.T. Martin is the trip leader. Trip costs is approximately \$1,600.

Spots Open: Cuba Mission Trip | November 4–10

A few spots are still open for our 17th mission trip to Cuba. Led by Scott Greer, the team will continue building our relationship with our sister church, Dora E. Valentin, Reformed Presbyterian Church of Cuba (IPRC), and her pastor, Dopico. Join us on this relational mission trip to support, love, and learn from these lively Christians. The trip will conclude with a day in Havana, visiting other churches, the Presbyterian seminary, and sightseeing. Trip costs is approximately \$1450.

LANDSCAPING UPDATE

Last December, our community experienced an unexpected and severe flash freeze that caused extensive damage to many of the plants and shrubs surrounding our church building. Despite our best efforts to revitalize the affected vegetation, the shrubs suffered irreparable damage. After consulting with our Property Committee and professional landscapers, we have made the difficult decision to remove damaged shrubs. We are sad to see these plants go, as they have been a part of our church landscape for many years and hold sentimental value. Nevertheless, this decision is in the best interest of our community and our shared responsibility to steward our surroundings wisely. As we proceed with the removal, we also look forward to embracing new opportunities for rejuvenation and landscaping.

THANKS, TROOP 217!

This weekend, FPC member Reagan McMullen led Boy Scouts from Troop 217 in a service project on our campus. They repaired and painted fences and installed a seasonal disc golf course on church grounds. The non-permanent moveable disc golf baskets will be available for church groups and others to enjoy for the next few months. The first basket direction starts at the Cannon Center, including nine sequential baskets along the east/northeast lawn. Thanks to Reagan McMullen, Boy Scout Troop 217 and leader Lucian Geise for enhancing our campus joyfully.

Walkups
Welcome

VBS

UNDER THE STARS

Tuesday–Thursday

5:00–5:40 p.m. | Dinner

5:00–5:45 p.m. | Registration

5:45–6:05 p.m. | Opening Assembly

6:05–7:30 p.m. | Stations: Bible, Crafts, Music, and Games

7:30–7:45 p.m. | Closing Assembly

