



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

July 30, 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 gospel is not a preference. It’s not another piece of flair we add to our vest. It’s something far more beautiful and disturbing. The gospel is the power to raise the dead, to proclaim the greatness of God in a fallen and confused world.”

—Alan Noble

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

It Is Well
Craig Phillips

WELCOME

†INTROIT

Come, Ye That Love the Lord
arr. Alice Parker

Come, ye that love the Lord, and let your love be known; join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but favorites of the heav’nly King may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Stuart Gordon (8:30)
Dr. Sandra Randleman (11:00)

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

All: who made heaven and earth.

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 praise to your name, O Most High.

*†OPENING HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies
LAUDES DOMINI

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Amy Colton (8:30)
Charlie Bryan, Sr. (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | John 11:17–44 (page 897)

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is

coming into the world.”²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.³⁴ And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”³⁵ Jesus wept.³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. WE have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

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

At the 11:00 a.m. service our VBS friends will share a special song with the congregation.

‡During the 8:30 and 11:00 services, PreK and Kindergarten
children (ages 4–6) are invited to join Young Children & Worship.

ANTHEM

O Love
Elaine Hagenberg

O love, that will not let me go, O love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O joy, that seeks me through the pain, O joy, I cannot
close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn
shall tearless be.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Romans 8:26–39 (page 944)

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Inseparable

Dr. Ryan Moore

“But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.” —Romans 8:25

OFFERTORY

Cantique de Jean Racine
Gabriel Fauré

*Verbe égal au très-haut notre unique espérance, jour éternel de la terre et des cieux éternel de la paisible
nuit nous rompons le silence. Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux! Répands sur nous le feu de ta grace
puissante, que tout l'enfer, fuie au son de ta voix, dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante, qui la
conduit à l'oubli de tes lois! Ô Christ sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé
reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé*

Word of the highest, our only hope, eternal day of earth and the heavens, we break the silence of the
peaceful night; Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us! Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace, that all
hell may flee at the sound of your voice; banish the slumber of a weary soul, that brings forgetfulness of
your laws! O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people now gathered here to praise you; receive
their hymns offered to your immortal glory; may they go forth filled with your gifts.

*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 625

How Great Thou Art
Carl Boberg

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata from Ten Pieces for Organ
Eugene Gigout

** 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*
Sari Reist – *Cello*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emily and W. Robert Pugh, and Kathleen Donald 'Sister' Pugh by their family.

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FPC STAFF NEWS

Please join us in welcoming these new faces to the staff at FPC



Adam L'Herault Joins Staff as Director of Human Resources

After an extensive search, we are pleased to announce Adam L'Herault (pronounced La-Row) as our new Director of Human Resources. Adam comes to FPC after serving as Director of Human Resources for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee. Adam has a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Northwestern University, St. Paul, MN. Adam and his wife, Jen, have a son, Oliver (12), and a daughter, Annie (10). Reporting to the Church Executive, Adam will oversee the church's Human Resources functions, including staff onboarding, employee orientation, benefits administration, HR vendor management, compensation analysis, and HR information systems development and implementation. This hiring decision has been made with the unanimous approval of the Personnel Committee Chair, Senior Pastor, Church Executive, and other staff members.



Cri'Shon Thompson Joins Staff as Nursery & Kindergarten Coordinator

We are pleased to introduce Cri'Shon Thompson as our Nursery & Kindergarten Coordinator, where she will nurture and care for our youngest disciples at FPC. Cri'Shon is from Conyers, Georgia, and comes from a large family where she is the second oldest of 11 siblings. She attended the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, to play Division 1 Volleyball. Cri'Shon graduated from UGA in 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology on a Pre-Med Track with plans to pursue medical missions in the future. She has over seven years of childcare experience and over three years working in children's ministry settings. Cri'Shon is a singer, songwriter, and musician who enjoys playing sports and weightlifting.



NEWS AND EVENTS

Inquirers Class | Saturday, August 12 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Jones Session Room—If you are interested in membership or gaining a deeper understanding of First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, we invite you to attend our Inquirers Class. It's also a good opportunity to meet other newcomers to the church, as well as pastors and staff. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. No matter where you are in your journey of faith—whether you are new to the Christian faith, seeking, questioning, or desire to become a member—you are invited to participate in our Inquirers Class. Lunch and childcare are provided.

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. Please check the website for more details about this exciting opportunity or contact Missions (missions@fpcnashville.org) for more information.

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).

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).

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

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

Fall Soccer Registration Closes Tomorrow!—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. Regular registration (\$240) ends tomorrow. Visit our Linktree page to register.

Last Pool Fellowship Today | 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

September 10 | Kickoff Sunday

PASTORAL STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERS



Dr. Ryan Moore
Pastor & Head of Staff



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*Senior Associate Pastor for
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Dr. John Musgrave
Parish Associate



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TALK TO A PASTOR
Call 615-383-1815

The pastoral staff is here for you. Contact us if you would appreciate a pastoral visit/call, have pastoral care needs, would like to be on a prayer list, or if you are in the hospital. Prayer requests can be confidential and limited to the pastors.



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