



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

July 9, 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

*Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God
has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.*

—Acts 2:36

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Meditation on ‘Repton’
Robert A. Hobby

WELCOME

†INTROIT

O Lord Open Thou Our Lips
Richard Webster

O Lord open thou our lips; and our mouth shall show forth thy praise!

*CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 145

Mallory Hammond

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,

All: and bless your name forever and ever.

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful,

All: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

All: and all flesh will bless his holy name, forever.

*†OPENING HYMN 645 | verses 1–3

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
MIT FREUDEN ZART

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Gage Arnold (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 99 (page 500)

¹ The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

² The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! ⁴ The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵ Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them. ⁷ In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them. ⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. ⁹ Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive us for what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body,
take your part: to God all praise and glory!**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

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

SCRIPTURE READING | Philippians 3:4b–11 (page 981)

^{4b} If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

More than That

Dr. Stuart Gordon

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Philip W. J. Stopford | Charles Wesley

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Saviour hide, till the storm of life be past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last! Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find. Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness. False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace. Plenteous grace on thee is found, grace to cover all my sin. Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee. Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity. Amen.

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

INVOCATION

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.

COMMUNION

Communion at First Presbyterian Church is offered to all baptized Christians and will be served today by intinction. When your row is called, come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and receive both elements together. All bread is gluten free and the cup is juice.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
HYFRYDOL

*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

Praeludium in F
Vincent Lübeck

* *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*

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*

Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack Allen Oman by Argie Oman and their children, Argie McDonald and John Allen Oman, 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.



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.*

SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Mary Wallace Morgan.

Visitation | Friday, July 14 | 12:00 p.m. | Cheek House

Service | Friday, July 14 | 2:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

2024 FPC Israel Trip | April 9–17, 2024 — 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, July 21–29, 2024. The Residency includes supplying anthems and psalm settings for their nightly evening worship services as well as music for the Sunday service 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)



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
9:30 a.m. | Meet at 8:55 a.m. to carpool from the church
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. Bring an umbrella for rain or shade. We will meet at the church to carpool and leave to head to Franklin at 8:55 sharp! Or you may meet the group at Landmark Books in Franklin. Please let Courtney Mott (615-383-1815 or cmott@fpcnashville.org) know if you plan to attend. If we have a large group, we will want to get a second guide. Wear your walking shoes!

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).

FPC BOOKSTORE

Signed Copies of *Out Franklin Road* are Available at BookMarks—BookMarks, our church bookstore, has a limited number of signed copies of Bill Caruso's book *Out Franklin Road: The Oak Hill Home of Nashville's First Presbyterian Church*. This book is a brief history of FPC's home since 1949. BookMarks is open every Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. to noon and is located across from Courtenay Hall.

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. Our music instruction meets a standard of excellence that inspires students to learn, grow, and serve with their gifts to the glory of God alone. 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.*

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/fpcnashvilleyouth or contact youth@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 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.mcmullen97@gmail.com).

MISSIONS

Dominican Republic | September 16–22—Join trip leader Jim Cato on our 20th year of serving the people in San Juan de la Maguana with our partner Solid Rock International. Solid Rock International runs a clinic, several schools, a child nutrition program, and a guest house. We will take a surgical team, a primary medical care team for services in neighborhood locations, and a construction team. Physicians, dentists, nurses, and other medical personnel are needed, along with non-medical participants. Please check the website for more details or contact Missions (missions@fpcnashville.org) for more information. Registration with your passport is due by July 14.

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.

Register for Fall Soccer!—Athletics can be a beautiful vehicle for growth and discipleship. Because of this, we believe children's soccer is an integral part of our mission here at FPC, and 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 the website to register.



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



AUGUST 5-6

NaCoMe is a special
weekend of fun with the
FPC church family!



Scan here to register
you and your family!