



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

August 13, 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

*"Religion is needed where there is a wall of separation between God and man.
But Christ who is both God and man has broken down the wall between man and God.
He has inaugurated a new life, not a new religion."*

—Alexander Schmemmann, *For the Life of the World*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Prelude III, Op. 105
C.V. Stanford

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

Dr. Sandra Randleman

Pastor: Join with the heavens and all the earth in praising our God!

All: For you, O LORD, are alone worthy of our whole hearts.

Pastor: Consider the weight and majesty of God's glory. Ponder anew the mighty acts of God for us and for the life of the world.

All: For you, O LORD, we gladly, with the angels and archangels, forever adore you! Praises be to you, O LORD, Maker of heaven and earth!

*†OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
LOBE DEN HERREN

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love does befriend you.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Fred Fisher (8:30)
Marty Dickens (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Deuteronomy 30:11–20 (page 172)

¹¹ “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ ¹⁴ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. ¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mallory Hammond (8:30)
Dr. Stuart Gordon (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the Church, his body. In his name we pray. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 634

To God Be the Glory
TO GO BE THE GLORY

*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

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

(8:30) Kristin and James Fenner are presenting their son, Oliver James Fenner, for baptism.
Hal Sauer, Assisting Elder

(11:00) Amy and Tyler Armstrong are presenting their children, Henley Elizabeth Armstrong and Eli Joseph
Armstrong for Baptism. Becky Campbell, Assisting Elder

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION 630

Fairest Lord Jesus
CRUSADER'S HYMN

SCRIPTURE READING | Romans 10:5–15 (page 946)

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Jesus Is Lord

Dr. Ryan Moore

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.” —Deuteronomy 30:14

OFFERTORY

The Road Home
Stephen Paulus and Michael Dennis Browne

Tell me where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost, so long ago? All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home? After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of day, through the air there's a calling

from far away, there's a voice I can hear that will lead me home. Rise up, follow me, come away is the call, with the love in your heart as the only song; there is no such beauty as where you belong. Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

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

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Dr. Stuart Gordon (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 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns
DIADEMATA

*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

Solid Rock
Craig Phillips

** 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 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 Mary Dougherty Townes by Janet Townes Jones.

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 Janis Myers Parker.

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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.*



NEWS AND EVENTS

New Directory in Progress: Please update your contact information by August 14—Our staff is preparing for a printed directory and laying the foundation for an online directory. Updated contact information allows us to love our church family well and quickly connect during times of joy and sorrow. If you have moved, had a baby, or changed contact information, please update it in our system. Look in Parish News for instructions on how to do this. We look forward to sharing the new printed directory with you soon!

Means of Grace Study | Thursday Evenings Starting September 7 | 6:00–7:00 p.m.—Join Dr. Stuart Gordon in studying weekly devotions following the liturgical calendar from *Means of Grace: A Year of Weekly Devotions* by Fleming Rutledge. Rutledge is a retired Episcopal priest and gifted preacher. Her profound insights will help you gain a clearer view of the living God present and acting in the story of redemption. You can purchase a copy at our church bookstore, BookMarks. Contact Stuart Gordon for details (sgordon@fpcnashville.org).

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering | Tuesday, September 12 | 10:30 a.m. | Courtenay Hall | \$15—All FPC women are invited to join us for the Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering, where we will launch our study of *Words of Life* by Adam Hamilton, followed by lunch and fellowship. You can purchase a copy of *Words of Life* at our church bookstore, BookMarks, for approximately \$22.00. For more information, contact presbyterianwomen@fpcnashville.org.

Fall Communities of Belonging (COB) | September 10–November 19—Fall Communities of Belonging (COB) begin soon! COBs will align with the Sunday sermon text as we explore the book of Hebrews. The letter urges us to hold fast to our faith and hope in Christ, continually reminding us that Christ is above all. Join a COB for group discussion and connection as we grow in our faith and relationship with one another. Questions? Contact Julia Wilk (jwilk@fpcnashville.org). Visit our Linktree page to sign up.

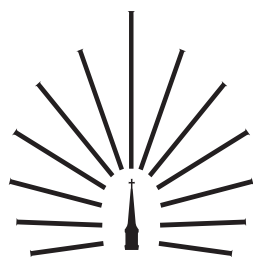
FPC Book Club on August 15 | 2:30 p.m. | FPC Library
We will discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

Volunteers Needed: Welcome Visitors as a Soccer Saint | Saturdays, August 19–October 7—Would you help us create a warm and welcoming atmosphere by volunteering as a Soccer Saint at one of our welcome tents on Saturday mornings during soccer season? Whether you are young, old or in between, it's a great way to serve God's people and spread joy. Your ministry of presence will be a blessing to our community. Visit our Linktree page to sign up.

Registration for FPC Music Academy Ends August 14—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. Visit our Linktree page to sign up.

Habitat Home Dedication | Sunday, August 27 | 2:30 p.m. The Village by the Creek (3447 Brick Church Pike)—Over two weekends in June, almost 60 volunteers from FPC came together to help Habitat for Humanity build a home for Latisha Burns and her sons. Latisha shared her story with the congregation in the spring. “I can’t wait to live in a brand-new home with new toilets, new everything!” Our FPC family is invited to celebrate the dedication of her new home next Sunday. Parking is available at the Bass Street Missionary Baptist Church (3447 Brick Church Pike). We hope you will join us in showing love and support to Latisha and her family. Thanks for making this life-changing experience happen!

Now Hiring: Ministry Assistant for Worship—Are you someone who’s interested in enriching our worship experiences? Join our staff as Ministry Assistant for Worship! Collaborate on beautiful bulletins, coordinate baptisms, acolytes, and liturgists. A gracious personality, proficiency in design software, and strong organizational skills are required. Integrate your faith in the service of our church by playing a meaningful role—in collaboration with our ministers and staff—to nurture our vibrant worship community. Visit www.fpcnashville.org/work-us to learn more about this role and other open positions!



Kickoff
SUNDAY
— at FPC —

Sunday, September 10 9:30 a.m. | Outside Sanctuary

Join the entire church family at our all-church kickoff as we reconnect after a busy summer! Our Kickoff Sunday is a time to gather as a church family for fellowship and learn ways to connect at FPC this fall. Our football-themed celebration kicks off outside the Sanctuary between morning worship services with fun for all ages. We will also listen to the musical talents of the Sam Levine Trio while enjoying a tasty pick-up breakfast. See you there!

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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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