



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church of Nashville

TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

October 15, 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 Lord did not come to make a display. He came to heal and to teach suffering men. For one who wanted to make a display the thing would have been just to appear and dazzle the beholders. But for Him who came to heal and to teach the way was not merely to dwell here, but to put Himself at the disposal of those who needed Him, and to be manifested according as they could bear it, not vitiating the value of the Divine appearing by exceeding their capacity to receive it.

—Athanasius of Alexandria

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Chorale
William Mathias

WELCOME AND MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mary and Brock Baker

†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 heavenly King may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gage Arnold (8:30)
Dr. Sandra Randleman (11:00)

Pastor: The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty.

All: Your throne is established from all eternity; you are from everlasting.

Pastor: Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!

All: We rejoice, that the LORD is mighty to save! We rejoice that the Lord is King! All the peoples of the earth rejoice and be glad that Christ is Lord!

*†OPENING HYMN 363

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

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Sam Cook (8:30)
Benjamin Carswell (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Matthew 14:22–33 (page 820)

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified,

and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty Father, you are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting him up, we humble ourselves before you. We confess to you, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what you forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise you that he was born like us that we might become like him. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE | HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory
TO GOD 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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See
OPEN MY EYES

SCRIPTURE READING | Hebrews 7:18–27 (page 1004)

¹⁸ For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness ¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God. ²⁰ And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, ²¹ but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’” ²² This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. ²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

A New and Better Hope

Dr. Ryan Moore

*... a better hope is introduced, through
which we draw near to God.—Hebrews 7:19*

OFFERTORY

*You, Lord, are Both Lamb and Shepherd
“Christus Paradox”
arr. Alfred V. Fedak*

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and swordbringer of the way you took and gave. You the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier’s toss, you, the everlasting instant; you, who are both gift and cost. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God’s side. You, who preach a way that’s narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our death and our life. Alleluia, you, who are our death and our life.

*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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

I Will Lift Mine Eyes
Jake Runestad

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this day forth for evermore.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Tuba Magna
John Madden

* *Those who are able, please stand.*
† *Latecomers may be seated.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Missions*
Gage Arnold, MDiv – *Director of Youth Programming*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Howard Eason, Jr.
by Nancy Eason.

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.*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School classes offer an excellent opportunity to develop friendships and enjoy Christian community. Classes range in size, formats, and content. Most classes start at 9:45 a.m. during the Education Hour unless otherwise noted. Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to learn about these and all our Sunday School offerings.

Coffee & Bible Class | Memorial Library
Confirmation 201 | OHS Board Room
Cornerstone Class | Vance Hall
Current Issues Class | L-200
Discipleship Class | Witherspoon Room
Fellowship Class | Jones Session Room

Good News Class | Room L-207
Hide & Seek | Courtenay Lounge
June Ramsey Class | Cheek House Living Room
Life Together | Room L-203
LOGOS Class | Stanford Chapel

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 4 | Inquirers Class | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Nov. 11 | Moonlighters Big Band & Dance | 2:00 p.m.
Nov. 15 | Blood Drive
Nov. 19 | Advent Wreath Workshop | 5:00 p.m.
Nov. 20 | Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing | 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 22 | Thanksgiving Eve Worship | 5:30 p.m.



Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat | Sunday, October 22 | 4:00 p.m. | By the Horse Barn—Join us for trunk or treating and more fun and fellowship on Sunday afternoon, October 22, at the fourth annual Fall Festival. This year, we will gather by the FPC Horse Barn on the northwest side of the FPC campus. Activities begin at 4:00 p.m., and festivities will culminate with a costume contest and dinner at 5:00 p.m. There will be live music, horse rides, and more!

Volunteers Needed for Fall Festival! —Please help us provide a fun and safe space for families and the community at Fall Festival's Trunk or Treat. We are seeking volunteers to help with activities and host trunks. This is a great way to bless our church family and the greater community. Sign up at linktr.ee/fpcnashville.

Pastor Appreciation Prayer Vigil | Wednesday, October 25 | Come and go between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m., 12:00 and 1:00 p.m., or 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary—October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and we have many reasons to be thankful for our pastoral team. On Wednesday, October 25, we will honor and uplift our pastors during a Pastor Appreciation Prayer Vigil. Offer prayers for our pastoral staff between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m., 12:00 and 1:00 p.m., or 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come and go as you are able. In addition, there will be a basket to drop off a note of appreciation for the pastors.

Inquirers Class | Saturday, November 4 | 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. For more information, contact Julia Wilk (615-473-8742 or jwilk@fpcnashville.org). Register at linktr.ee/fpcnashville.

Stephen Ministry Training February 2024—A training class for serving as a Stephen Minister will begin in February 2024. Stephen Ministers offer confidential support to individuals going through challenging times. The most important resources are a compassionate heart, a listening ear, and a willingness to pray with and for the person receiving care. If you are interested in serving as a Stephen Minister, please contact Sandra Randleman (srandleman@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9502). Applications are due at the end of November.

Calling all Volunteer Bakers and Cooks!—We need your help stocking the Manna Freezer and supporting those in need of a meal or sweet treat. If you're passionate about cooking or baking and want to make a difference, this is a wonderful opportunity to get involved. We currently need baked goods and soups packed in servings for two. For more details on becoming a contributor, contact Denise Bellardo (615-351-3273 or balletdenise@icloud.com).

FIRST FRIENDS

FPC Book Club | Tuesday, October 17 | 2:30 p.m. Church Library—Discussing *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah.

First Friends Luncheon | Thursday, October 19 | 12:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall—Update on New Creation Presbyterian Church. Make your reservations by November 13 on the church website.

City Cemetery Tour—Wednesday, October 25 | 10:00 a.m. | Nashville City Cemetery.

MISSIONS

Upcoming Service Opportunities

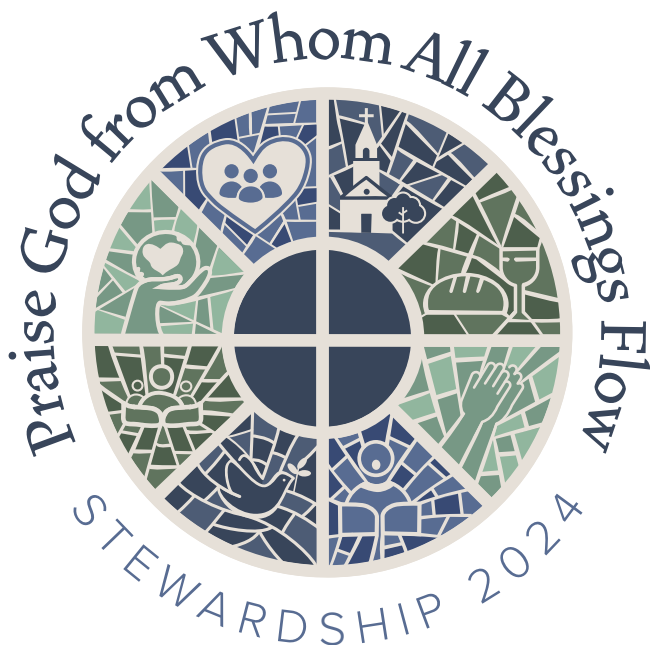
UKirk Nashville | November 30 | 6:00 p.m.—Bring a dish to join a group from FPC that will provide a meal for 10–12 college students, then join them for worship if you can.

Room In The Inn | Wednesdays through March—Every year from November through March, First Presbyterian Church provides shelter for men experiencing homelessness through Room In The Inn. There are a number of volunteer opportunities available this year: overnight hosts, van drivers, breakfast donors, lunch donors, and laundry volunteers. Room In The Inn takes its name from the Christmas story in Luke 2, a reminder that Jesus was laid in a manger because there was no room for him in the inn. Participating in this ministry is a beautiful way to serve Christ by serving the least of his brethren (Matthew 25:40). In addition, they regularly need clothing. Please consider donating new boxer shorts, undershirts, socks, gloves, stocking caps, and new or used men's coats and shoes. Contact Missions (missions@fpcnashville.org) for more information. Sign up at linktr.ee/fpcnashville.

Upcoming Mission Trips—FPC is committed to serving Christ around the world. Check the website for more details about these trips or email missions@fpcnashville.org for more information.

Jamaica Mission Trip | February 3–10, 2024—This mission trip is looking for dentists and construction help to build much-needed homes in the community. The deadline for registration and deposit is due by October 31.

Multi-Generational Jamaica Mission Trip | March 9–15, 2024—Join this amazing multi-generational mission trip to Jamaica. This will be a trip for building relationships with projects for ages 12 and up. We encourage families and individuals to participate. Registration and deposit are due by December 31.



Make Your Pledge Here
fpcnashville.org/2024-generosity/

2024 Stewardship Update

Thank you to those in our congregation who have made your pledge. We are making great progress but have work to do to reach our financial goals and more importantly, our goal to live out our mission to do the good we are called to do.

43%

Pledge Goal

232 of 540
pledges

56%

Dollars Pledged Goal

\$2.3 million of
\$4.1 million

\$2,150

Over Average Pledge Goal

Average Pledge: \$9,800
Goal Pledge: \$7,650

First Presbyterian Church and St. George's Episcopal Church
 invite you to attend this special event

What Do We Really Need? Cultivating Connection & Purpose in an Anxious Age

Rates of depression and anxiety are rising, especially among young people. Sometimes the reasons are clear and close to home, sometimes not. But do diagnostic labels help or harm? And how can churches and Christian communities contribute to healing?

Join psychiatrist and theologian Warren Kinghorn for a conversation about the roots of anxiety and depression, what our hearts long for, and who God is calling us to be together.

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Free to Attend | Registration Required

Plenary 7:00 pm

Dessert & Conversation 8:30pm

First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville, TN

Scan to Register



or visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville



Dr. Warren Kinghorn

Warren Kinghorn, MD, ThD is Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Duke University School of Medicine and Esther Colliflower Associate Research Professor of the Practice of Pastoral and Moral Theology at Duke Divinity School. He also serves as Co-Director of the Theology, Medicine and Culture Initiative, which works with current and future health care workers to re-imagine and re-engage contemporary practices of health care in light of scripture, Christian tradition and the practices of Christian communities.



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