



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 29, 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

It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.

—Antoine de Saint-Exupery, *The Little Prince*

The true treasure of the Church is the Most Holy Gospel of the glory and the grace of God.

—Martin Luther, Thesis 62 of the *Ninety-Five Theses*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Allegro from Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 in F Major, BWV 1046
Johann Sebastian Bach

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 | Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Gage Arnold (8:30)
Mallory Hammond (11:00)

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: My only comfort is that I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood, has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil.

Pastor: Christ protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head.

All: Indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.

Pastor: By his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life,

All: And makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Pastor: So be strong in the Lord—and in the strength of his might. In gladness for the Refuge that he is, let us stand in honor, lift our voices,

All: And let us worship God!

*†OPENING HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
EIN' FESTE BURG

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Annie Flanagan (8:30)
John Fuller (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 46 (page 471)

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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

Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your Son, Jesus the Messiah. As you meet us in our need, removing our sin, grant us also a daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit. Produce in us the fruits of holiness and righteousness, pleasing in your sight. May we become holy as you are holy. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. 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

‡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 463

How Firm a Foundation
FOUNDATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Hebrews 11:1–13 (page 1007)

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Power and Promises of Faith

Dr. Ryan Moore

*For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations,
whose designer and builder is God. —Hebrews 11:10*

OFFERTORY

Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild, BWV 79
(God the Lord is Sun and Shield)
J.S. Bach

God the Lord, is Sun and Shield, the Lord gives mercy and glory. No good thing will our God withhold from the righteous.

*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.*

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Dr. Sandra Randleman

Pastor: Hear our prayers, dear Christ: For those who have gone before us, wrapped in your grace.
All: Glory to your Name!
Pastor: For those who have nourished us, encouraged us, and prayed for us,
All: Glory to your Name!
Pastor: For the promises anchored deep in the Gospel.
All: Glory to your Name!
Pastor: For the good news of resurrection.
All: Glory to your Name!
Pastor: For all the saints, who from their labors rest.
All: Glory to your Name!

Moment of silence as the piper plays.

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 326

For All the Saints
SINE NOMINE

*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

Fugue on Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott, Op. 10
Camillo Schumann

** 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*
Gage Arnold, MDiv – *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*
Acolytes – (8:30) Graham Swafford, Kennedy Swafford; (11:00) Elijah Moore, Ada Shapiro

ORCHESTRA

David Davidson, Alison Hoffman – *Violins*
Razvan Berindean – *Viola*
Kirsten Greer – *Cello*
Craig Nelson – *String Bass*
Luke Simonson, Diana Dunn – *Oboes*

Jennifer Kummer, Patrick Walle – *French Horns*
Jim Lotz – *Bassoon*
Josh Hickman – *Timpani*
David Goodman – *Bagpiper*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Fred Tarkington, Jr. by Mrs. Jane Tarkington, Mrs. Leslie T. McCullough, and Mrs. Ferrin T. Mavar.

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.



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REFORMATION SUNDAY

Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday. The Reformation started on All Saints' Eve, 1517, when Martin Luther publicly objected to the way preacher Johann Tetzel was selling indulgences. These were documents prepared by the church and bought by individuals either for themselves or on behalf of the deceased that would release them from punishment due to their sins. Martin Luther, in his reading of Paul's letter to the Romans, came to recover the doctrine of justification—that it is by grace alone, through faith alone, that we are saved from our sins. As a congregation, we will also take time in worship to remember the saints of First Presbyterian who have died in the past year.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 11 | Moonlighters Big Band & Dance | 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 14 | History, Politics, and Religion | 6:00 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.

Dec. 3 | Christmas Ceilidh & Tree Lighting | 4:30 p.m.



IN MEMORIAM

First Presbyterian Church Members Who Have Died in the Past Year

October 2022

Billye Spicer Lee Grogan
Katherine Beto Oliver Jones

November 2022

Shirley Burnett Gillespie
LaReine Kramer Chapman
Kathryn Bumgardner Cheek

December 2022

Jacqueline Postell
William Preston Sutherland

January 2023

Sylvia Jean Plaxico Hartzog
Amelia Johns Goar Trickett
Elizabeth Taylor Fraser
Gwendolyn Hale White

March 2023

Robert Edward Stone Jr.
Robert Wayne Holland

April 2023

George Edgar Thornton
Ernest Keesee Hardison III

May 2023

Roger Fielding Smith
Sue Bomar Bartlett
Kenneth Lee Groomes

June 2023

Patrick Leslie King

July 2023

Mary Caroline Wallace Morgan
William George Heim
Alex Fall Wade Jr.

August 2023

Janis Myers Parker
Frances Leigh Swetman Ferguson

September 2023

Simeon K. Rongou
Edgar David Broadhurst III
Richard Quinn Ford

October 2023

Catherine Buck Loflin

Upcoming 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. 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.

YOUTH

Youth Prayer Partner Breakfast | Sunday, November 5 9:45 a.m. | Enrichment Center—The annual Youth Prayer Partner Breakfast is next Sunday. We intentionally pair each of our youth with an adult in the church, and these prayer partners commit to praying for each other daily. Adult prayer partners, please reach out to your youth and invite them to the breakfast. Parents, please encourage your child to respond to their prayer partner's invitation. All youth are invited to attend, regardless of the availability of their prayer partner. Volunteer roles are available to help prepare and host; visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to sign up!

MUSIC

Organ Recital by the American Guild of Organists Nashville Chapter | Monday, November 13 | 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary—The concert will include five organists presenting various organ music, including former FPC organist Nick Bergin.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Christmas Pageant Sign-ups Due November 4—A pageant will be presented at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service! Both singing, choir, speaking, and non-speaking roles are available. Deadline for sign-ups is Saturday, November 4. Pageant tryouts for speaking roles or a singing solo will be held in the Sanctuary on November 5 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Parts are based on age, and we ask that those with speaking roles attend all four rehearsals. Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to sign up by November 4!

MISSIONS

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. Contact Missions (missions@fpcnashville.org) for more information. Sign up at linktr.ee/fpcnashville.

Jamaica Mission Trip Registration Due on Tuesday | February 3–10, 2024—This mission trip is looking for dentists and construction help to build much-needed homes in the community.

Multi-Generational Jamaica Mission Trip | March 10–15, 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 as well as individuals to participate. The deadline for registration and deposit is due by December 31.

ALL SAINTS SERVICE

Wednesday, November 1 | 12:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Lunch to Follow in Courtenay Hall



Join us for an All Saints Day worship service. We will take time to remember and give thanks for the lives of the Christian saints who have gone before us, with a special mention of those church members we have lost since October 2022.

A light lunch (donation-based) will follow in Courtenay Hall; if you plan to eat with us, please contact Lynn Elliott (lelliott@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9504) so we know how many to prepare for.



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

Your Generosity Supports Our Call to Serve

We are called to love, serve, and support our neighbors and are active around the corner, in our community, and worldwide. Because of your generosity, we can support over 40 local non-profit organizations and over 40 global partners and provide much-needed services to those with great hardships and challenges. We have been abundantly blessed. Let us continue to do the good we are called to do and bless others.



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