



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

November 19, 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

Nature reaches out her hand and offers corn, and wine, and oil, and milk; but it was you who filled the hand of nature with such bounty. Industry reaches out her hand and gives us fruits of labor for ourselves and our prosperity; but you guided the hands that sowed and watered, and you gave the increase. Friends reach out their hands to support us; but your hand supports the hand we lean on. Through all these, your instruments, have I received your blessing, O God, but I bless your name most for this, that I have as my portion not only in the hearing, but in the preaching of your gospel.

—John Donne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Immortal, Invisible
Douglas Wagner

WELCOME AND MINUTE FOR MISSION AND STEWARDSHIP

The Scott Family

†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: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,

All: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Pastor: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

All: Tell of all his wonderful works.

Pastor: Glory in his holy name;

All: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Pastor: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

All: He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Pastor: With thankful hearts, let us worship our Triune God!

All: Alleluia! Amen!

*†OPENING HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
MIT FREUDEN ZART

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Amos Wilson (8:30)
Ross Schram (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Jonah 2:2–9 (page 774)

² “I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. ³ For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. ⁴ Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.’ ⁵ The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head ⁶ at the roots of the mountains. I went down to

the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God. ⁷ When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. ⁸ Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. ⁹ But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Mallory Hammond (11:00)

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

Now Thank We All Our God
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Heidelberg Catechism, III. Q&A 86, 116

Pastor: Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

All: Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Pastor: Why do Christians need to pray?

All: Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.

*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 652

A Grateful Heart
ROCKINGHAM

SCRIPTURE READING | Hebrews 13:1–16 (page 1009)

¹ Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶ So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?” ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Grateful Life

Dr. Ryan Moore

*Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus ...
equip you with everything good that you may do his will ... —Hebrews 13:20,21*

OFFERTORY

This Is My Father's World
Elaine Hagenberg

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears, all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas his hand the wonders wrought. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world, he shines in all that's fair, in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere. This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world, the battle is not done, Jesus who died will be satisfied and heaven and earth be one.

*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

How Firm a Foundation
FOUNDATION

*CHARGE

CHORAL RESPONSE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
arr. Mack Wilberg

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Festive Prelude on Praise to the Lord
Niels Gade

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

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Associate Pastor*
for Congregational Care & Missions
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*
Claire Paschal – *Soprano*
Alison Gooding Hoffman – *Violin*
FPC Handbell Choir

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Thanksgiving arrangement in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Lib and Scoop Thornhill by Elizabeth and John Wagster.

SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Laetitia Wenning Hardin.

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.

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. Children ages 4–6 are invited to join **Young Children & Worship** following the Blessing of the Young Disciples. Parents pick up their child after worship at Grundy Hall, located in the Children’s Ministry Wing. Following 8:30 a.m. worship, children of all ages are invited to stay for the Education Hour. Check-in and pickup for Nursery–Kindergarten is located in the Children’s Ministry lobby, while Elementary is located in Oak Hill C-Wing. **Nursery care** for children ages 0–3 is available from 8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. 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. 22–24 | Thanksgiving Holiday | Church Office Closed
Dec. 10 | Youth Grade-Level Christmas Parties | 9:40 a.m.
Dec. 12 | Presbyterian Women Christmas Gathering | 10:30 a.m.
Dec. 17 | Christmas Music Sunday | 8:00, 9:30 (livestreamed), & 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 17 | Service of Hope | 12:15 p.m.
Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve Sunday Worship | 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 24 | Journey to Bethlehem Live Nativity | 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 24 | Lessons and Carols | 8:00 (livestreamed) & 10:30 p.m. (New time!)
Dec. 25 | Christmas Day Worship | 11:00 a.m.
Jan. 7 | Epiphany Bonfire | 3:00 p.m.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Thanksgiving Breakfast | Today | 9:30 a.m. Courtenay Hall — Join our church family for a Thanksgiving breakfast between services today. Enjoy good food and fellowship provided by a cast of characters flipping pancakes. See you there!

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.

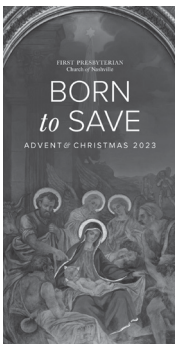
Christmas Greenery Dedication Due December 8 — FPC's Flower Ministry prepares the greenery that beautifies our Sanctuary during the Advent season. A greenery fund has been established to provide for these decorations. During Advent, those who make a contribution to the flower fund may do so in memory or in honor of loved ones. These dedications will be printed in the December 17 bulletin. To contribute and make a dedication, fill out a paper form (available in the narthex or hospitality center) or complete one online at linktr.ee/fpcnashville.

MISSIONS

Christmas Toy Drive | Collecting gifts through December 3 — This Advent, FPC will be holding a Christmas gift drive for children in need, infants through age 12. Collection boxes are located outside the sanctuary entrances and in Courtenay Hall. Toys should be new and unwrapped.

STEWARDSHIP

FPC Member Testimonial | Walt and Melissa Burton Feel Blessed By FPC — Walt and Melissa Burton have been blessed by their membership at FPC. Their children love being part of the church, especially VBS and soccer, and they have experienced first-hand the impact of missions through their involvement with the Martha O'Bryan Center—a longtime partner of the church that empowers those in poverty to transform their lives. They also feel blessed when they give back to the church. "For every dollar we give, we get more in return. It's unbelievable to see God at work in this way." Hear more from the Burtons by visiting linktr.ee/fpcnashville.



THE ADVENT MAILER IS COMING TO YOUR MAILBOX!

Advent is around the corner, and there are several ways to worship, connect, and serve at FPC during the Advent and Christmas season. A list of upcoming events and offerings is headed to your mailbox, and we hope you will use it to find ways to engage with FPC as we celebrate the birth of the savior.

Date Correction: Please note that the previously advertised date of the Epiphany Bonfire is incorrect. It will occur on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

SAVE THE DATE

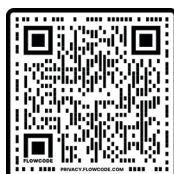


Ceilidh and Christmas Tree Lighting

December 3 | 4:30 p.m. | Courtenay Hall



A ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) is a party with music and dancing, a Scottish tradition that we'll celebrate together with flair. There will be food, Celtic music, and Scottish country dancing in Courtenay Hall, followed by carol singing and the lighting of the Christmas tree outside the Sanctuary. Registration is not required.



VISIT [LINKTR.EE/FPCNASHVILLE](https://linktr.ee/fpcnashville)
TO REGISTER OR LEARN MORE

Upcoming Events

Advent Wreath Workshop

Courtenay Hall | Cost: \$15 per family

TONIGHT

5:00 p.m.

Join us for a Family Advent Workshop. We'll talk about the significance of the Advent season as families make Advent wreaths they can use together at home. We hope these wreaths will be a sweet tool that families can use for several years to come! Dinner is included. Walk-ups welcome!

NOV

20

3:30 p.m.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing

Enrichment Center

Our annual Rise Against Hunger event is perfect for families, with opportunities for anyone ages 2–102! Help us pack over 20,000 meals to be delivered to partners around the world. To date, First Presbyterian Church members and Oak Hill School friends have held 16 events and packed 289,104 meals, the size of a full shipping container!

NOV

22

5:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Stanford Chapel

Before celebrating Thanksgiving this year, please join us on Thanksgiving Eve to worship God and give thanks as a congregation for his bounteous goodness and providential care.

NOV

24

11:00 a.m.

All-Church Thanksgiving Flag Football

Front Lawn

In town over the Thanksgiving holiday? Football fans of all ages are invited to play pick-up flag football together on Friday, November 24. Spectators and cheerleaders are encouraged to cheer players on as they compete on the front lawn, weather permitting.

