



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

THANKSGIVING EVE  
*November 22, 2023*



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To know Christ, to make Him known and to exhibit His love through worship, education and service.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

*We Gather Together*  
Matthew H. Corl

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP | adapted from Philippians 4:4–9

Liturgist: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.  
Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

**People: We will not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving we will make our requests known to God.**

Liturgist: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**People: As the beloved, we will dwell upon whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable.**

Liturgist: Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in Jesus,  
and the God of peace will be with you.

\*†OPENING HYMN 336

*We Gather Together*  
KREMSER

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THANKSGIVING LITANY

Liturgist: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer. Let us remember his mercy, for he is gracious and compassionate.

**People: We thank you for calling us to faith in Christ, for putting your Spirit within us, for giving us the mind of Christ, for gathering us into your church.**

Liturgist: We thank you, Lord, for extending your grace to us, for calling us to a life of gratitude, for calling us to service in your kingdom.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Liturgist: Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he satisfies the thirsty, he fills the hungry with good things, and he heals the afflicted. Let us celebrate his abundant goodness.

**People: We thank you, gracious Father, that you provide for all our needs, for the food on our tables, for the clothes on our bodies, for the beds we sleep in, and for the dwellings that shelter us.**

Liturgist: We praise you for all your gifts that go beyond our basic needs, for the things that make our work easier, for the conveniences of modern life, for the beauty and pleasure that you bring into our lives.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING | Exodus 16:1–12 (page 58)

<sup>1</sup> They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup> and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every

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day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.”<sup>5</sup> On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.”<sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt,<sup>7</sup> and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?”<sup>8</sup> And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”<sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”<sup>10</sup> And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.<sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to Moses,<sup>12</sup> “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

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

## MEDITATION

### The Thanksgiving Menu

Dr. Ryan Moore

*... and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. —Exodus 16:10*

## OFFERTORY

*Zion's Walls*  
Aaron Copland

Come, fathers and mothers, come, sisters and brothers, come join us in singing the praises of Zion. O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion? We'll shout and go around the walls of Zion.

*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](http://fpcnashville.org).*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## 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.**

## \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 643

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
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## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

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## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*

Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*

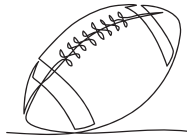
Ryan Bede – *Baritone*

## 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, or donating online at [fpcnashville.org](http://fpcnashville.org).



COVER IMAGE: *Potato harvest and Thanksgiving*, Oxfordian Kissuth, 2017, Interior of St. Hippolit (Amelinghausen).



### All-Church Thanksgiving Flag Football

Friday, November 24 | 11:00 a.m. | 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.

## 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.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 22–24 | Thanksgiving Holiday | Church Office Closed

Dec. 3 | Christmas Toy Drive ends

Dec. 8 | Christmas Greenery Deductions Due

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.