



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

January 14, 2024
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

*Evil may so shape events that Caesar will occupy a palace and Christ a cross,
but one day that same Christ will rise up and split history into A.D. and B.C.,
so that even the life of Caesar must be dated by his name.*

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here
Gerald Near

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. John Musgrave (8:30)
Rev. Sara Hill (11:00)

Pastor: We offer thanks to you, LORD, God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

All: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

All: Let the people praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you!

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Let us bless the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

*†OPENING HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Mit Freuden Zart

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Becky Campbell (8:30)
Ron Pasquale (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 16 (page 453)

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ² I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.” ³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. ⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. ⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. ⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mallory Hammond (8:30)

Gage Arnold (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. Purge us from selfishness, the fear of man, and the love of praise. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. 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.*

SCRIPTURE READING | John 1:43–51 (page 887)

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON **Known and Seen by God** Dr. Ryan Moore
“Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” —John 1:48

OFFERTORY *Psalm 150*
César Franck

Hallelujah! O praise ye the Lord, in his sanctuary; praise ye the Lord in the firmament of his power. Praise ye him for his mighty acts. Praise ye him according to his majesty. Praise ye him with the sound of the trumpet, praise ye him with the psaltery and harp. Praise ye him with the timbrel. Praise ye him with the dance, praise him with the organ and stringed instruments. Praise ye him upon the loud cymbals. Praise ye him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Dr. Stuart Gordon

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion at First Presbyterian Church is offered to all baptized Christians and will be served today by intinction. When your row is called, come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and receive both elements together. All bread is gluten free and the cup is juice.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Sandra Randleman

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 649

Amazing Grace
AMAZING GRACE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

A Blessing
James Chepponis

May the road rise up to meet you; may the wind be always at your back; may the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft on your fields; and until we meet again; may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne, BuxWX137
Dietrich Buxtehude

* *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*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donnell Stanford Jr. and Mr. Robert Donnell Stanford III by Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Palmer III, Margaret, Lacy and Josephine Blanton, Carolyn and Dawson Thombs, Palmer and Stanford Thombs, Meredith and John Nelson.

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. 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
June Ramsey Class | Cheek House Living Room
Life Together | Room L-203
LOGOS Class | Stanford Chapel

LOOKING AHEAD

January 21 | Youth Stuff and Mail
January 25 | Camp Watermelon Registration Opens
January 28 | Food Drive Begins
February 2-4 | Youth Ski Trip
February 9 | Broadway Dinner and Show
February 14 | Ash Wednesday Supper and Service
February 15 | First Friends Luncheon
February 24-25 | Confirmation Retreat
March 4 | VBS Registration Opens

March 6 | Blood Drive
March 21 | First Friends Luncheon
March 23 | Spring Soccer Begins
March 24 | Palm Sunday and Easter Festival
March 28 | Maundy Thursday Supper and Service
March 29 | Good Friday Worship Service
March 31 | Easter Sunday
June 25-27 | VBS

NEWS AND EVENTS

Midweek Study with Ryan Moore Not Meeting Until February 7 — Ryan's class is on break during the Calvin University January Series. The January Series is a 15-day virtual lecture series featuring a different speaker each day. The lectures will be livestreamed during the lunch hour in the Session Room and all are welcome to attend. Visit the church website to learn more and register.

2024 Sanctuary Flowers for Sunday Worship — The flowers in the Sanctuary every Sunday morning are given by church members in memory of or in honor of loved ones, or in celebration of a milestone. The donor and loved ones are acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin on the date you select. The cost of a flower dedication is \$300 for one arrangement or \$500 for two arrangements. If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday worship, visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to submit the flower form. If you have questions, please contact Flower Committee Chair Kelly McMullen (Kelly.mcmullen97@gmail.com).

Grief Support Group | Sundays | January 14–February 4 3:00 p.m. | Jones Session Room — First Presbyterian Church will offer a grief support group on Sunday afternoons, 3:00–4:30 p.m., January 14 through February 4. The grief support group will focus on understanding the stages and feelings of grief as well as how prayer can help us in seeking the comfort of God during the very difficult time of grieving the losses of life. The psalms of lament in the Bible will provide a model for our study of prayer. For more information, please contact Dr. Sandra Randleman (srandleman@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9502). Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register.

MUSIC

Registration for the 2024 Spring Music Academy Extended January–April | Monday–Thursday from 3:15–6:15 p.m. Stanford Chapel — FPC's Music Academy offers vocal and instrumental lessons to allow our younger disciples and adults to explore their God-given artistic gifts in voice, violin, harp, piano, organ, and now guitar. Our music instruction meets a standard of excellence that inspires students to learn, grow, and serve with their gifts to the glory of God alone. Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register by February 2.

Piano Concert by Tiantian Liang | Today | 3:00 p.m. Sanctuary — All are welcome to a piano concert by Tiantian Liang (wife of Peter Rogahn). She will play rarely performed compositions by Fanny Mendelssohn, Franz Schubert, and Florence Price.

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza | Saturday, February 3 | 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. | Sanctuary — Children and youth from age 8 to 18 are invited to meet Rex, the King of the Instruments—also known as the majestic pipe organ! Pipe organs have been in existence for over 2,000 years in a variety of forms and used in different ways. Attendees will meet Rex for a demonstration and then go inside the pipe organ to see how this large instrument works. Then they will get to assemble a small pipe organ! Piano students are encouraged to bring a piano piece to play on the Rex and experience the many sounds of the organ from soft whispers to loud roars! The event will end with PIZZA to celebrate meeting Rex: King of the Instruments! Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register by January 20.

RECREATION

Winter Pickleball | Wednesdays in January and February 5:00–8:00 p.m. | Enrichment Center — Pickleball is back! We are playing together on Wednesday evenings through the end of February—excluding February 14 (Ash Wednesday). All ages are welcome, and no experience is necessary for a good time. Beginners and kids have the courts from 5:00–6:00 p.m. and more advanced players have the courts from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Bring your own paddle, but if you don't have one, come anyway, we have extras. For more information, please contact Jen Kutzner (jkutzner@fpcnashville.org). We hope to see you there!

Early Registration for First Pres Soccer is Open!

Early Registration: January 5–February 13 (\$140 per player), Regular Registration: February 14–February 23 (\$240 per player) — Soccer registration is currently happening at First Pres! From March 23–May 11 over 1400 kids from around the Nashville area will play soccer at First Pres each Saturday. Teams are available for boys and girls, ages 3 years through rising 4th graders. We hope your family will join us this spring! Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register.

STEWARDSHIP

2024 Stewardship Update: Make your pledge by January 31 — The Generosity Team is grateful for the church's response to our 2024 Giving Campaign. As of January 10, we are 79 pledges and \$228,000 from our goal. If you still need to make your pledge for 2024, please do so by the campaign's end on January 31. To make your pledge, visit fpcnashville.org/2024-generosity/.

Household Pledges | Actual: 461, Goal: 540

Pledge Total | Actual: \$3.9 million, Goal: \$4.1 million

Average pledge | Actual: \$8,465, Goal: \$7,650



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CALVIN UNIVERSITY
PRESENTS

the January Series

IN PERSON OR ON DEMAND

15 Monday

LERONE MARTIN
IN CELEBRATION OF MLK DAY
Soul Force: The Challenge of
Martin Luther King Jr.

*Underwritten by
Larry & Mary Gerbens
and Khan & Liza Nedd*

16 Tuesday

DAN TEPFER
From Bach to Natural
Machines: Algorithms as
the Shapers of Music

*Underwritten by
a Friend of the January Series*

17 Wednesday

ROBERT GEORGE
(VIRTUAL)
Religious Liberty and
the Human Good

*Underwritten by
the Henry Institute for the
Study of Christianity & Politics*

18 Thursday

CAROLINE
RANDALL WILLIAMS
Soul Food and the
Collective Cultural Memory

*Underwritten by
a Friend of the January Series*

19 Friday

MATTHEW DESMOND
Poverty, By America

*Underwritten by
Peter C. & Emajean
Cook Foundation and
The Howard Miller Company*

22 Monday

KENDALL
VANDERSLICE
Table Conversations:
Building Community as We Eat

*Underwritten by
an Anonymous Supporter
of the January Series*

23 Tuesday

DR. LYDIA DUGDALE
The Lost Art of Dying:
Ethical Considerations in
Facing Our Mortality

*Underwritten by
the Stob Lecture Series and
The Howard Miller Company*

24 Wednesday

NIALA BOODHOO
Lessons I've Learned
from Listening

*Underwritten by
a Friend of the January Series*

25 Thursday

TOMMY CALDWELL
Route Finding for Success

*Underwritten by
Holland Home*

26 Friday

FELICIA WU SONG
Restless Devices:
Christian Formation in
a Digital World

*Underwritten by
The Howard Miller Company*

29 Monday

JACOB GOLDSTEIN
Technology, Luddites, and
the Future of Work

*Underwritten by
The Calvin Center for
Innovation in Business*

30 Tuesday

DANIEL BOWMAN JR.
Neurodivergent Storytelling

*Underwritten by
GMB Architects and Engineers*

31 Wednesday

JOANNE DIAZ,
ABRAM VAN ENGEN,
AND MARILYN NELSON
A Live Recording of the Podcast
Poetry For All with Marilyn Nelson

*Underwritten by
Calvin Center for Faith and Writing*

1 Thursday

TIMOTHY DALRYMPLE
What's Becoming of Us?:
Artificial Intelligence and
the Future of the Church

*Underwritten by
the Center for Excellence
in Preaching and
Miller Johnson*

2 Friday

PEARL SHANGKUAN
Tuning Our Minds, Ears, and
Hearts to Sing God's Grace:
Reflections of a Conductor

*Underwritten by
Holland Litho*

January 15–February 2

Lunch: 11:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. | Live Stream: 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Jones Session Room

This 15-day virtual lecture series aims to cultivate deep thought and conversations about important issues of the day in order to inspire cultural renewal and make us better global citizens in God's world.

Scan here to learn
more and register.
fpcnashville.org

