



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

January 21, 2024

11:00 a.m.



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

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Grace is the good news of unfathomable possibility. God's sanctifying presence in my life doesn't erase what's gone before. Indeed, what God has prepared for me depends on what has gone before. My personal history isn't something to regret; it is something God can deploy in ways I never could have imagined.

—James K.A. Smith

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Adagio from Three Pieces for Organ
Frank Bridge

WELCOME

Dr. Stuart Gordon

†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 | Psalm 100

Mallory Hammond (8:30)
Dr. Sandra Randleman (11:00)

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

All: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*†OPENING HYMN 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST LESSON | Jeremiah 16:14–21 (page 644)

¹⁴ “Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when it shall no longer be said, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ ¹⁵ but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their fathers. ¹⁶ “Behold, I am sending for many fishers, declares the LORD, and they shall catch them. And afterward I will send for many hunters,

and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks. ¹⁷ For my eyes are on all their ways. They are not hidden from me, nor is their iniquity concealed from my eyes. ¹⁸ But first I will doubly repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable idols, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations.” ¹⁹ O LORD, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: “Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, worthless things in which there is no profit. ²⁰ Can man make for himself gods? Such are not gods!” ²¹ “Therefore, behold, I will make them know, this once I will make them know my power and my might, and they shall know that my name is the LORD.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Clark and Sarah Benton are presenting their daughter, Mary Margaret Benton for baptism.
Donna Dalton, Assisting Elder.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION 735

I Need Thee Every Hour
NEED

SCRIPTURE READING | Mark 1:14–20 (page 836)

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” ¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Leaving to Follow

Gage Arnold

And immediately they left their nets and followed him. —Mark 1:18

OFFERTORY

O Lord, You Are My God and King (Psalm 145)
JERUSALEM

O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will ever bless your name; I will extol you every day, and evermore your praise proclaim. You, Lord, are greatly to be praised; your greatness is beyond our thought; all generations shall tell forth the mighty wonders you have wrought. How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of compassion, merciful, your anger always slow to rise; your steadfast love you show to all, for you are good in all your ways; your creatures know your constant care. To all your works your love extends; all souls your tender mercies share. Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your mighty acts will show, till all the peoples of the earth your kingdom, power, glory know. Eternal is your kingdom, Lord, forever strong, forever sure; while generations rise and die, your high dominion will endure.

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 463

How Firm a Foundation
FOUNDATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude in D
George Dyson

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

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Stuart Gordon, DMin – *Senior Associate Pastor for Christian Formation & Witness*
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
Peter L. Nelson by his family.

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.



SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of
Samuel Elgin Jackson, who died on January 10, 2024.

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.

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.*

LOOKING AHEAD

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



FPC STAFF NEWS

FPC Welcomes Robbie Miller as the new Missions Ministry Coordinator

Robbie is responsible for supporting the Director of Missions Ministry in the areas of office administration, benevolence management, management of local and global mission teams, and participation in mission ministry activities.

Robbie has experience in missions, children's, and finance ministries in various organizations and most recently worked in church database administration and special needs ministries at another local church.

You can contact her at rmiller@fpcnashville.org.

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).

Manna Freezer — The Manna Freezer is open for business and is stocked with soups, cookies, and homemade bread. Church members are invited to stop by to choose items to deliver to FPC members, neighbors, or friends who are ill, individuals recovering from surgery, those navigating a family death, or experiencing financial stress. Share the bounty! The freezer is located in the stairwell from the kitchen end of Courtenay Hall up to the Sanctuary. For questions about the freezer, or if you are interested in becoming a contributor, contact Denise Bellardo (balletdenise@icloud.com).

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.

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 (jkutznr@fpcnashville.org). We hope to see you there!

Early Registration for First Pres Soccer is Open!

Early Registration: Jan. 5–Feb. 13 (\$140 per player),

Regular Registration: Feb. 14–Feb. 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.

MISSIONS

TN Tornado Relief — In early December, several tornados hit middle Tennessee communities, and FPC is donating funds to help with TN Tornado relief. Funds will be used to help rebuild a portion of the St Luke's Presbyterian Church in Madison, where they provide food and laundry services for 100 homeless persons. Another part of funds will be used to support New Creation Presbyterian Church and help them provide relief in the Hendersonville area. If you would like to participate in supporting these efforts with a donation, please note TN Tornado Relief on the memo portion of your check and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the Missions office.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Children's Ministry Pajama Drive | Ends Sunday,

February 4 — Our annual Pajama Drive benefiting Fannie Battle Day School is underway! Each sponsored child will receive a pair of pajamas, and this year, we are also requesting diapers. To sponsor a child, please select a card from the large bulletin board near the Children's Ministry entrance. Please bring donations by Sunday, February 4. All items must be new, and extra items will be donated to the center.



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REGISTER, DONATE, OR LEARN MORE

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

