



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

January 28, 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

If the church is willing to risk being weird once more and to unapologetically tell its story of the God who became human, lived an exemplary life, suffered crucifixion, and was raised to life again, a new generation may yet find meaning in the midst of the rubble.

—Justin Brierley, *The Surprising Rebirth of Belief in God*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

All Glory Be to God on High
Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

†INTROIT

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord
WOODLANDS

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord: unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice: tender to me the promise of his word: in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

All: We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*†OPENING HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty
NICAIA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Overton Colton (8:30)
Lonnie Stout (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Deuteronomy 18:15–20 (page 161)

¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Dr. Sandra Randleman (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we openly admit that you know us thoroughly. Our deepest secrets are open before you. You know our thoughts before they are conceived in our minds. We cannot hide from you. Therefore, we ask that you discover unto us our sins so that we may humble ourselves again in your presence and seek your forgiveness and grace. We admit we have tolerated sinful thoughts about power, lust, greed, jealousy, malice and other things that grieve your heart. We have committed sins of omission and commission. But we seek your mercy and cleansing from our sins by the blood of Christ. And we thank you for your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness and obedience. Give us the grace to please you this day and forever. In Jesus' name, 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30)

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Hannah and Alex Apple are presenting their son, David Brady Apple for baptism.
Glenn Funk, Assisting Elder.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
CONVERSE

SCRIPTURE READING | Mark 1:21–28 (page 836)

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The One with Power

Dr. Ryan Moore

He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him. —Mark 1:27

OFFERTORY

His Light In Us
Kim Andre Arnesen | music
Euan Tait | words

God’s distant call flares in the night, so long expected, so longed for; and all my life, Christ called my name, and now at last, I’ll answer him. Renewed, his hope, his light in us, incarnate, fragile, our Lord appears, Alleluia, alleluia! Eternal, so perfect, his cry of changeless love. Alive, awake, his call is here: it is the crying of the Child; I know Christ’s call, its hidden flame, it makes my spirit flare with hope!

*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.*

COMMISSIONING OF JAMAICA MISSION TEAM (8:30)

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF OFFICERS (11:00)

NATURE OF THE OFFICES

PRESENTATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION TO CONGREGATION

Leader: Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these persons as Elder and Deacon, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

All: **We do, God being our guide and strength.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

ORDINATION PRAYER

Dr. Stuart Gordon

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
BRADBURY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Mind of Christ
ST. LEONARDS

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say. May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only thro' his pow'r. May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing. May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win; and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Recessional
William Mathias

* *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 Peter L. Nelson by his family.

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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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JAMAICA MISSION TRIP

Our Jamaica Mission Trip takes place February 3–10. This team includes dentists and educators from Oak Hill School who will serve the community surrounding our partner, St. Andrews Church. Please join us in praying for this team: J.T. Martin (trip leader), Stuart Gordon (pastor), Bill Akin, Elizabeth Derck, Danny Dotson (Son Servants), Ford Gatgens, Glenn Grove, John Hollins, Jr., Adele Holloway, Dale Sullivan, Temp Sullivan, Scott Mason, Sarah Ellen Williams.

FPC OFFICERS

New officers will be ordained or installed during the 11:00 a.m. worship service today.

Elected to serve in the Office of Elder Class of 2026: Denise Bellardo, John Eason, Michael Hindman, John Hollins, Jr., Malcolm Liles, Scott McConnell, Austin McMullen, Lauren Ross, Emmett Russell IV, Tricia Scott, Elizabeth Wagster, Hobbs Yarbrough.

Elected to serve in the Office of Deacon Class of 2026: Summer Bryan, Allen Callison, Sarah Dalton, M.L. Davis, Sally Einstman, Ben Elrod, Bill Girard, Kim Greene, Harold Harr, Greg Hill, Travis Holland, Chris Holstein, Ben Huddleston, Cindy Luna, Mary Marraccini, J.T. Martin, Alex Nicholson, Donna Platt, Robert Rolfe, Jr., John Thomas.

First Presbyterian Church would like to express its heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the following outgoing officers who have served faithfully in the Class of 2023: Steve Becker, Janine Cundiff, Marty Dickens, Nancy Eason, Will Hannon, William Hastings, Betsy Hilt, Polly Johnson, Mickey Martin, Mark McDonald, Ben Merrill, Shelby Moody, Mary Raymond, Worth Scott, Erika Shapiro, Ted Spangler, Alice Vanlingen.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Communities of Belonging (COB) | Starting the week of February 18 — COBs will start afresh this Lent season and continue their study of Adam Hamilton's book *The Way*, exploring the life and ministry of Jesus through the places he lived and walked. We are looking to add new groups to keep pace with the growth of our church. If you want to lead or participate in a new group, please get in touch with Julia Wilk (615-473-8742 or jwilk@fpcnashville.org). Registrations will begin in early February.

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)

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).

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.

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.

RECREATION

Winter Pickleball | Wednesdays in January and February 5:00–8:00 p.m. | Enrichment Center — We are playing Pickleball 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).

Early Registration for FPC 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 FPC! 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.

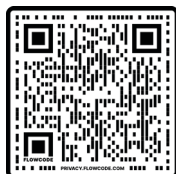
MISSIONS

First Pres Annual Food Drive | Sunday, January 28–Sunday, February 11 — 1 in 8 People, including 1 in 6 children, struggle with hunger in Middle Tennessee. Help us tackle hunger by participating in our annual food drive, benefiting the Matthew 25 Food Bank. Please bring non-perishable food items and drop them in the collection boxes located in the narthex and welcome center lobby. Food items requested include Nido brand powdered milk, dry rice, dried black and red beans, masca flour (for tortillas), baby formula, detergent, diapers for children and adults, baby wipes, or any other non-perishable food.

THE BROADWAY DINNER SHOW IS COMING SOON!

Friday, February 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Courtenay Hall | Cost \$35

The FPC Sanctuary Choir presents their Broadway Dinner Show: *With a Song in My Heart*, featuring Classic Broadway Songs and Choruses. Alex Apple and George Armistead will emcee the show. Raphael Bundage is directing, and Stephen Carey will accompany our singers. Get your tickets soon for the best tables. Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register. For more information, contact Daphne Garey (615-298-9517 or dgarey@fpcnashville.org).



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IN PERSON OR ON DEMAND

Join us for the last week of the January Series!

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

Jones Session Room



MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Jacob Goldstein

*Technology, Luddites,
and the Future of Work*



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Tim Dalrymple

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



TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Daniel Bowman

*Neurodivergent
Storytelling*



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Pearl Shangkuan

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



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

**Abram Van Engen,
Joanne Diaz and
Marilyn Nelson**

*A Live Recording of the
Podcast, "Poetry For
All" with Marilyn Nelson*

Scan here to learn
more and register.
fpcnashville.org

