



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 7, 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

Having seen the glory of the heavenly host, could a shepherd any longer think of himself as the center of the universe, expecting all things to get out of his way?

—Francis Schaeffer

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

†INTROIT

Tell Out My Soul
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 | *based on Isaiah 60*

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

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

All: The glory of the LORD has risen upon us.

Pastor: Let us praise the LORD together.

All: The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,

Pastor: For the LORD will be our light, and our God will be our glory.

All: The LORD will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.

Pastor: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

*†OPENING HYMN 143

Angels from the Realms of Glory
REGENT SQUARE

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Hal Sauer (8:30)
Mark Ison (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Galatians 4:4–7 (page 974)

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,
⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven
Keith and Kristyn Getty

Jesus, joy of the highest Heaven, born as a little baby under a wondrous star. Like us, crying, he takes his first breath, held by his mother, helpless, close to her beating heart. Jesus, laid in a lowly manger, facing a world of dangers; come to turn me, a stranger, into a child of God. Jesus, King of the highest Heaven, learning to take his first steps, that he might bring us life. Like us, knowing our smiles and sorrows, he showed the way to follow, away that is true and right. Jesus, take away every darkness; steady my simple footsteps that I might in your goodness live as a child of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

God of grace, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world, the joy of the highest heavens, but we choose darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Baptize us with your Holy Spirit, that, forgiven and empowered, we may preach your Word to the nations and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High
GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*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

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

(8:30) Carter and Elise Swayze are presenting their son, Knox Warren Swayze, for baptism.
Bob LaGrone, Assisting Elder. Rev. Knox Swayze, Officiant.

(11:00) Kyle and Emmy Smith are presenting their son, Wyatt Douglas Smith, for baptism.
Lynn Lassiter Kendrick, Assisting Elder.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION 144

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 2:8–15 (page 857)

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

When God Recalls the Angels

Dr. Ryan Moore

“... the angels went away from them into heaven ...” —Luke 2:15

OFFERTORY

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Gustav Holst

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away. At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, “Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most High!” Amen.

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

Dr. Stuart Gordon (8:30)

Dr. Sandra Randleman (11:00)

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 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain
GO TELL IT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Epilogue on 'Dix' (As with Gladness Men of Old)
William H. Harris

* *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*
Claire Paschal – *Soprano*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Emily and Odell Crowe and June and Lewis Noland, by Nell Ann Crowe and Tom Noland.

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
Carol Jean Covington Dillon and Lila 'Jane' Anderson Tarkington.

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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 5 | Spring Soccer Early Registration Opens
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

Presbyterian Women Handiwork Drop-In | Monday, January 8 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Memorial Library — All women who enjoy portable handiwork (knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, cross stitch, etc.) are invited to join us on the first Monday of each month. Bring your current handiwork project and we will enjoy Christian fellowship, build community, and work on our respective crafts. For information, contact Karen Pasquale (karenpasquale@comcast.net).

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!

History, Politics, and Religion | Tuesday, January 9 | 6:00–7:00 p.m. | Gathering Place — January's History, Politics, and Religion will take up the subject of school choice with our guest speaker and FPC Elder, Lee Barfield. Lee is experienced in the operation of successful independent schools, serving on the boards of four leading independent schools and serving as chair for three schools. Lee has also worked closely with the American Federation for Children and a coalition of school choice advocates to encourage the Tennessee General Assembly to adopt Governor Bill Lee's Tennessee Education Savings Account Pilot Program. Childcare is available upon request. The event will be live-streamed on the church's YouTube channel. Contact Stuart Gordon (sgordon@fpcnashville.org) for the link.

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.

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).

Inquirers Class | Sundays, January 7–28 | 9:45 a.m. Courtenay Lounge — Interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church or becoming a member? Join us for a four-

part Inquirers Class each Sunday during the Education Hour on January 7, 14, 21, and 28. Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register or contact Julia Wilk (615-473-8742 or jwilk@fpcnashville.org).

FPC Early Preschool Program Tours for the 2024–2025 School Year | January 8–12, 2024 — FPC's Early Preschool provides a Christian environment for the development of children ages 18 months through five years. We are hosting program tours before opening registration for our 2024-2025 school year in January. This is a great opportunity to experience the program, meet our staff, and see if the EP is right for you and your family. Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register.

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 Closes January 12 | 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 January 12.

Piano Concert by Tiantian Liang | Sunday, January 14 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.



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




Epiphany Bonfire

& Flag Football Game

TODAY AT 3:00 PM

Join your church family for hymn singing and burning of the greens at our annual Epiphany Bonfire. It's been a tradition since Victorian England to celebrate the end of Christmas on Twelfth Night, taking down the evergreens of the Christmas season and lighting a bonfire. You can bring your Christmas tree for the bonfire today and leave it by the steps in the south parking lot. Following the lighting of the bonfire, football fans of all ages are invited to play pick-up flag football, and spectators and cheerleaders are encouraged to cheer players on as they compete. We hope you will join us!



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the January Series

IN PERSON OR ON DEMAND

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. Visit the church website for more information and to register to attend.

January 15–February 2
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
*Lunch and lecture livestream
in the Jones Session Room*