



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 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

You can't conceive, my child, nor can I or anyone, the appalling strangeness of the mercy of God.
—Graham Greene

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Andante Tranquillo, op. 101
C.V. Stanford

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 | based on Isaiah 55:1,3; John 6:55; 7:37

Dr. Sandra Randleman

Pastor: Come, everyone who thirsts, come without money and without price. Incline your ear, and come to me, hear that your soul may live.

All: For his flesh is true food and his blood is true drink. For on the last day of the great feast, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink."

Pastor: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*†OPENING HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
NETTLETON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Tom Smith (8:30)
Michael Hindman (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | 1 Peter 3:18–22 (page 1016)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. John Musgrave

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive us for our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore us in such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
MORECAMBE

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.**

SCRIPTURE READING | Mark 1:9–15 (page 836)

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” ¹² The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. 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.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Where Hope Begins

Dr. Ryan Moore

“... repent and believe in the gospel.” —Mark 1:15

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Philip W.J. Stopford

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life be past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last! Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! Leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find. Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind, just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness. False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace. Plenteous grace on thee is found, grace to cover all my sin. Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee. Spring thou up within my heart. Rise, to all eternity. 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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.

Pastor: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing ...

SANCTUS

from *St. Anne's Mass*

James MacMillan

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, O blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

All: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forevermore. Amen.

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. The cup is juice and gluten-free wafers are available at a station at the front.

ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus
W.A. Mozart

Ave, Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine, in mortis examine.

Translation: Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born: On the cross thy sacred body, for us with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from thy pierced side. Feed us with thy body broken, now and in death's agony. Feed us with thy body broken, now and in death's agony.

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

And Can It Be
Charles Wesley (Words)
Thomas Campbell (Music)

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the
He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so in - fin -
Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay, fast bound in sin and
7 No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in
Sav - ior's blood! Died he for me? who caused his pain! For me? who him to
nite his grace!), emp - tied him - self of all but love, and bled for Ad - am's
na - ture's night; thine eye - dif - fused a quick - ening ray; I woke, the dun - geon
15 him, is mine; a - live in him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in righ - teous -
death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it be that
help - less race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free, for
flamed with light; my chains fell off; my heart was free, I
21 ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach th'et - er - nal throne, and
thou, my God, shouldst die for me? A - maz - ing love! How
O my God, it found out me!
rose, went forth, and fol - lowed you.
27 claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*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

Toccata in D Minor, BWV 538a
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Missions*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Acolytes – Lauren Pitman, David Pitman, Ryan Pitman, Allie Oldacre, Jonah Moore, Georgia Moore

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SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to the Parrish, Hightower, and Coley families
on the death of Terri Wingo Hightower Garrett on February 8, 2024.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Communities of Belonging (COB) | Starting the week of February 18

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in Vance Hall, led by Stuart Gordon, Hal Sauer and Betsy Davies

Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in members' homes, led by the Hindmans and Stringhams

Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in members' homes, led by Katie Pickel

New Group! Time and Date to be determined, led by Rob Weingartner

COBs will start afresh this Lenten 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. Questions? Contact Julia Wilk (615-473-8742 or jwilk@fpcnashville.org). Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register.

Midweek Lunch & Study with Ryan Moore | Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. | Session Room — Dr. Ryan Moore's midweek Bible study has resumed! Join us on Wednesdays for study and light lunch (cost: donation). Let us know if you plan to come, so we know how many to prepare for. RSVP: 615-298-9504 or lelliott@fpcnashville.org

History, Politics, and Religion | Tuesday, February 20 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. | Gathering Place — Dr. Stuart Gordon's monthly class aims to help us improve our ability to engage differences and enhance our witness as Christian citizens. This month's class will be a community conversation, continuing January's presentation on school vouchers. Participants are invited to share their impressions of the event, their thoughts about the Governor's program, and their assessment of how the effort on Tuesday nights either does or does not contribute to a better civic conversation. The class occurs in the Gathering Place. Enter by the Hospitality Center Entrance or by the Gathering Place Entrance. Contact Stuart Gordon for details (sgordon@fpcnashville.org). To register for childcare, contact Mallory Hammond (mhammond@fpcnashville.org).

A Public Faith: Winter/Spring | February 21–May 31 Wednesdays at noon in Vance Hall | Fridays at noon via Zoom — You're invited to join Dr. Stuart Gordon for discussions on Yuval Levin's book, *A Time to Build: How Recommitting to our Institutions Can Revive the American Dream*. We will discuss how institutions like churches, schools, and the government have shaped our culture and their need for renewal. Contact Stuart Gordon for details (sgordon@fpcnashville.org).

MUSIC

US Navy Band Sea Chanters in Concert | March 10 4:00 p.m. | FPC Sanctuary — You're invited to a free concert with the US Navy Band Sea Chanters chorus in the FPC Sanctuary. The official chorus of America's Navy, the ensemble performs a variety of music ranging from traditional choral music, including sea chanteys and patriotic fare, to opera, Broadway, and contemporary music. Tickets are free but necessary for first seating. Those without tickets will wait until others with tickets are seated. We look forward to seeing you there! Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register.

RECREATION

Pickleball Season Extended! | Wednesdays through May 5:00–8:00 p.m. | Enrichment Center — Pickleball season has been extended! We are playing together on Wednesday evenings through the end of May—excluding April 3 and 24 and May 8. All ages are welcome, and no experience is necessary for a good time. Beginners and kids have the courts from 5:00 p.m.–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 email Jen Kutzner at jkutzner@fpcnashville.org. We hope to see you there!

Soccer Registration closes February 23

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 FPC each Saturday. Teams are available for boys and girls, ages 3 years through rising 4th graders. Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Become an Acolyte — Children and Youth (1st grade and older) are invited to serve as Acolytes on Sunday mornings at FPC. Serving as an Acolyte is a tangible way for our children to lead us into worship by centering the Cross and the Word of God. If your child(ren) would like to serve this semester, please sign up for an upcoming Sunday. Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register.

Sing with the Children's Choir — All four-year-olds through 6th graders are invited to join the Children's Choir! We will sing in the service on Palm Sunday (March 24) and Mother's Day (May 12). Rehearsals are on Sundays, following the 11:00 a.m. service in Courtenay Hall, with lunch provided. Rehearsals for Palm Sunday (March 24) are February 11 and 25, March 3 and 17. Rehearsals for Mother's Day (May 12) are on April 14, 21, 28, and May 5. Please note that registration will occur for each performance so kids can participate in one or all of our performances throughout the spring. For information, contact Leah Moser (lmoser@fpcnashville.org). Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register.

MISSIONS

Red Cross Blood Drive | Wednesday, March 6 | 12:00–5:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall — Someone in the US needs blood every two seconds due to an accident, disaster or illness. Roll up your sleeves to help save lives in our community by giving the gift of life by donating blood on Wednesday, March 6. Contact Missions (missions@fpcnashville.org) for more information. Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register.

FIRST FRIENDS

FPC Book Club | Tuesday, February 20 | 2:30 p.m. | Church Library — Our book of the month is *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Maine, 1789: When the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine the cause of death.

PASTORAL STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERS



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Call 615-383-1815

The pastoral staff is here for you. Contact us if you would appreciate a pastoral visit/call, have pastoral care needs, would like to be on a prayer list, or if you are in the hospital. Prayer requests can be confidential and limited to the pastors.



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News, events, and church information is sent weekly through the 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.

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 | 10:00 a.m.

Good News Class | Room L-207

June Ramsey Class | Cheek House Living Room

Life Together | Room L-203

LOGOS Class | Stanford Chapel | 10:00 a.m.



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