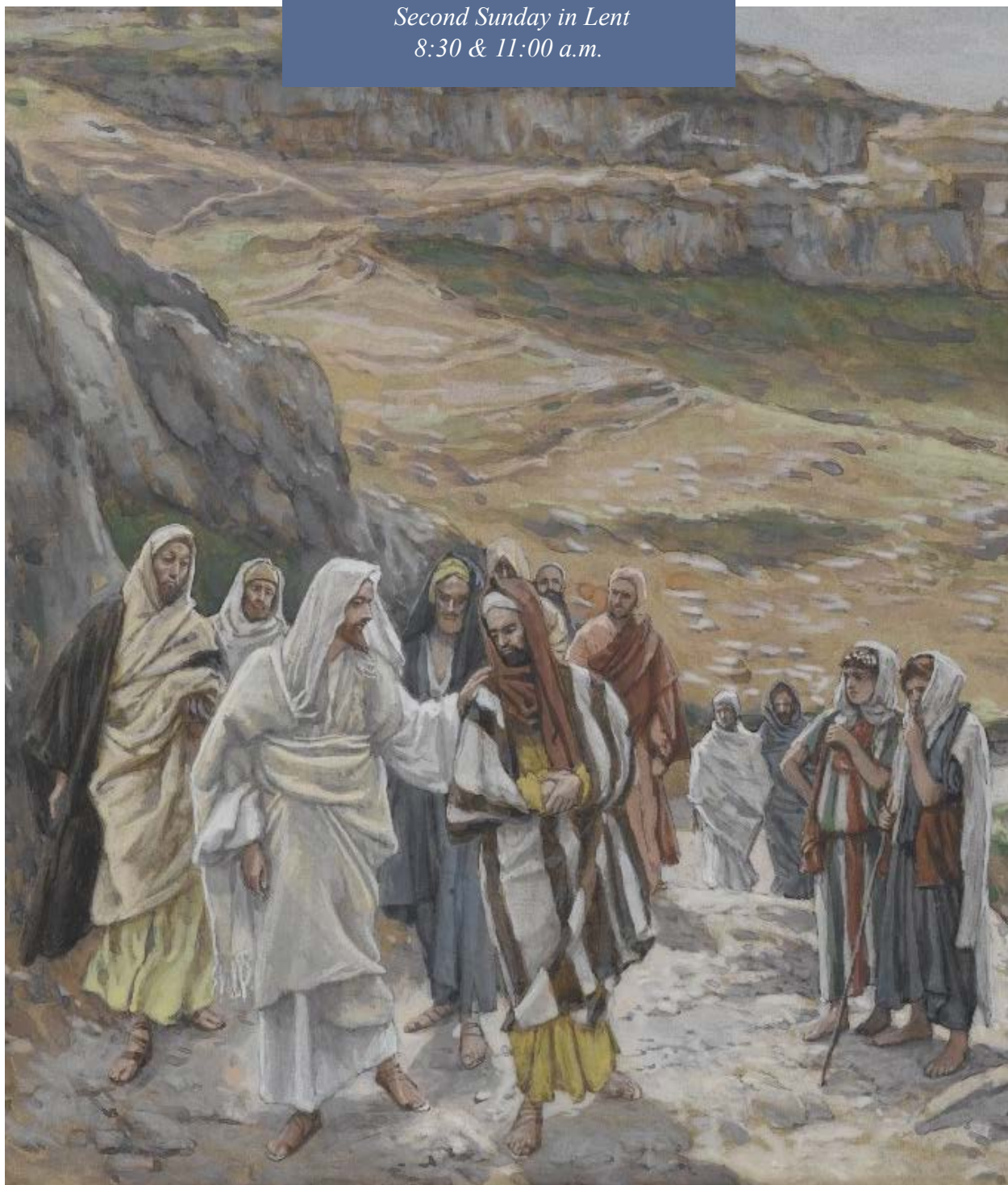




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

FEBRUARY 25, 2024
Second Sunday in Lent
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 we do not bear the cross of the Master, we will have to bear the cross of the world, with all its earthly goods. Which cross have you taken up? Pause and consider.”

—Sadhu Sundar Singh

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Elevation
François Couperin

WELCOME

†INTROIT

Psalm 138 vs. 1 & 2
H.G. Ley

I will give thanks unto thee O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee. I will worship toward thy holy temple and praise thy name because of thy lovingkindness and truth: for thou has magnified thy Name and thy Word above all things.

*CALL TO WORSHIP | based on Isaiah 43:19–21

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

Pastor: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

All: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Pastor: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

All: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Pastor: Let us worship God in spirit and truth.

All: We praise the LORD for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

*†OPENING HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross
CRUCIFER

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Kevin Garvey (8:30)
John Hollins (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 85:1–13 (page 493)

¹ LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. ² You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. ³ You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. ⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! ⁵ Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? ⁶ Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? ⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. ⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. ⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. ¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. ¹² Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³ Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Civilla Martin | Charles H. Gabriel

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Stuart Gordon (8:30)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive us for doubting your goodness and provision in our lives. Forgive us for failing to see and acknowledge your sovereign rule at work in the world. Our hearts are too often troubled, because we lack the faith to trust in Christ's redeeming grace. We are unable or unwilling to rest in the power of Christ's saving death. Forgive us for what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. Restore to us the joy and freedom of our salvation, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 every 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

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

(8:30) Scott and Allison Hearon are presenting their son, Griffin Stewart Hearon, for baptism.
Elizabeth Wagster, Assisting Elder.

(11:00) Jack and Ellie Richmond are presenting their son, William Allan Richmond, for baptism.
Lynn May, Assisting Elder.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION 450

Be Thou My Vision
SLANE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Mark 8:31–38 (page 844)

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Way of the Cross

Dr. Ryan Moore

*“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself
and take up his cross and follow me.” —Mark 8:34*

OFFERTORY

Since By Man Came Death from Messiah
G.F. Handel

Since by man came death, since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead, by man came also the resurrection of the dead, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, for as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive even so in Christ shall all be made alive, even so in Christ shall all, so in Christ shall all be made alive, ev’n so in Christ shall all, shall all be made alive.

*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 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine
ASSURANCE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Passacaglia in D Minor, BuxWV 161
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*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Claire Paschal – *Soprano*
Acolytes – Hudson Potter, Graham Walker, Libby Burton, Jeb Burton, Liam Burton

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of our grandson, William Allan Richmond, by Allan and Betsy Poole and Bill and Martha Richmond.

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
Ann Scott Fort on her death on February 21, 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.

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?

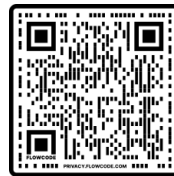
If you are new to our community, we would love to get to know you and welcome you personally into the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a guest or a longtime member, fill out the Connect Card to get more involved, update your contact information, or sign up for church communications. 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.*

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.



SCAN HERE TO
LEARN MORE
ABOUT SUNDAY
SCHOOL CLASS
OFFERINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

March 4 | VBS Registration Opens
March 6 | Blood Drive
March 19 | History, Politics, and Religion
March 21 | First Friends Luncheon
March 21 | Shalom: A Theological
Vision for Health
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 24 – VBS Family Field Day
June 25–27 | VBS

NEWS AND EVENTS

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

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

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial Library, led by Rob Weingartner (New group!)

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

COBs have started 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 jlwilk@fpcnashville.org). Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register.

Oak Hill School Consignment Sale | February 28–March 2 — Join us for our Spring and Summer Sale, where families can save up to 90 percent on gently used children's clothing, toys, baby equipment, bikes, household items, and more!

Shalom: A Theological Vision for Health | Thursday, March 21 | 7:00 p.m. | St. George's Episcopal Church — What does it look like for Christians to be good neighbors, loving neighbors, considering the larger social dimensions associated with health and well-being? Shalom is a rich theological concept that can help us imagine our common life together including biblically informed notions of health promotion and health justice. Join Dr. Patrick T. Smith for a conversation about the theological vision for health. This event is held in partnership with St. George's Episcopal and Duke Divinity. Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register.

Easter Floral Dedications | Due March 22 — A Flower Fund has been established for the floral arrangements that beautify our sanctuary. During the Lenten season, those who make a contribution to the Flower Fund may do so in memory or in honor of loved ones. The names of those being memorialized or honored will be printed in the Easter morning bulletin. Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to make a dedication and contribution.

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 contact Jen Kutzner (jkutzner@fpcnashville.org). We hope to see you there!

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Become an Acolyte — Children and Youth 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 contact Susan Becker at sbecker@fpcnashville.org.

MISSIONS

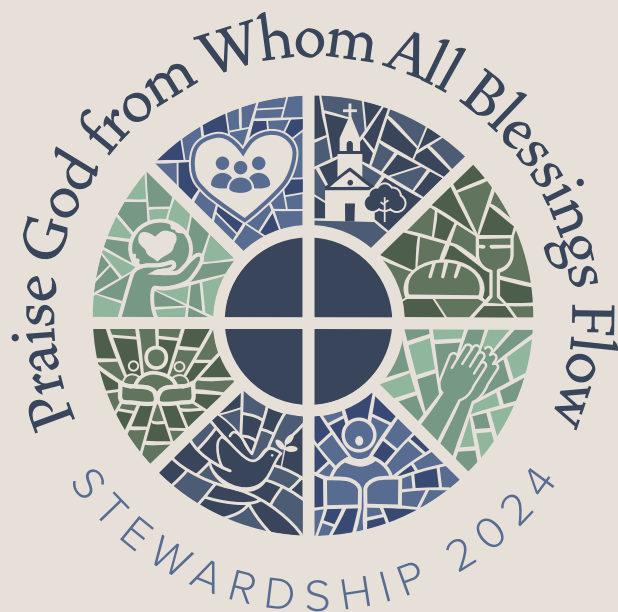
Red Cross Blood Drive | Wednesday, March 6 | 12:00–5:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall — Someone in the US needs blood every two seconds due to an accident, disaster or illness. Roll up your sleeves to help save lives in our community by giving the gift of life by donating blood on Wednesday, March 6. Contact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

FIRST FRIENDS

New Date for the March Book Club Meeting | Tuesday, March 12 | 1:30 p.m. | Church Library — First Friends Book Club date for March has been changed to Tuesday, March 12. Our book being discussed is *Walk Through Fire: The Train Disaster that Changed America* by Yasmine Ali. Yasmine is a local author who wrote the book, which examines the Waverly Train Disaster of 1978. The event led to the formation of FEMA. Dr. Ali will be joining us for the discussion. NOTE meeting time is 1:30 p.m. Any interested readers of our church are invited to participate in the discussion and meet Yasmine. For questions, contact Sally Ostheimer (615-298-9551 sostheimer@fpcnashville.org).



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Ready to fulfill your pledge?

You can make a gift or fulfill a pledge payment by placing your gift in the offering plate, texting "GIVE" to 707-475-3005, or donating online at fpcnashville.org.

Thank you for helping us exceed our goal!

Total pledged

\$4,157,000+

Over \$26,000 above our goal!

\$4.157 million

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We are pleased to share that our FPC family responded in abundance to our 2024 Stewardship Campaign—pledging almost \$200,000 more than last year. Over 484 FPC households came together to help us exceed our goal of \$4,131,000, with commitments totaling over \$4,157,000. Your gifts support worship, missions, children and youth ministries, First Friends, special events, and so much more, sustaining our work as an outpost of Christ's kingdom. Thank you!

