



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*March 10, 2024*  
*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*



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

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WORDS OF PREPARATION

*O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with a whole heart, that so desiring you we may seek you and find you; and so finding you, may love you; and loving you, may hate those sins from which you have redeemed us, for Jesus Christ's sake.*

—Anselm

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

*Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis*  
Gerald Near

WELCOME

†INTROIT

*Come, Ye that Love the Lord*  
arr. Alice Parker

Come ye that love the Lord, and let your love be known; join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but favorites of the heav'nly King may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)  
Mallory Hammond (11:00)

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**All: For his steadfast love endures forever.**  
Pastor: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
**All: Those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,**  
Pastor: From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.  
**All: Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love and his wonderful works.**  
Pastor: Let us tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

\*†OPENING HYMN 2

*Come, Thou Almighty King*  
ITALIAN HYMN

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Sally Ostheimer (8:30)  
Stephen Becker (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 121 (page 516)

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup> The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup> The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. <sup>8</sup> The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Stuart Gordon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. 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; 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 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

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

(8:30) LeeAnn Flinn Cain and James Bennett Cain are presenting their children, Hallie James Cain and Brooks Palmer Cain, for baptism. Nan Russell, Assisting Elder.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION 840

*When Peace Like a River*  
VILLE DU HAVRE



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SCRIPTURE READING | Ephesians 2:1–10 (page 976)

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

**God's Grace, Amazing Grace**

Dr. Sandra Randleman

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;  
it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one may boast. —Ephesians 2:8–9*

OFFERTORY

*Brother James's Air*  
arr. Mack Wilberg

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of blessedness, e'en for his own name's sake. Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me; and in my Father's heart always my dwelling place shall be. And in my heart for evermore thy dwelling place shall be.

*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](http://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 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*  
AMAZING GRACE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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## 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

*Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Stuart Gordon, DMin – *Senior Associate Pastor for Christian Formation & Witness*  
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*  
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Missions*  
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*

## 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](http://fpcnashville.org), or scan the QR code.



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## SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to Jennifer Puryear on the death of her father, Joseph Glenn Herndon.

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COVER IMAGE: *The Throne of Grace*, Italian, probably Florence, mid-15th century, Or nué embroidery of silk and metal thread, 46.4 x 69.2cm, Metropolitan Museum of Art, <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/212585>.

## 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](https://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?

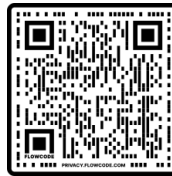
If you are new to our community, we would love to get to know you and welcome you personally into the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a guest or a longtime member, fill out the Connect Card to get more involved, update your contact information, or sign up for church communications.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

## LOOKING AHEAD

March 19 | History, Politics, and Religion  
March 21 | First Friends Luncheon  
March 21 | Shalom: A Theological Vision for Health  
April 6 | Inquirer’s Class  
April 7 | Youth Discipleship Group

April 23-25 | Fellowship Gathering  
April 28 | New Baby Reception and Vance Society Dinner  
June 24 | VBS Family Fun Night  
June 25–27 | VBS

### NEWS AND EVENTS

**U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters in Concert | Today | 4:00 p.m. | FPC Sanctuary** — You're invited to a free concert with the U.S. 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](http://linktr.ee/fpcnashville) to register.

**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](http://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](http://linktr.ee/fpcnashville) to make a dedication and contribution.

**Are You a Member of the Vance Society?** — The James I. Vance Society recognizes those who make a planned gift or an outright gift to the overall endowment program of First Presbyterian Church. The Vance Society strengthens and expands the gospel-centered work of this congregation. If you have included First Presbyterian in your planned giving, please email [development@fpcnashville.org](mailto:development@fpcnashville.org). We would love to invite you to a special event this spring. If you'd like to hear more about the Vance Society or are interested in learning about supporting the church's endowment, please contact Mary Russ at [development@fpcnashville.org](mailto:development@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9537.



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### RECREATION

**Churchwide Pop-A-Shot March Madness Tournament Sunday, March 17 | Following the 11:00 a.m. Service Outside the Sanctuary** — On Sunday, March 17, we will have a churchwide Pop-A-Shot March Madness Tournament. Everyone is welcome to come beat the clock and lock in the highest score. A golden basketball and gift cards are up for grabs! The staff has been practicing for months: Jen Kutzner's highest score is 124, followed closely by Gage Arnold and Stuart Gordon, tied at 106 points. Join us by cheering or showing off your skills!

**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, 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. For more information, please contact Jen Kutzner ([jkutzner@fpcnashville.org](mailto:jkutzner@fpcnashville.org)). We hope to see you there!

### FIRST FRIENDS

**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. Please note that the 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](mailto:sostheimer@fpcnashville.org)).

**March First Friends Luncheon | Thursday, March 21 12:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall | Cost: \$10** — Join First Friends as they lunch and learn from Dr. Stuart Gordon, Senior Associate Pastor. His presentation will be "The Unabridged History of First Presbyterian Church of Nashville". It should be both informative and entertaining. For questions, contact Sally Ostheimer at [sostheimer@fpcnashville.org](mailto:sostheimer@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9551.

— *Holy Week and* —

# E A S T E R

**PALM SUNDAY**

**Sunday, March 24**

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

**EASTER FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, March 24**

3:30 p.m. | By the Barn

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER & SERVICE**

**Thursday, March 28**

Supper | 5:30 p.m. | Courtenay Hall

Cost: \$10 (Individual), \$20 (Family)

Service | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

*Childcare provided*

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

**Friday, March 29**

12:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

**EASTER DAY**

**Sunday, March 31**

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service | Columbarium

8:00, 9:30 (livestreamed), & 11:00 a.m. Services | Sanctuary

*Join us for Easter breakfast between  
services in Courtenay Hall until 10:45 a.m.*

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*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*

PSALM 118:26

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