



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 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

It was by his death that he wished above all else to be remembered. There is then, it is safe to say, no Christianity without the cross. If the cross is not central to our religion, ours is not the religion of Jesus.

—John Stott

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Andante in E-Flat
C. Corbett Sumsion

WELCOME

†INTROIT

O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips
Richard Webster

O Lord, open thou our lips and our mouth will show forth thy praise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 99:1–3

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

Pastor: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

All: He sits enthroned on the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Pastor: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let us praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

*†OPENING HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies
LAUDES DOMINI

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Amy Colton (8:30)
Bill Oldacre (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 49 (page 472)

¹ Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, ² both low and high, rich and poor together!

³ My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. ⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre. ⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me, ⁶ those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? ⁷ Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, ⁸ for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice, ⁹ that he should live on forever and never see the pit. ¹⁰ For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others. ¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they called lands by their own names. ¹² Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish. ¹³ This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts. ¹⁴ Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell. ¹⁵ But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. ¹⁶ Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory

of his house increases. ¹⁷ For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him. ¹⁸ For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed—and though you get praise when you do well for yourself—¹⁹ his soul will go to the generation of his fathers, who will never again see light. ²⁰ Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Sandra Randleman (8:30)

Dr. Stuart Gordon (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

***O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!***

**Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain***

*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

Dr. Ryan Moore

‡*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) Hayes and Paige Ragan are presenting their daughter, Mary Clarie Ragan, for baptism. Hugh Tanner, Assisting Elder.

(11:00) Joseph and Shelley Eberle are presenting their children, Rachel Noelle Eberle and Hannah Grace Eberle, for baptism. Mark Eberle, Assisting Elder.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION 215

What Wondrous Love Is This
WONDROUS LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING | Mark 10:35–45 (page 846)

³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹ And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Path to Greatness

Gage Arnold

“But whoever would be great among you must be your servant...” —Matthew 10:43

OFFERTORY

Let All the Angels of God Worship Him from *Messiah*
G.F. Handel

Unto which of the angels said he at any time, thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? Let all the angels of God worship him.

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 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
HAMBURG

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565
Johann Sebastian Bach

* *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*
Greg Thomas – *Tenor*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sue and Duncan M. Fort, Jr. by their family.

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.



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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?

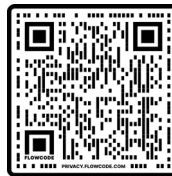
If you are new to our community, we would love to get to know you and welcome you personally into the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a guest or a longtime member, fill out the Connect Card to get more involved, update your contact information, or sign up for church communications.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

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 21 | First Friends Luncheon
March 21 | Shalom: A Theological Vision for Health
April 6 | Inquirer’s Class
April 7 | Youth Discipleship Group
April 9 | History, Politics, and Religion
(rescheduled from March 19)

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

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.

Washington University of St. Louis Choir Spring Tour Concert | Sunday, March 24 | 2:00 p.m. | Sanctuary — The Washington University of St. Louis Choir will be presenting their Spring Tour Concert at First Presbyterian Church. The choir performs masterworks from five centuries and many cultures, encompassing sacred and secular works, folk and art music, and both accompanied and a cappella repertoire. Dr. McDonald conducts the WashU Choir and directs the vocal division. The concert is free and open to the public.

History, Politics, and Religion | Tuesday, April 9 (new date) | 6:00 p.m. | Gathering Place — The next edition of History, Politics, and Religion has been rescheduled for April 9 instead of March 19 (as originally published). The subject will be freedom of speech on college campuses. Our guest will be Marshall C. Eakin, Distinguished Professor of History at Vanderbilt University. The opinion piece to begin our discussion is Pamela Paul's March 14 essay in the New York Times, "Colleges are Putting their Futures at Risk." Eakin has taught at Vanderbilt since 1983, offering a wide variety of courses in history and Latin American studies at all levels, from first-year to Ph.D. students. In addition to meeting in person, this discussion will be live-streamed on the church's YouTube channel. Childcare is available upon request; please contact Stuart Gordon at sgordon@fpcnashville.org.

The Fellowship Community 2024 National Gathering April 23–25 — The Fellowship Community (TFC) is a network of churches and leaders called together to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ by growing in Christ's likeness, living by God's Word, and joining in God's mission in the world. As host church for the annual gathering, First Presbyterian congregants are welcome to attend and can register using the "Part-time" registration option that is \$75 (covers meals, plenary sessions, and breakouts). Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register.

RECREATION

Churchwide Pop-A-Shot March Madness Tournament Today | Following the 11:00 a.m. Service Outside the Sanctuary — Today 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!

Welcome Visitors as a Soccer Saint | Saturdays through May 11 — We want to welcome and love the soccer families as they play, cheer, and coach on the FPC campus. Would you help us create a warm and welcoming atmosphere by volunteering as a Soccer Saint at one of our welcome tents on Saturday mornings during soccer season? Whether you are young, old, or in between, it's a great way to serve God's people and spread joy. Your ministry of presence will be a blessing to our community. Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to sign up.

Pickleball | Wednesdays through May | 5:00–8:00 p.m. Enrichment Center — 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. For more information, please contact Jen Kutzner (jkutzner@fpcnashville.org).

CHILDREN

VBS Registration Open! | Evenings, June 24–27 — Join us for Run the Race VBS this summer! Children age 4 through rising 4th graders will team up to explore what it means to trust and obey Jesus through Bible stories, skits, music, crafts, and games. This year we will be talking about "running the race" by looking to Jesus! Please contact Mallory Hammond (mhammond@fpcnashville.org) with any questions.

FIRST FRIENDS

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 or 615-298-9551.



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— *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

12:00–1:45 p.m. | Sanctuary

EASTER DAY

Sunday, March 31

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service | Columbarium

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

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

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

PSALM 118:26
