

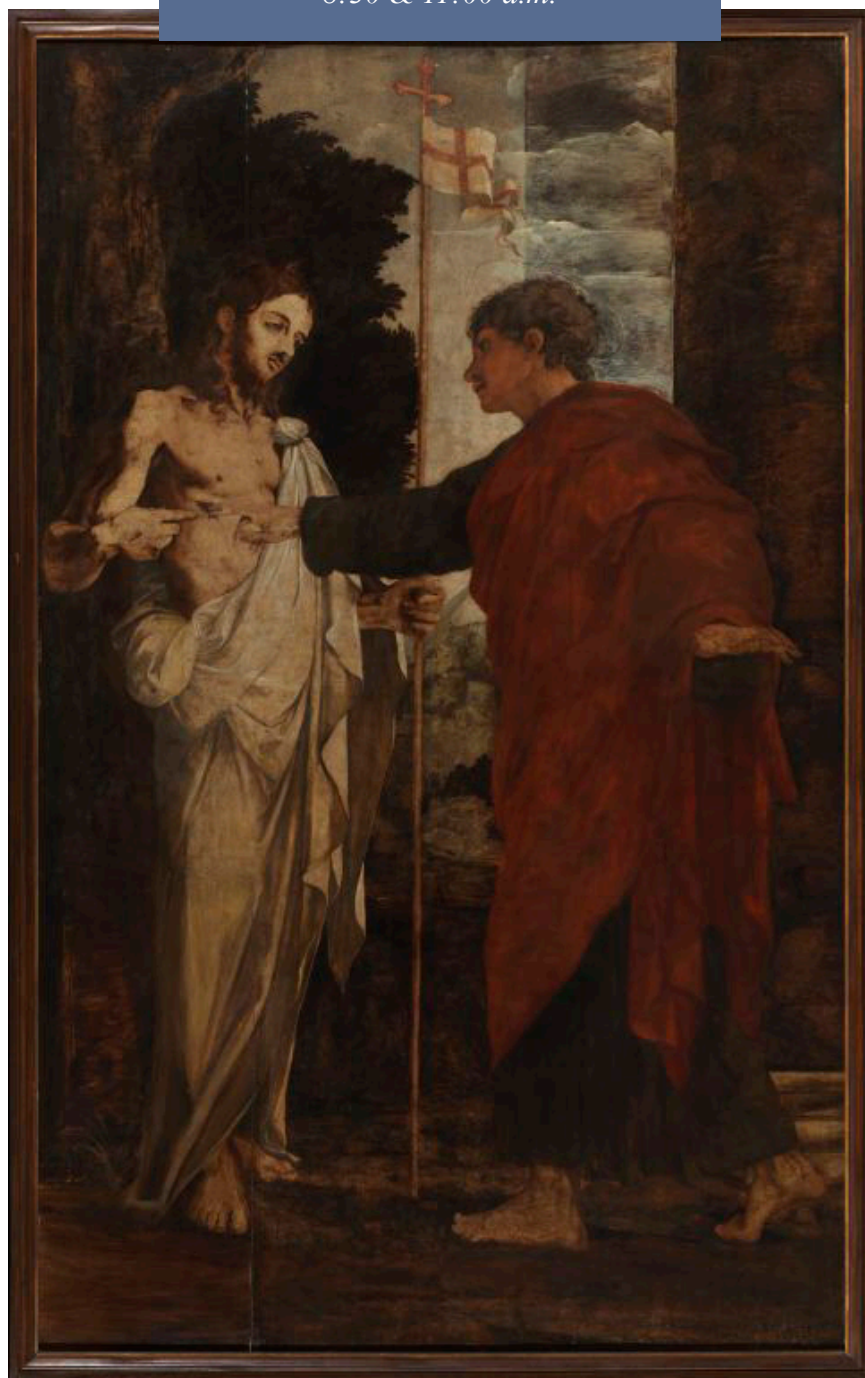


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 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

*“Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;”*

—John Donne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Paraphrase on Judas Maccabaeus
Alexandre Guilmant

WELCOME

†INTROIT

The Lord is Risen Indeed
William Billings

The Lord is risen indeed, Halleluia. The Lord is risen indeed, Halleluia.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Dr. Stuart Gordon (11:00)

Pastor: This is the good news—the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

All: Hallelujah!

Pastor: This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

All: Hallelujah!

Pastor: This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God’s people.

All: Hallelujah!

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*†OPENING HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name
CORONATION

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Sam Miley (8:30)
John Hollins (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | 1 Corinthians 15:54–58

⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” ⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Sandra Randleman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30)

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Ansley Bartlett Page and Tyler Page are presenting their son, Waylon McCampbell Page, for baptism.
Assisting Elder: Wilson Brim

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

‡During the 8:30 and 11:00 services, PreK and Kindergarten children (ages 4–6) are invited to join Young Children & Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING | John 20:24–29

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Gospel According to Thomas

Dr. Ryan Moore

“Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’” —John 20:28

OFFERTORY

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring
J.S. Bach

Jesu, joy of man’s desiring, holy wisdom love most bright. drawn by thee our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying, round thy throne.

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.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS (11:00)

Elizabeth Jane Alexander
John William Barrett II
McCall Elizabeth Bateman
Madeline Lila Locke Brewer
Bennett Marion Buckley
Virginia Lowry Burkhalter
James Edward Burton
James Allen Callison Jr.
Luke Bridgen Callison
Henderson Howell Campbell

George Robert Deans
Rosine Igiraneza Deo
Clare Stafford Fuller
William Harrison Hall
Matthew Collins Hardin
Banks Harris
Boone Curry Holland
Easton Walker Branch Howard
Charles Todd Looney
Blair Marie Lubnik

Miles Thomas Marshall
William Warren McClaran
Carolyn Campbell McDonald
Elizabeth Lark Moats
John Barry Morgan
Walter Scott Petree
David James Pitman
Lily Beatrice Rixie
Worthen Graham Scott Jr.
Howard Graham Swafford IV

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Gage Arnold (8:30)

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 804

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart
MARION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing
Healey Willan

* *Those who are able, please stand.*

† *Latecomers may be seated.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Missions*
Gage Arnold, MDiv – *Director of Youth Programming*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Alison Hoffman Gooding – *Violin*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martha and Joe Thompson, by their children.

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 George William Turner.

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?

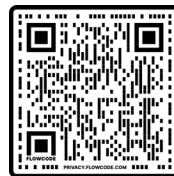
If you are new to our community, we would love to get to know you and welcome you personally into the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a guest or a longtime member, fill out the Connect Card to get more involved, update your contact information, or sign up for church communications.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

Bible & Coffee Class | Jones Session Room
Confirmation 201 | OHS Board Room
Cornerstone Class | Vance Hall
Current Issues Class | L-200
Discipleship Class | Witherspoon Room
Fellowship Class | Memorial Library | 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

Third Grade Bible Milestone — Today, the congregation celebrates the third-grade Bible milestone during the 11:00 service, where each third-grader will receive the greatest gift we can offer: God's Word. After the third graders recess out of the service with Pastor Ryan Moore, please stop by to shake their hands or give out high fives to encourage them as a church family.

Congregational Meeting | Sunday, April 14 | following both Worship Services — The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, April 14, following both worship services, for the purpose of voting on a slate of nominees to serve on an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. The nominees are: Denise Bellardo, Mary Lindley Carswell, Scott Dalton, J.T. Martin, and Beth Singer.

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. 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.

Kirkin' o' th' Tartan & Festival | Sunday, May 19 (new date) — Mark your calendar! The Kirkin' Festival will be one week earlier this year as we celebrate Kirkin' o' the Tartan with a spectacular procession of bagpipes, drums, and traditional Scottish Highland dress. Dr. Rusty Douglas will be our guest preacher. Join the entire church family at 9:30 a.m. for the Kirkin' Festival where we will enjoy food, play games, and enjoy the sounds of Scotland in front of the Sanctuary.

RECREATION

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.

CHILDREN

Sing with the Children's Choir on Mother's Day | Rehearsals begin April 14 — All four-year-olds through 6th graders are invited to join the Children's Choir! We will sing in service on Mother's Day (May 12). Rehearsals will be in Courtenay Hall beg on April 14, 21, 28, and May 5, following the 11:00 a.m. service. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Leah Moser (lmoser@fpcnashville.org).

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

Book Club | Tuesday, April 16 | 2:30 p.m. | Memorial Library — Calling all readers! Our April review of *Comfort of Crows* by local author Margaret Renkl is a luminous book that traces the passing of seasons, personal and natural. In *Comfort of Crows*, Margaret Renkl presents a literary fifty-two chapters that follow the creatures and plants in her backyard over the course of a year.

Lunch Series | Thursday, April 18 | 12:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall — First Friends welcomes speaker/author Katie Wells Price for our monthly lunch speaker series. Katie worked in the Office of Presidential Correspondence at The White House, and also served as a Military Peer Visitor at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, aiding in the recovery of those ill and injured with limb loss. She is the author of two children's books where she shares her real life experiences. She hopes that sharing her triumphs will encourage those with disabilities who have a dream of doing something on an elite level that anything is possible. Katie and her husband, Pat Price, who was born with Spina Bifida, reside in Nashville. Register online or contact Sally Ostheimer (sostheimer@fpcnashville.org) for information or registration.



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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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