



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 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

There is no peace like the peace of those whose minds are possessed with full assurance that they have known God, and God has known them, and that this relationship guarantees God's favor to them in life, through death and on forever.

—J.I. Packer

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Pastorale
Herbert Sumsion

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

John Musgrave (8:30)
Gage Arnold (11:00)

Pastor: Call on the name of the Lord in praise; make known God's deeds among the nations!

All: Sing to God with joyful songs; tell of God's wonderful deeds!

Pastor: Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

All: Sing, and give praise to the Lord.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*†OPENING HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
MADRID

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Allen Kennedy (8:30)
Mary Loch Smith (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Galatians 3:10–14 (page 973)

¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them."¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."¹² But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them."¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Sandra Randleman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!
HYFRYDOL

**Jesus! what a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me; he, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness; I am his, and he is mine!
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving; he is with me to the end.**

*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

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

(8:30) Olivia and Ben Crownover are presenting their daughter, Sophie Anne Crownover, for baptism.
Assisting Elder: Overton Colton

(11:00) Carly and Ian Symington are presenting their daughter, Virginia Gayle Symington, for baptism.
Assisting Elder: Bobby Rolfe

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

How Deep the Father's Love
Stuart Townend

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss: the Father turns his face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 24:36–49 (page 885)

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Joyful Disbelief

Dr. Ryan Moore

*And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling,
he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” —Luke 24:41*

OFFERTORY

Rise Heart from Five Mystical Songs
Ralph Vaughan Williams | George Herbert

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delays. Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise: That as his death calcined thee to dust, his life may make thee gold, and much more just. Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art. The cross taught all wood to resound his name who bore the same. His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key is best to celebrate this most high day. Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long: or since all music is but three parts vied, and multiplied; O let thy blessed spirit bear a part, and make up our defects with his sweet art.

*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 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
DARWALL'S 148TH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*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

Prelude on the Easter Hymn (Jesus Christ is Risen Today)
Charles Villiers Stanford

* *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*
Gage Arnold, MDiv – *Director of Youth Programming*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*
Chris Simonsen – *Baritone*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Samuel Hugh Welch and in honor of Gayle Welch, by their grandchildren, Robert and Janie Rolfe, Ian and Carly Symington, John Hazen and Leslie Rolfe.

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.



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.



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MORE ABOUT SUNDAY
SCHOOL CLASS
OFFERINGS

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Congregational Meeting | Today | Following both Worship Services — The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for today, 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.

Officer Nominations for Class of 2027 — The Officer Nominating Committee is soliciting recommendations from the members of First Presbyterian Church for persons to be considered to serve in the Offices of Elder and Deacon for the Class of 2027. Please prayerfully consider submitting a recommendation for this important and vital service for your church. To submit a recommendation, please complete an Officer Nomination form found in the church literature areas or on the church website by May 15.

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.

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 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.

MUSIC

Calling FPC mothers and daughters! The choir would like to invite you to sing a special choral Mother's Day anthem on May 12 at the 11:00 service. Rehearsals will be at 10:15 a.m. on April 14, 21, and 28 in the Choir Room, led by Dr. Raphael Bundage. If you have any questions, please contact Daphne Garey at dgarey@fpcnashville.org.

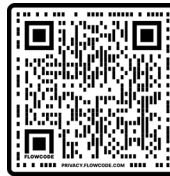
FIRST FRIENDS

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.

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.



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Guest Preacher Dr. Jim Miller

April 21 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Dr. James David Miller, a history graduate of Wheaton College in Illinois and a recipient of a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, began his pastoral journey in 1981 at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. After serving as an adjunct professor of Greek at Wheaton College, Dr. Miller and his wife, Diane, left for Edinburgh, Scotland where he began Ph.D. work in New Testament studies at the University of Edinburgh.

Upon completing his doctorate, Dr. Miller returned to Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, where he served as Theologian in Residence and Associate Pastor for Adult Education until 1992. He then accepted a call to First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, preaching his Candidate's sermon on August 23, 1992, and commencing his tenure on October 1 of that year.

Under his pastoral leadership from 1992-2023, the First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa became a vibrant part of the community, witnessing the renovation and dedication of three buildings and the initiation of numerous ministries and mission projects. Dr. Miller's leadership impacted generations of Tulsans, fostering growth in worship, music ministries and discipleship programs while encouraging the spread of Christ's love and promoting the common good within the community. Dr. Miller retired as pastor on October 29, 2023, and continues to write, teach and lecture on his favorite topics.

On Sunday, April 21, Dr. Miller will join us in worship at the 8:30 and 11:00 services. He will also be teaching in the Jones Session Room during the Education Hour. Join us as we welcome Dr. Miller!

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, we need volunteers to welcome guests to our campus. There are a wide variety of time slots available. Contact Abigail Hawkins (ahawkins@fpcnashville.org) or visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to see available slots.

Church members are invited to attend sessions as your schedule allows and can register using the "Part-time" registration option that is \$75 (covers meals, plenary sessions, and breakouts). Visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville to register.

UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

April 21

Guest Preacher Jim Miller
New members introduced at 11:00

April 28

Confirmation Sunday; Communion

May 5

Youth Sunday

May 9

Thursday Ascension Service | 12:00 p.m.
Worship accompanied by a trumpeter

May 12

Mother's Day Choir and Children's Choir
Worship accompanied by a harpist

May 19

Kirkin' Sunday and Festival
Guest Preacher Rusty Douglas

May 26

Communion
