



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

6TH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
*July 4, 2021*

WHAT IT MEANS  
TO BE  
THE CHURCH



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For Christ, for His kingdom, and for the common good. Since 1814.

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## WORDS OF PREPARATION

“Every claim in the past or in the present to give life except through Jesus is destructive of life; all who make that claim have been and are thieves and robbers, whom the true servants of God have never followed.”

—Edwyn Clement Hoskyns

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## †VOLUNTARY

*Fanfare for the Common Man*  
Aaron Copland

## WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Stuart Gordon (8:30)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord

**All: Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

**All: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

## \*†OPENING HYMN

*God of Our Fathers*  
NATIONAL HYMN

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.  
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:  
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.  
Lead us from night to never-ending day.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine.  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Becky Campbell (8:30)  
Overton Colton (11:00)

## FIRST LESSON | Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and

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your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Sandra Randleman (8:30)  
Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff (11:00)

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, forgive us of our sins. Wash us in your Word. Turn our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. Give us ears that we may hear, and eyes that we may see. Perfect our broken hearts and make us whole. For we have failed to love you with our whole hearts. We have turned to our own way. We are lost without you. Lead us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake. May your Word be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway. Order our steps and stops for your glory. Grant us a worthy walk, holy habits, devoted discipleship, and consistent compassion, that we may perfectly love you. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

*A moment for silent confession.*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
AZMON

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

#### \*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.**

#### ‡ BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

*‡ During the 11:00 a.m. service, children who are age 4, 5, or 6 (not in 1st grade)  
are invited to join Young Children & Worship.*

#### HYMN OF PREPARATION

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
ST COLUMBA

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

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Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING | John 10:7–18

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

### The Church as the Flock of Christ

Dr. Ryan Moore

*“For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down  
my life that I may take it up again.” —John 10:17*

## OFFERTORY

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*

William Steffe | arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

Mine eyes have seen glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on. Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on! I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps; they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read his righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps, his day is marching on! In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me: As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on.

*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).*



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## 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.**

### \*HYMN

*In Christ Alone*  
Townend | Getty

**In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his, and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### CHORAL RESPONSE

*Dona nobis pacem (Grant us thy peace)*  
Ludwig van Beethoven

#### \*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Fugue from Variations on the Star Spangled Banner, Op. 3, No. 2*  
John Knowles Paine

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

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## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Elizabeth Claire Ragan and William Thomas Holets.

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## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*  
Stuart Gordon, DMin – *Executive Pastor*  
Sarah Bird Kneff, MDiv – *Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Engagement*  
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*  
Alec Blazek – *Trumpet*  
Joshua Hickman – *Timpani*

## MUSIC NOTES

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## SUNDAY MORNINGS

**Adult Education this Summer** — Adult Education is back in session on Sunday mornings this summer. If you would like to participate, feel free to drop in for any of the classes listed below.

**College Class** | Cheek House Breakfast Room | 9:45 a.m.

**Discipleship** | Witherspoon Room | 9:45 a.m.

**Good News** | Vance Hall | 9:45 a.m.

**June Ramsey** | Cheek House Living Room | 9:45 a.m.

**Logos** | Chapel | 10:00 a.m.

**Young Adult Community of Belonging** | Cheek House Dining Room | 9:45 a.m.

**Youth Sunday School** (grades 7–12) is in the Gathering Place at 9:45 a.m.

**Nursery care** is open for the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services and serves children 6 weeks to 3 years old. Reservations will be required weekly and can be made at [fpcnashville.org](http://fpcnashville.org).

**Young Children & Worship** introduces children ages 4, 5, and 6 to the meaning and actions of corporate worship in age-appropriate ways. YCW follows the Blessing of the Young Disciples during the worship service.

**Pickup for nursery care and YCW** is located in the interior parking lot by the Gathering Place. From the Sanctuary parking lots, head west toward Oak Hill School and turn right at the end of the lane. Turn right to enter the interior lot. Pull alongside the lane for pickup, and a staff person will walk your child to your car. Please park elsewhere after picking up or dropping off your child.

**One-Day Inquirers Class | July 10** — The next Inquirers Class will be offered as a one-day retreat on Saturday, July 10. If you are interested in joining the class or just learning more about membership at First Presbyterian, reach out to Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff ([sbird@fpcnashville.org](mailto:sbird@fpcnashville.org)).

**Poolside Vespers | July 11, 18 & 25 | 4:00 p.m. | FPC Pool** — Begin your week down at the FPC Pool, where we will gather for fellowship and a brief time of worship. Everyone is welcome. There will not be a pool attendant present, so children must be supervised when swimming.

**ME Moms Picnic in the Park | July 15 | 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | Granny White Park** — Join moms with little ones for a playdate and picnic at Granny White Park in Brentwood. Women of all life stages are welcome to join as we enjoy fellowship together.

**Mission Sunday: Rise Against Hunger | July 18 | 3:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall** — We will be packing 10,000 meals in partnership with Rise Against Hunger—for whom we have packed 248,000 meals in the last few years. There are jobs for all ages, and families and groups of friends can work together. Registration for the event is required. Sign up at [fpcnashville.org](http://fpcnashville.org).

**VPS: Playground & Popsicles | July 19 | 9:00 a.m. | Early Preschool Playground** — A chance for families with children ages 4–6 to play on EP playground and cool off with some refreshing popsicles.

**Summer Youth Opportunities** — There is a lot going on for youth (rising 7th–12th graders) this summer: trips, weekday meetups with youth staff, Wednesday Night Festivus, and more. Find up-to-date information about opportunities for youth and their families at [linktr.ee/fpcnashyouth](http://linktr.ee/fpcnashyouth).

## LOOKING AHEAD

*All are welcome to join in these opportunities for worshiping, playing, or serving together.*

**July 18 | New Members Joining** | 11:00 a.m. service

**Aug 7–8 | NaCoMe All-Church Retreat**

**Sept. 12 | All-Church Kickoff: The Big Read** | 9:30 a.m.

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**August 5 | Countdown to Kindergarten for Moms** | 7:00 p.m. | McInteer home

**August 26 | ME Moms Night** | 7:30 p.m. | Davis home

### YOUTH & FAMILIES

**Summer Wednesdays | Festivus** | 5:30–6:30, Junior High; 7:00–8:00, High School | OHS Gym

**July 11–17 | 9th Grade Great Escape Midwest**

**August 1 | Passages Class | Rising Senior Girls**

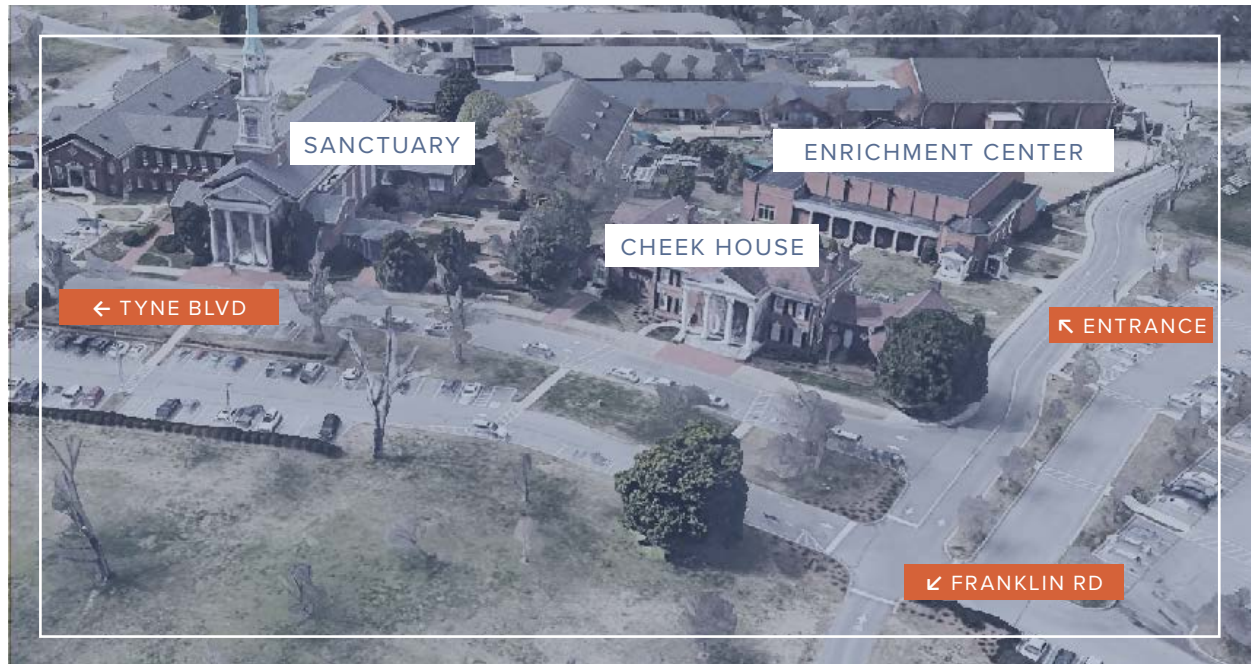
**August 29 | Crud Day** | 2:00–4:00 p.m.

### OLDER ADULTS

**August 12 | Book Club** | 1:00 p.m. | Zoom

**September 23 | First Friends Lunch & Program** | 11:00 a.m. | Courtenay Hall

**Sanctuary Renovation This Summer** — Over the past year, we have made multiple improvements to the Sanctuary, seeking to care well for a space that previous generations have established and sustained. While many of these renovations have focused on the functionality of the room, the underlying intention has been to make the Sanctuary a liminal space where we can proclaim the Word, offer prayer, and sing praises to the living God. These improvements have been funded by a bequest from a deceased church member, an unsolicited gift from a current member, and endowment income, enabling us to complete the work without impacting our operating budget. Beginning Sunday, July 11, through the month of August, the Sanctuary will be closed for the final steps of the renovation process. During this period, worship will be in the Enrichment Center, still at the familiar times of 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. See the map below to navigate to our temporary worship location. Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time of renewal.



### INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE CONNECTED?

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!

We are delighted you have chosen to join us in worship. Whether you are a guest or a longtime member, fill out the Connect Card (found in the pew racks) to get more involved, update your contact information, or sign up for church communications. Drop your completed Connect Card in the offering plate.

The Mother and Infant Quiet Room is located in the Nursery Wing.

Audio Bluetooth Capabilities: Use the WaveCAST app to connect your personal device and headphones.  
WiFi: FPC Guest | Password: GreenRock-81  
select "First Pres Sanctuary"

Text "GIVE" to 707-475-3005, or donate online at [fpcnashville.org](https://fpcnashville.org).

### SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE

