



FEBRUARY 23, 2020
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
8:30 AND 11:00 AM

OPENING SENTENCES AND WELCOME

Ryan Moore

*Please take a moment to sign the friendship pad
at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor.*

†VOLUNTARY

Douglas Wagner

Gigue

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30) Stuart Gordon
(11:00) Josh Rodriguez

Pastor: The Lord is Sovereign;
let the people tremble in awe.

**People: God is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.**

Pastor: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,

People: And worship God upon the holy mountain.

Pastor: Great is the Lord—

People: Exalted among the nations.

Pastor: Mighty is the Lord—

People: King of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Holy is the Lord—

People: Beyond our understanding.

Pastor: Let us worship our God and King!

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2

ITALIAN HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

(8:30) Sarah Bird
(11:00) Adam DeVries

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Have mercy on us, O God,
in Your loving-kindness.**

**In Your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.**

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Do not cast us from Your presence,
or take Your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of Your salvation
and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

**Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown Him Lord of all!**

**Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all!
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and crown Him Lord of all.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (traditional)

Hymnal, page 35

Children are invited to come to the front.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30)

Ryan Moore

Molly & Andrew Downing are presenting their son, Andrew James Downing III, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Stuart Campbell

†HYMN FOR BAPTISM

TALLIS' CANON

Musical notation for 'Hymn for Baptism' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on three staves. The lyrics are: Lord Je - sus Christ, our Lord most dear, as You were once an in - fant here, so give this child of Yours, we pray, Your grace and bless - ing day by day

BLESSING OF YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Josh Rodriguez

‡ Children who are age 4, 5, or 6 (not in 1st grade) are invited to *Young Children and Worship* in room CW-110.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Virginia Sullivan

**Living God, help us so to hear Your holy Word
that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe,
and, believing,
we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking Your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Peter 1:16–21, page 236

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION 630

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ryan Moore
Matthew 17:1–9, page 18

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Touched by Jesus

OFFERTORY

Words: George Herbert

(8:30)

Music: Bruce Montgomery

My Joy, My Life, My Crown!

My joy, my life, my crown!
My heart was meaning all the day,
Somewhat it fain would say:
And still it runneth mutt'ring up and down,
With only this, my joy, my life, my crown!
Yet slight not these few words:
If truly said, they may take part among the best in art.
The fineness which a hymn or psalm affords
Is when unto the lines the soul accords.
So if the heart be mov'd,
Although the verse be somewhat scant,
God will supply the want.
As when the heart says,
Sighing to be approv'd. O could I love and stops, God writeth Lov'd.

(11:00)

O Thou, the Central Orb

Charles Wood

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
pure beam of the most High,
eternal Light of this our wintry world,
Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith;
hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine,
gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
as stars about Thy throne,
set in the height of God's ordaining counsel,
as Thy sight gives measur'd grace to each,
Thy power to prove.
Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin;
our nature all shall feel eternal day,
in fellowship with Thee,
transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,
now pure within. Amen.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH SPRING BREAK
MISSION TRIP (11:00)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Ryan Moore

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (8:30)
(debts) Hymnal, page 35

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 270 JERUSALEM
O Lord, You Are My God and King

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 547 AR HYD Y NOS
Go, My Children, with My Blessing
**Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing, you are My own.**

*The congregation will be seated for a moment of silent prayer
after the congregational response.*

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Felix Mendelssohn
Allegro assai vivace from Sonata in F Minor, Op. 65

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

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, Pastor
Sarah Bird, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Engagement
Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families
Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor
Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministry
Mary Virginia Sullivan, Youth Liturgist
Ellie Ford, Acolyte
Thompson Adams, Cross Bearer
Mattie Grace Pearson, Bible Bearer
Campbell Pearson, (8:30) Baptism Buddy
Ella Hancock, (8:30) Worship Helper
Raphael Bundage, Director of Music
Peter Rogahn, Organist
Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist
FPC Handbell Choir, Peter Rogahn, Director

Welcome! — First Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. We are delighted you have chosen to join us. Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, please note your attendance today in the fellowship pad found in your pew.

Guests — Please take a moment to fill out a Connect Card so that we may more personally welcome you into community. We also invite you to visit the Welcome Center in Courtenay Hall for additional information or if you are interested in becoming a member. There, you may visit with one of our greeters. You may also contact the church office at 615-383-1815, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

■ **FLOWERS** — Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Allison and Dr. Benjamin F. Byrd Jr. by their family.

■ **ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES** — Hearing devices, large-print hymnals, large-print bulletins, and large-print Bibles are located in the narthex. If anyone has a need or disability requiring assistance or accommodation for any church activity, please contact the church office at 615-383-1815.

■ **MOTHER AND INFANT QUIET ROOM** — If you need a quiet place for nursing or calming your baby, please use the room inside the Nursery Wing.

■ OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN DURING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

- **Children's Bulletin, Sermon Sheet, Booster Cushions, & Worship Bag:** All children are encouraged to use these to stay engaged during the service. These are located both in the narthex and at the pulpit entrance.
- **Young Children & Worship:** Children who are age 4, 5, or 6 (not in 1st grade) are invited. After the children come up during worship services for children's time or a baptism, they will exit the Sanctuary and go to room CW-110. Parents are welcome to join their child or stay for the remainder of the service.
- **Nursery Care** for children 6 weeks through 3 years is available during the 8:30 & 11:00 services and Sunday School from 9:45 to 10:45. Ask an elder/deacon to help you locate the Children's Hospitality Center.

■ **LIVESTREAM IN COURTENAY HALL** — Each of the Sunday morning worship services is streamed live in Courtenay Hall.

■ **HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** — Prayer request cards can be found in the pews and deposited in the offering plate or the prayer request boxes located in the narthex on the southeast wall and at the Hospitality Center in Courtenay Hall. Church officers meet weekly to lift up prayer requests to God.

■ **SERMONS** can be found at fpcnashville.org/pub/sermons/.

*Make new Worship Friends! Introduce people to one another
at the end of the service.*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THE TABLE** — The Table is a relaxed worship service rooted in the Reformed tradition. It meets on Sundays in The Gathering Place at 11:00. All are welcome!
- **BOOKMARKS** — Our FPC bookstore has a great selection of books, greeting cards, and gifts from Ten Thousand Villages. We have added a new section called Book Bank. These are gently loved books of all genres that we are selling for \$2. Stop by and check out our selections. We are open Sundays from 9:30 A.M. to noon.
- **PARISH NEWS** — Get midweek updates on FPC happenings and upcoming events delivered to your e-mail each Wednesday in the Parish News newsletter. Visit fpcnashville.org/about-us/communications/ to subscribe.
- **DAILY LENT DEVOTIONALS** are available in literature racks around the church each week during the season of Lent. Pick one up and follow along as we read the Gospel of John together. Each day's entry will include a passage from John and a reflection from one of the pastors at FPC. Devo booklets will be released each week and made available in print here at the church and on our website as well. You can also find a link to the week's readings in our Parish News email blast each Wednesday. Join us this Lent as we prepare our hearts for Easter!

ADULT EDUCATION

- **ASH WEDNESDAY/COMMUNITIES OF BELONGING LENT 2020 JOINT DINNER** — All Community of Belonging groups, Ash Wednesday service attendees, and all others in the FPC community are invited to enjoy dinner together in Courtenay Hall on February 26. Rev. Sarah Bird will speak at 5:00 P.M. during dinner as we orient ourselves to the new Lent C.O.B. series, and Rev. Ryan Moore will preach on the first of the seven signs of Jesus' miracles in John during our Ash Wednesday worship service in the Sanctuary at 6:00 P.M. Nursery care for children 3 and under as well as activities for older children will be provided during the Ash Wednesday service. To register for dinner on Wednesday, February 26, sign up at fpcnashville.org by noon Monday, February 24.
- **LENT 2020 COMMUNITIES OF BELONGING** — Unlike the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, John does not record a lot of Jesus' miracles; there are only seven mentioned, but each of the signs tells us something very important about who Jesus is and the new Kingdom He was inaugurating. In our Lent C.O.B. study, we will take a closer look at the seven signs of Jesus found in the book of John by gathering together for discussion in groups that will meet at different days and times during the week. We will also be reflecting on these scriptures in a sermon series during Sunday worship (Sanctuary and the Table). Join us for this great way to get to grow deeper in faith and in relationship with other folks here at FPC. Sign up for a group at fpcnashville.org/communities-of-belonging/.
- **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Questions? Contact Sarah Bird at sbird@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9518, or check us out online at adults.fpcnashville.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **SERVING TOGETHER EVENT FOR FAMILIES** — On March 6 from 6:45 to 8:00 P.M. Families will meet at Safe Haven Family Shelter to have game night with the children and families staying at the shelter. Families can sign up to volunteer at <https://childrens.fpcnashville.org/serving-together/>.

■ **MISSION CAMP** — July 13–16 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Mission Camp is a wonderful opportunity for rising 4th, 5th & 6th graders (and their parents) to serve the Nashville community for one week in the summer. Parent participation is encouraged but not required. Register online today at childrens.fpcnashville.org/mission-camp/.

■ **FEBRUARY VERSE-OF-THE-MONTH** (correlating with songs children sing in Sunday School) is Matthew 22:37–39 (NRSV). “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Be sure to pick up your window cling from your Sunday School Leader or in the Children’s Welcome Area. For Children’s Ministry info, contact Deb O’Brien at 615-298-9582 or dobrien@fpcnashville.org.

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

■ **CONGRATULATIONS** — The First Presbyterian Church family congratulates:

- Lauren & Tyler Wilson, on the birth of their son, Bradley John Wilson, born on January 27.
- Alison & Scott Pettus, on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Evans Pettus, born on February 10.

■ **SYMPATHY** — The First Presbyterian Church family extends sympathy to the friends and family of the following during their time of loss:

- Mrs. Dollye Clayton, on the death of Dollye’s niece and Beth Scott Clayton Amos’ cousin, Jane Ruth Clayton Ohrtmann, who died on December 30, 2019. Sympathy also to Timothy L. Amos.
- Piper & John Burch and Pamela & Bob Jackson, on the death of Piper and Pamela’s father, Robert Garner ‘Bob’ Wilson, who died on February 12. Sympathy also to John Burch III, Melanie Burch, Kathleen Jackson, Mary Keith & Austin Robbins, and Baxter Jackson Jr.

■ **CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** — Join Rev. Sandra Randleman on Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 9:15 A.M. for a study of contemplative prayer. We engage in a time of *lectio divina* followed by contemplative prayer. We meet in the Prayer Room next to The Gathering Place. Everyone is welcome! We are all beginners, and instructions are provided. For more information, contact Sandra at 615-298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org.

■ **STEPHEN MINISTRY** — Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care for, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time. If you have the gifts of caring, encouraging, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider becoming a part of this important ministry. Contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org for additional information.

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **MISSION SPOTLIGHT: LOCAL MISSIONS FAIR** — Continues today, February 23, in Courtenay Hall. Come between services to learn more about the Mission Partners that you help support. Representatives from our partner agencies would love to share all about their services and volunteer opportunities. Pick one — there's one for you!

February 23	Barefoot Republic Faith Family Medical Clinic Fellowship of Christian Athletes Friends Life Hope Clinic for Women	Justice Industries The Mary Parrish Center Miriam's Promise UKirk MTSU
March 1	Interfaith Dental Clinic Men of Valor Monroe Harding Nations Ministry Renewal House	The Next Door Pinson (Hospital) Hospitality House Nashville Rescue Mission Preston Taylor Ministries
March 8	InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Legacy Mission Village Little Pantry That Could Matthew 25 Rocketown	RoofTop Safe Haven Y-CAP (YMCA) UKirk Nashville

■ **CUBA MISSION TRIP** — Adults of all ages mark your calendar for trip dates August 1–7 for a relational mission trip to visit with partner church and other ministries in Cuba, including Havana. Estimated trip cost is \$1400–1500. An \$800 deposit and a copy of your passport name page are due no later than April 1 to secure a travel visa. Scott Greer is the trip leader. Contact Annette Crout at missions@fpcnashville.org for more information.

■ **ATTENTION ALL GRILL MASTERS!** The Local Missions Committee is starting a grill ministry for FPC-sponsored events. We are looking for volunteers with grill skills to be a part of the FPC grill team and get cooking! This team will support our ministries including our Habitat build, Picnic on the Lawn, and other events. To learn more, contact Mike or Annette Crout at missions@fpcnashville.org.

■ **ROOM IN THE INN AT FPC** needs only two overnight hosts for March 11. The overnight hosts will be met by a site coordinator to help with serving dinner and walk you through the process. Arrive by 5:30 P.M. and leave the next morning by 6:00 A.M. Feel free to call with any questions. Sign-up sheets are in Courtenay Hall, online, or contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or missions@fpcnashville.org.

*For more Mission Ministry info, contact Annette Crout
at 615-298-9507 or missions@fpcnashville.org.*

MUSIC MINISTRY

■ **PSALMODY & FRIENDS: SINGING AT SIX** — Upper voice middle and high school age students who enjoy singing meet together with Carol McClure to improve skills and to prepare repertoire for worship and outreach, Wednesdays, 6:00–6:30 P.M., upstairs in the Cheek House. Interested? Email Carol at abrsmharpteacher@gmail.com to reserve a place. Come and bring a friend!

■ **PSALMODY & FRIENDS: INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES** — Are you a middle or high school student who studies a string, woodwind, or brass instrument? Would you like to play in a small instrumental ensemble with other students, preparing repertoire for worship and outreach? Do you have friends from school who might like to participate, too? Rehearsal times are set to accommodate each small ensemble. Email Carol McClure abrsmharpteacher@gmail.com to participate.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **MARCH LUNCHEON PROGRAM** — Nashville historian Ridley Wills will be the guest speaker for the Thursday Lunch/Program on March 19 at 12:00 P.M. in Courtenay Hall. Mr. Wills remained at the Downtown Presbyterian Church when First Presbyterian moved in 1956 to our current Franklin Pike location. He will share his perspectives on the issues, emotions, and results of that key event in our history. Special guests invited to the luncheon include thirty of our current members who elected to move to FPC. Please RSVP for lunch (cost is \$6) by March 16.

■ **BOOK CLUB** — The Book Club selection for March is Elizabeth Strout's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *Olive Kitteridge*. Join us for a discussion of the book on Thursday, March 26, at 2:00 P.M. in Memorial Library.

For First Friends info, contact 615-383-1815.

RECREATION MINISTRY

■ **FRIDAY PICKLEBALL** — All are welcome to join us for pickleball on Fridays at 3:00 P.M. We will have courts and equipment available in the Enrichment Center.

■ **OAK HILL DAY CAMP** — Make your plans to join us this summer at Oak Hill Day Camp. Register online at rec.fpcnashville.org. Contact Bryan Miller at bmiller@fpcnashville.org with questions.

■ **OUR EQUINE PROGRAM** is still accepting participants! Adults 18 and up with disabilities, veterans, and service members are eligible for this therapeutic horseback riding program. To apply for the program or for more info, contact Curt Stacy at estacy@fpcnashville.org.

*For Recreation Ministry info, contact
Bryan Miller at bmiller@fpcnashville.org.*

YOUNG ADULT & COLLEGE MINISTRY

■ **ME MORNINGS** — ME Mornings meets on Thursdays at 9:30 A.M. in The Gathering Place. All moms of children under six are welcome.

■ **ME MORNINGS AT NIGHT** — We will have an “ME Nite” on Thursday, February 27, 7:00 P.M. at Karen Fitts’ home. We would love to have you come for fellowship and fun—no RSVP needed! Email Jessie Yancey at Jyancey@fpcnashville.org with questions.

■ **BARNABAS TRIP** — February 23–25. SMU, TCU, Baylor, and surrounding schools.

*For Young Adult Ministry info, contact
Josh Rodriguez at 615-298-9598 or jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org.*

YOUTH MINISTRY

■ **REGISTER ONLINE TODAY FOR THESE RETREATS AND TRIPS!**

- **Spring Break Mission Trip to Waco, Texas** — March 14–20
- **High School West Virginia** — May 31–June 5
(Seniors depart May 29.)
- **Junior High Great Escape** — June 7–12
- **Mystery Trip for Graduated Seniors** — June 18–25

■ **SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP PARENT MEETING** today, February 23 at noon for lunch in Courtenay Hall. You will receive important information about the youth mission trip to Waco, Texas.

■ **JUNIOR HIGH SMALL GROUP** meets from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. in The Gathering Place on the following dates: March 4, April 1, and April 15.

■ **A NEW HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP** meets on Thursday nights in The Gathering Place from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. with junior MG Smith teaching the Enneagram class. The group will meet for the final time February 27.

■ **THE SEAT AT THE TABLE** — Sunday School class for 9th graders and their parents continues in The Gathering Place with Adam DeVries.

Every youth is required to have an online release form completed in order to participate in FPC activities! Please check the website, complete the online release form, and email youth@fpcnashville.org with a photo of the front and back of your insurance card. Thank you!

For Youth Ministry info, contact 615-298-9570 or youth@fpcnashville.org.

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

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



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