



FEBRUARY 9, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
8:30 AND 11:00 AM

WORDS OF PREPARATION

The infinite value of each human soul is not a Christian doctrine. God did not die for man because of some value He perceived in him. The value of each human soul considered simply in itself, out of relation to God, is zero. As St. Paul writes, to have died for valuable men would have been not divine but merely heroic; but God died for sinners. He loved us not because we were lovable, but because He is love.

—C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

OPENING SENTENCES AND WELCOME

Ryan Moore

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Communities of Belonging
Sarah Bird

†VOLUNTARY

Charles Villiers Stanford
Prelude on "Tallis' Canon"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30) Adam DeVries
(11:00) Sandra Randleman

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised!

Leader: We will give thanks to You, O Lord, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.

People: We will be glad and exult in You;
we will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Leader: We have gathered to praise our gracious God.

People: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

ANTHEM
(11:00)

Eugene Butler

My Heart Is Ready!

My heart is ready, O my God;
Awake, my soul, awake!
harp and lyre, awake, awake;
O harp and lyre, awake, awake;
Give thanks to Thee, O Lord, my God;
O harp and lyre, awake, awake!
Sing praise to God, O all the earth;
Awake my soul, awake!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Sandra Randleman

Jennifer and Brent Lankford are presenting their daughter,
Catherine Hall Lankford, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Ben Merrill

†HYMN FOR BAPTISM

TALLIS' CANON

3 Lord Je - sus Christ, our Lord most dear, as

6 You were once an in - fant here, so give this child of

Yours, we pray, Your grace and bless - ing day by day

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cadman Yarbrough, Youth Liturgist

**Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them,
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-11, *page 691*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Stuart Townend

How Deep the Father's Love

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
 (2.Be) - hold the Man up - on a - cross, my
 (3.I) will not boast in an - y - thing: No

vast be - yond all meas - ure that
 sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

He should give His on - ly Son to
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His

make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The
 was my sin that held Him there un -
 should I gain from His re - ward? I

Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 til it was ac - com - plished; His
 can - not give an an - swer. But

wound which mar the Cho - sen One bring
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
 this I know with all my heart: His

man - y sons to glo - ry. 2.Be
 know that it is fin - ished. 3.I
 wounds have paid my ran - som.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ryan Moore
 Galatians 3:26-4:7, page 189

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Christmas in February

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son...”
Galatians 4:4

OFFERTORY

Paul Christiansen

(8:30)

Children of the Heav'nly Father

Children of the heav'nly Father
 safely in His bosom gather;
 nestling bird nor star in heaven
 such a refuge e'er was given.
 God His own doth tend and nourish;
 in His holy courts they flourish.
 From all evil things He spares them,
 in His mighty arms He bears them.
 Neither life nor death shall ever

from the Lord His children sever;
unto them His grace He showeth,
and their sorrows all He knoweth.
Though He giveth or He taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh,
His the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

(11:00) *Greater Love Hath No Man* John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench Love,
neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.
Greater Love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who His own Self bare our sins in His own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified,
in the Name of the Lord Jesus;
ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him
who hath called you out of darkness, into His marvelous light.
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice,
holy, holy, acceptable unto God,
which is your reasonable service.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP (8:30) Ryan Moore

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00) Sarah Bird

THE BLESSING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (11:00) (debt)
Hymnal, page 35

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 306 DENNIS
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*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 *Alla marcia* John Ireland

* 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

John Musgrave, Parish Associate

Sandra Randleman,

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

Cadman Yarbrough, Youth Liturgist

Lacy Sheppard, (8:30) Acolyte

Cadman Yarbrough, (11:00) Acolyte

Alison Andrews, Cross Bearer

Claire Smith, Bible Bearer

Mary Charles McDaniel, Baptism Buddy

Elaine Morgan, Worship Helper

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Peter Rogahn, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Hosanna and Doxology Children's Choirs:

Kelly Posey and Brianna Meler, Directors

FPC Handbell Quintet

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 Susan and William Eason 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

■ **NEW MEMBERS** — The First Presbyterian Church family welcomes new members to the church. These new members will be recognized and welcomed today during the 11:00 worship service:

Wallace Cartwright	Margaret Hollis	Linda Thompson
Brad Hollis	Brett Meeks	

■ **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!

■ **COFFEE, TEA, AND MOORE** — As Ryan Moore begins leading our church, he and Heather want to work to truly get to know those within our church community on a personal level. There will be many different small group gatherings, "Coffee, Tea, and Moore," over the next several months. The intentionally small gatherings will be hosted in church Elders' homes to allow Ryan and Heather to personally meet and fellowship with members of our congregation. Later in the spring, the Family Suppers will be gatherings centered around families in our congregation with young children and youth. You can register for one of the gatherings at fpcnashville.org/congregation/register-give/.

■ **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.

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. To register for dinner on Wednesday, February 26, sign up on the website.

■ **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

■ **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** — Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School June 22–25, 9:00 A.M. until noon. VBS is for children who are four years old by March 31, 2020 through children entering third grade in Fall 2020. VBS is free. Register at childrens.fpcnashville.org/vbs.

■ **MISSION CAMP** — July 13–16 from 9:00 A.M.— 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.

■ **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

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

- Stephanie Huffman, on the death of her mother, Donna Kae Huffman, who died on February 4.

■ **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.

■ **MANNA FREEZER** — The Manna Freezer is well stocked, and foods are available to share with FPC members and friends in the community who are experiencing loss of a loved one or illness or celebrating a birth. Please be alert to those around you who would benefit from our bounty! The freezer is located in the stairwell to the right of the kitchen door off Courtenay Hall.

■ **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 TODAY**— Join us in Courtenay Hall between services to learn more about the mission partners that you help support. Representatives from our partners would love to share about their services and volunteer opportunities. “Pick One.” There’s one for you!

February 9	Barefoot Republic Camp, Inc Begin Anew End Slavery Tennessee Family Reconciliation Center	Insight Counseling Centers The Little Pantry That Could Room In The Inn Siloam Family Health Center
February 23	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 Matthew 25 Rocketown	RoofTop Safe Haven Y-CAP (YMCA) UKirk Nashville

*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, beginning February 12. 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

■ **LUNCHEON PROGRAM** — Thursday, February 20, 12:00, in Courtenay Hall. Rev. Ryan Moore, our new pastor, will be our guest speaker following lunch. We are excited to welcome him as he shares time with us. Lunch is \$6. Please RSVP by Monday, February 17, by contacting Sabrina Vlahos at 615-383-1815 or hospitalitycenter@fpcnashville.org.

■ **BUS TOUR TO CHARLESTON, SC** — February 13 is the date Diamond Tours has given us as the deposit deadline (\$75) for our April 19–24 trip. See the itinerary at olderadults.fpcnashville.org. Contact Brenda Geise at 615-298-9515 with questions.

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. Children may take part in Weekly Camp from as early as 7:30 A.M. to as late as 5:15 P.M. Camp features daily pool time, weekly horse rides, and lunch each day. Specialty camps provide Theatre, Horsemanship, and Middle School Excursion experiences. 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 cstacy@fpcnashville.org.

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

YOUNG ADULT & COLLEGE MINISTRY

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

■ **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!**

- **Girls' Beach Retreat** — February 14–17; registration is closed.
- **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

■ **JUNIOR HIGH SMALL GROUP** meets from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. in The Gathering Place on the following dates: February 19, 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. She will teach the Enneagram class. The group will meet February 13, 20, and 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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