



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Youth Sunday | May 2, 2021



THE STORM ON THE SEA OF GALILEE
Rembrandt van Rijn

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

WORDS OF PREPARATION

“Be still, and know that I am God...”

Psalm 46:10

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†INTROIT

O God, Will You Restore Us

Bifrost Arts

O God, will you restore us, and grant us your salvation? I will hear what God proclaims, the Lord our God proclaims peace. Kindness and truth shall meet, justice and peace shall kiss. “Here is the fast I choose – to loosen the bonds of the oppressed and break their chains. Let righteousness and justice go out before you, then you will call out and I will hear.” Near indeed is his salvation to those who call on him, he will incline his ear and hear their prayers. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice will rain down from heaven. The Lord will guide you on a righteous path, his vindication will shine down forth as the dawn. Your people will be called repairers of broken walls, making straight the path to proclaim his reign!

WELCOME

Ava Claire Williams & Hannah King

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ben Atchley & Emma Neely (8:30)
Virginia Wall & Charlie Mason (11:00)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Frank Bass & Neva Bass

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

All: and do not lean on your own understanding.

Leader: In all your ways acknowledge him,

All: and he will make straight your paths.

Leader: Please be still

All: and know that I am God.

Leader: The Lord will provide.

All: The Lord will provide.

*†OPENING HYMN

Fiona Muldowney, accompanist

Come, Holy Ghost

Benedict | Maurus | Mills

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest; come with thy grace and heav'nly aid to fill our hearts which thou hast made, to fill our hearts which thou has made.

O Comforter, to thee we cry, thou heav'nly gift of God most high; thou fount of life, and fire of love, and sweet anointing from above, and sweet anointing from above.

Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you. (Repeat 2x)

O Holy Ghost, through thee alone, know we the Father and the Son; be this our firm unchanging creed, that thou dost from them both proceed, that thou dost from them both proceed.

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, and Holy Spirit with them one; and may the Son on us bestow all gifts that from the Spirit flow, all gifts that from the Spirit flow.

Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you. (Repeat 4x)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Liliana Morrison (8:30)
Daryn O'Donnell (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Genesis 22:1-18

Emory Moore (8:30)
Madeline McGrew (11:00)

¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

¹⁵ And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Cole Allen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we have all fallen short of living a full Christian life too many times to count. But it is not our guilt that draws us to you Lord, it is the never-ending grace offered to us in the atoning sacrifice of your son our savior Jesus Christ. We openly confess that we often put our trust into something that is not you. We have doubted that you will provide. Our shortcomings and words of confession are safe with you, a broken and contrite heart Oh God, you do not despise. We confess we do not want to take the blame, we do not want to admit our failures, we struggle to acknowledge our sins, we fear the storms more than we trust in you. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Elise Presnell (8:30)
Madeline McGrew (11:00)

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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Kathleen Kerr

SCRIPTURE READING | Mark 4:35–41

Patrick Wilk (8:30)
Coco Smith (11:00)

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Helen Phillips, Joe Bellardo, Grafton Brittle, Lacy Sheppard (8:30)
Clay Crews, Sloan Rogers, Lily Przybylinski, Harris Brim (11:00)

Trust

God will provide. – Genesis 22:8 | *Peace! Be still!* – Mark 4:39

OFFERTORY

Up to Something
Mary Grace Smith

In the hands we can't hold, and in a year that we all felt alone, how could he possibly be up to something? In our anxieties, in our broken dreams, how could he possibly be up to something? And in the raging sea I bet the disciples didn't believe that he could be up to something. But if the wind and waves know the sound of his name, then surely my fear will know it the same. And if the raging sea around us doesn't scare him, then maybe it's raging for a reason. So I'll look at the storms in my life, knowing that with him it'll be alright, 'cause I know how this will end, 'cause he's always up to something. And even when you think he's sleeping, while your life is falling to pieces, just believe that he's up to something. So place it all on the altar, place it all in his hands. Just like Abraham who knew God was up to something, you Lord, are always up to something, you Lord, I can always trust in.

As you reflect on the Lord's goodness, you can make an offering by leaving your gift in the offering basket, texting "GIVE" to (707) 475-3005, or donating online at fpcnashville.org.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ellis Thompson (8:30)

Emma Neely (11:00)

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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET | Albert L. Peace

**O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.
O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.
O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee.
I lay in dust, life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be.**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Adam DeVries

The congregation will be seated until after the choral response.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

**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.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in A

Michael McCabe

** Those who are able, please stand.*

† Latecomers may be seated.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John H. Tipton, Jr., and his daughter Ann Tipton Horn, by their family.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Adam DeVries, MDiv – *Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families*

Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*

Raquel Warchol – *Contemporary Worship Music Director*

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

Cole Allen, Frank Bass, Neva Bass, Kathleen Kerr, Hannah King, Madeline McGrew, Emory Moore, Fiona Muldowney, Daryn O'Donnell, Elise Presnell, Coco Smith, Mary Grace Smith, Ellis Thompson, Ava Claire Williams

YOUTH PREACHERS AND TESTIFIERS

Ben Atchley, Joe Bellardo, Harris Brim, Grafton Brittle, Elizabeth Carney, William Clark, Clay Crews, Daniel Gaw, Bella Hackett, Charlie Mason, Emma Neely, Helen Phillips, Lily Przybylinski, Sloan Rogers, Lacy Sheppard, Standford Thombs, Virginia Wall, Patrick Wilk

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'd love to welcome you!

Officer Nominations — 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 2024. Please prayerfully consider submitting a recommendation for this important and vital service for your church. To submit a nomination visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville or call 615-383-1815.

ME Moms Night | Thursday, May 6 | 7:30 p.m. | The home of Rachel Davis — This nighttime event is for adults only to give moms a much-deserved respite! While most participants have young children, ME Moms invite all mothers, aunts, and women of any life stage to come together to enjoy faithful fellowship, wisdom, and encouragement. Contact Jessie Yancey at jyancey@fpcnashville.org for the Mom's Night address or for more information.

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering | Tuesday, May 11 | 11:30 a.m. | Sanctuary — All women are invited to the Spring Gathering as we conclude our year of studying *The Gospel of Mark: The Jesus We're Aching For*. Dr. Ryan Moore will speak, and special music will be provided by Tricia Carswell. There is no cost for this event. Childcare will not be provided. This event will also be livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook. Register at linktr.ee/fpcnashville or call 615-383-1815.



ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

Thursday, May 13 | 12:00 p.m. | Columbarium

Ascension Day commemorates the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven after his resurrection on Easter. Join us for worship as we remember and celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ into heaven.

Spring Worship on the Porch — Sundays through June | 4:30 p.m. | Front Porch

Everyone is welcome to this outdoor time of worship and fellowship. Bring a chair or blanket. When weather is inclement, the service will be canceled.

Oak Hill Day Camp — Registration is open to children age 4 through 5th grade. Weekly sessions are from 8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. with an aftercare option available. Find more information on sessions, pricing, and registration at linktr.ee/fpcnashville.

Employment Opportunities — We are accepting applications for the following positions: Director of Resource Development, Payroll Accountant/Human Resources Generalist, and Early Preschool Toddler Educators (2021/2022 Academic Year). Read more about these positions and apply at fpcnashville.org/work-us.

LOOKING AHEAD

May 9 | New Members Joining | 11:00 a.m. service

May 16 | The Lord's Supper | All services

May 23 | Presenting the 2020 Confirmation Class | 4:30 p.m. | Front Porch

May 30 | Kirkin' Sunday | Todd Jones, Guest Preacher | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services

May 30 | Kirkin' Festival | 9:30 a.m. | Front of Sanctuary

Aug 7-8 | NaCoMe Family Camp | Register at linktr.ee/fpcnashville

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

May 16 | Confirmation Service | 4:30 p.m. | Front Porch

May 23 | 5 & 6 Year Old Milestone | 3:30 p.m.

May 23 | Nursery Bible Story Time | 4:00 p.m. | Children's Portico

OLDER ADULTS

May 20 | Book Club | 1:00 p.m. | Zoom

For more information on events and mission opportunities, visit fpcnashville.org or sign up for our weekly Parish News email by emailing communications@fpcnashville.org.

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ann Alexander
Fifi Anderson
Myrtle Ann Archer
Mary Baker
Mary Helen Bailey
Linda Berry
Barbara Boone
Lauren Brinkley
Merry Lynn Cato
Tim Coomer and family
Andrea Cooper
Helen Dale
Lipscomb Davis
Martha Davis
Burton Dietz

Michael DiTraglia
Don Fisher
Mary Francis
Lewis Frost
Jim & Roxie Gibson
Lynn Hardison
Willie Hardison
Harry Hassall
Ann Hayes
Mary Howard Hayes
Phyllis Heard
Ashley Higgins
Dorothy Holland
Helen Holland
Preston Holland

Annie Evelyn Hollins
Tim Ishii
Bob Jackson
Bill Kirby
Jeff Koch
Kaye Knox
Catherine Loflin
Emily Love
Bracey Mayo
Liz McConnell and family
Tom McDonald
Sherri Middendorf
Maureen Milam
Mary Evelyn Reese
Trey Russell

Mike Shampain
Brett Simpson
Trish Simpson
Eric Skinner
Lucas Spickard
Ed Stone
David Thomas
Peter van Lingen
Janice and Bud Wendell
Lynda Wimberly
Tom Wright
Nahed Zehr

Please pray for the leaders of our nation and world and community and for their wise and compassionate decisions; for those most vulnerable to illness; for those without homes and no safe place to go; for those whose economic livelihood is in jeopardy; for those without childcare for their children while they work; for doctors and nurses and all those caring for the sick; for medical researchers seeking treatment and means of prevention of COVID-19 and its complications. Please pray for our city, state and nation, for the healing of deep wounds and for God's spirit of peace, justice, mercy, mutual respect and love to rest upon and between all people.

PRAYER FOR OUR MISSIONS PARTNER

Please pray for Begin Anew. Begin Anew offers education and employment skills in a nurturing Christ-centered environment designed to help working women and men living in poverty obtain better jobs, increased economic opportunities, and freedom from welfare. Learn more at beginanew.org.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Prayer request cards can be found in the pew racks and can be dropped in the Offering Baskets or the Prayer Request Boxes located in the narthex and at the Hospitality Center. Church officers meet weekly to lift up prayer requests to God.

INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE CONNECTED?

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 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 Basket located in the Narthex.

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