



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

13TH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
*August 22, 2021*



GOD TOOK ENOCH  
*Gerard Hoet*

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

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## WORDS OF PREPARATION

“If we have not walked with God on earth, if no union of our nature with His nature has taken place, if we have not cared to seek His fellowship here, are we likely to be ready for that fellowship hereafter? Jesus said, ‘I go to prepare a place for you.’ The place may be prepared for us—but what if we are not prepared for the place? ”

— James S. Stewart

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

*Andante in D Major*  
Felix Mendelssohn

INTROIT

*Take This Moment*  
John Bell

Take this moment, sign and space, take my friends around; here among us make the place where your love is found. Take the time to call my name, take the time to mend who I am and what I’ve been, all I’ve failed to tend. Take the tiredness of my days, take my past regret, letting your forgiveness touch all I can’t forget. Take the little child in me, scared of growing old. Help me here to find my worth, made in Christ’s own mold. Take my talents, take my skill, take what’s yet to be. Let my life be yours, and yet, let it still be me.

WELCOME AND MINUTE FOR MISSION

Meredith Stewart and Tony Weeks

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: God of grace, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, even as we gather before your face, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All: By the power of your Spirit, help us to lift up our hearts in praise, to receive your lavish gifts, stored up for using Christ, and to live as your faithful children and witnesses, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*†OPENING HYMN

*Lift High the Cross*  
CRUCIFER

*Refrain:*

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain***

**All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. *Refrain***

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
your death has brought us life eternally. *Refrain***

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain***

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\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

John Hollins (8:30)  
Michael Hindman (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | James 2:18–23

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! <sup>20</sup> Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; <sup>23</sup> and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Sandra Randleman (8:30)  
Rev. Joshua Rodriguez (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, I come to you in the name of Jesus. Sensing that you loved me before I could ever love you, I come to you as a sinner who needs your forgiveness. Trusting in your power, I long to turn away from all that keeps me from you. With your family in all times and places, I believe that salvation—for me, for others, for the world—comes through Jesus Christ. In your endless love and mercy, forgive me now, most gracious Lord. Amen.**

*A moment for silent confession.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*  
LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;  
praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.**

\*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.*

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‡ 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

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Genesis 5:18–24

<sup>18</sup> When Jared had lived 162 years, he fathered Enoch. <sup>19</sup> Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>20</sup> Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died. <sup>21</sup> When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. <sup>22</sup> Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>23</sup> Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. <sup>24</sup> Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**Walking with God**

Dr. Ryan Moore

*“Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.” —Genesis 5:24*

OFFERTORY | from Psalm 84

*O How Amiable*  
Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of Hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy work. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

*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

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff (8:30)

Dr. Stuart Gordon (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

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Christ Be Beside Me*

BUNESSAN

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me;  
Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Fugue in C Major, BuxWV 174*

Dietrich Buxtehude

*\* 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 loving memory of Caroline and James A. Webb Jr., Jimmy Webb, Billy Webb, and his son Van Webb, by their family.

## 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*  
Joshua Rodriguez, MDiv – *Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministry*  
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*  
Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*  
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*

## MUSIC NOTES

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## COVER IMAGE

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## WORSHIP IN THE ENRICHMENT CENTER

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. Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time of renewal.

**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 are required weekly and can be made at [fpcnashville.org](http://fpcnashville.org). Pickup for nursery care is located in the interior parking lot by the Gathering Place. If you need directions for where to pick up your child from nursery, please ask an usher in the Enrichment Center for directions.

**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 11:00 a.m. worship service. Mr. Mickey and helpers will walk the children to Courtenay Lounge, located in the main building. Before worship ends, children will be walked back to the Enrichment Center lobby (closest to Sullivan Gardens), where parent/guardians can reconnect with their child.

**Sunday School on August 22** — Today, the Logos, Coffee and Bible, and Good News classes, as well as Youth Sunday School, will not be meeting, so that members can join the Pastor Panel in the Enrichment Center. The Discipleship class will meet in their usual room and the June Ramsey class will meet virtually.

**Liftoff Episode 2: Mark and Susan DeVries** — *Liftoff: Faithfully Navigating Another Year of Life as a Family* is a limited podcast series that seeks to support families preparing for another year of life together. Each episode will discuss a particular area of life to which many families give a large amount of time and energy. The newest episode features Mark and Susan DeVries discussing marriage with Josh Rodriguez. Listen online at [linktr.ee/fpcnashville](https://linktr.ee/fpcnashville).

**Contemplative Prayer Group | Wednesdays | 3:00 p.m. | Matt Hill Prayer Room** — Our contemplative prayer group is now meeting in person. We gather on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Matt Hill Prayer Room. Join us as we begin again the practice of being still before God and knowing that God is God!

**Youth Kickoff at Crud Day | August 29 | 1:30–4:00 p.m. | South Lawn** — Kickoff at Crud Day, Game Day Edition, will begin with youth and parents tailgating with pizza and popsicles at 1:30 in the Tyne parking lot before the games begin. The youth staff and leaders will perform a short skit, parents will receive a handbook of youth activities for the year along with a T-shirt for each youth, and kids will apply face paint for their grade-level team color, then participate in mud volleyball and tug-of-war, a shaving cream battle, an obstacle course, and an awards ceremony! Registration is required for youth. Sign up at [linktr.ee/fpcnashyouth](https://linktr.ee/fpcnashyouth).

**Greg Jones Will Be Guest Preacher on September 12** — Greg Jones, our guest preacher on September 12, became President of Belmont University in June 2021. Known for his entrepreneurial leadership and fundraising, he served as Dean of Duke University Divinity School 1997–2010 and 2018–21. He has also served as Executive Vice President of Baylor University. His tenure at Duke was marked by significant financial growth and a number of new initiatives. An ordained United Methodist minister, Jones is the author or editor of 19 books and has published over 200 articles. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Denver, as well as a master of divinity and a PhD in theology from Duke. He is married to Rev. Dr. Susan Pendleton Jones. The two are the proud parents of three adult children and three granddaughters.

**Masks Now Required for FPC Staff** — With Nashville COVID-19 numbers on the rise and the arrival of the delta variant, we have reinstated the requirement that church staff wear masks indoors during business hours, effective August 19. As the Early Preschool and Oak Hill School begin the academic year on campus, we hope this precaution keeps our most vulnerable members safe. Masks are not required for members, but per the newest CDC guidelines, we do encourage everyone to wear one and to continue taking other precautions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

## LOOKING AHEAD

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

**September 12 | First Fest: All-Church Kickoff** | 9:30 a.m. | See back cover for more details.

**September 14 | Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering**

**October 5 | FPC Golf Scramble**

## MISSIONS

**September 15 | Blood Drive** | 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. | Courteney Hall

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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

**September 19 | Sunday morning education hour returns.**

## OLDER ADULTS

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

# The Big Read: Around the Bible in 90 Days

SEPTEMBER 13–DECEMBER 12

The Big Read is a 90-day, all-church reading of the Bible—a chance for our community to reorient after the disruptions of the past year, to consider what we're paying attention to, and to focus on matters of eternal significance. While most of us are familiar with individual stories from Scripture, the Big Read seeks to move us beyond that, to develop a sense of the Bible's overarching narrative—a single story of salvation, from Old Testament to New, held together by a faithful God and pointing to Jesus Christ. This is an opportunity to immerse ourselves in God's story, to find ourselves in it, and to see the world with new clarity.

## Reading Tracks

*On signing up for a track, you will receive a plan to guide you through the daily readings. Sign up for a track at Sunday worship services or online at [fpcnashville.org/BigRead](http://fpcnashville.org/BigRead).*

- **AUDIO:** Listen to three to five chapters each day using a Bible app. Suggested apps are Dwell or Bible.
- **CHAPTER:** Read 90 chapters of the Bible, committing to one chapter per day.
- **COMPREHENSIVE:** Read the entire Bible, committing to about 30 minutes per day.
- **FAMILY:** Read daily passages, predominantly from the *Read and Learn Bible*, appropriate for children of all ages.

## Preface to the Big Read: Pastor Panel

TODAY, AUGUST 22

9:45 A.M. | ENRICHMENT CENTER

Join us between worship services for a discussion with our pastors.

## First Fest: All-Church Kickoff (New!)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:30 A.M. | OUTSIDE SANCTUARY

The Big Read kicks off at First Fest—a community celebration held outside the Sanctuary between morning worship services. The Sam Levine Trio will provide music, and there will be a special appearance by the Singing Pastors. A full breakfast will also be served. Physical copies of reading plans will be available, and there will be booths for each ministry, offering a chance to learn more and get connected.

LEARN MORE  
[fpcnashville.org/BigRead](http://fpcnashville.org/BigRead)



BEGINNING  
SEPTEMBER 13

### 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 to get more involved, update your contact information, or sign up for church communications. Drop your completed Connect Card in the offering plate.

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE

