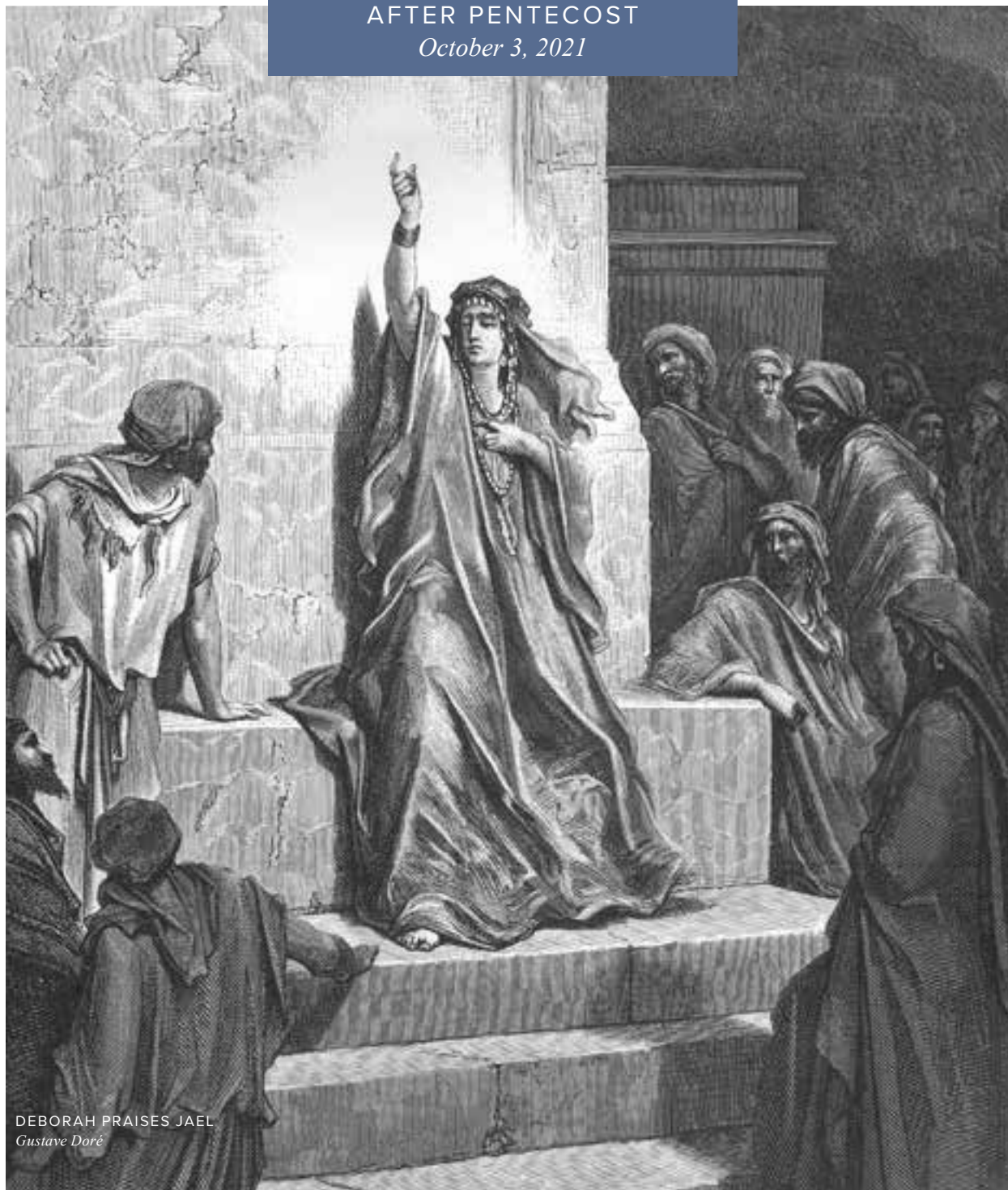




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

19TH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
*October 3, 2021*



DEBORAH PRAISES JEL  
*Gustave Doré*

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

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## WORDS OF PREPARATION

*The trouble is, we seem lately to have forgotten that for us “God” is not an experience we have had but rather a proper name we have been given. We have become confused into thinking when we hear “God” that we are hearing a description of some vague, allegedly universal human experience rather than a name. “God” is the name Christians are told to call Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You cannot get this name through long walks in the woods, hugging trees, delving into your psyche, sitting quietly in your room, or getting in touch with your inner child. This God cannot be known other than by revelation.*

—Stanley Hauerwas and Will Willimon

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
Dale Wood

WELCOME AND MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kevin Roberts and Danny Herron

†INTROIT

*O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips*  
Richard Webster

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Sandra Randleman (8:30)  
Dr. Stuart Gordon (11:00)

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**All: O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light, stretching out the heavens like a tent.**

Pastor: May the glory of the Lord endure forever.

**All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have breath.**

Pastor: Let us lift up our hearts, open our lips, and declare the glories of our God and King.

\*†OPENING HYMN 41

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*  
LYONS

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Wilson Brim (8:30)  
Erika Shapiro (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Romans 3:21–26

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)  
Rev. Joshua Rodriguez (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, you who are all-merciful, take away my sins from me and inflame within me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away this heart of stone from me and give me a heart of flesh and blood, a heart to love and adore you, a heart that may delight in you, love you, and please you, for Christ's sake.**

*A moment for silent confession.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 581

*Glory Be to the Father*  
GLORIA PATRI

\*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.*

‡ BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Deb O'Brien

*Children who are age 4, 5, or 6 (not in 1st grade) are invited to join Young Children & Worship.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Judges 4:1–10

<sup>1</sup> And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord after Ehud died. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoyim. <sup>3</sup> Then the people of Israel cried out to the Lord for help, for he had 900 chariots of iron and he oppressed the people of Israel cruelly for twenty years. <sup>4</sup> Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time. <sup>5</sup> She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the people of Israel came up to her for judgment. <sup>6</sup> She sent and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali and said to him, "Has not the Lord, the God of Israel, commanded you, 'Go, gather your men at Mount Tabor, taking 10,000 from the people of Naphtali and the people of Zebulun.' <sup>7</sup> And I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the river Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand'?" <sup>8</sup> Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go." <sup>9</sup> And she said, "I will surely go with you. Nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh. <sup>10</sup> And Barak called out Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh. And 10,000 men went up at his heels, and Deborah went up with him.

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

SERMON

**A Word-Centered Life**

Dr. Ryan Moore

*Has the Lord, the God of Israel, commanded you ... —Judges 4:6*

OFFERTORY

*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*  
(from *Five Mystical Songs*)  
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, my God and King. The heav'ns are not too high, his praise may thither fly: The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, my God and King. The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out: But above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, my God and King.

*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).*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**  
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
All: **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Shepherd of Souls*  
Scott Atwood

Shepherd of souls, in love, come, feed us, living bread for hungry hearts! To those refreshing waters lead us where dwells that peace your grace imparts. May we, the wayward in your fold, by your forgiveness rest consoled. Lifegiving vine, come, feed and nourish, strengthen each branch with life divine; ever in you, O may we flourish, fruitful the branches on the vine. Lord, may our souls be purified so that in Christ may we abide. Sinful are we who kneel before you, worthy of you are you alone; yet in your name do we implore you, rich are the mercies you have shown. Say but the word, O Lord divine, then are our hearts made pure like thine. Father, who fed the Hebrew nation, giving them manna from the sky, give now the bread of our salvation that we who eat shall never die. We are your people, God, in need; may we on living bread now feed.

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.**

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\*HYMN 853

*We Are Marching in the Light of God*  
SIYAHAMBA

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

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

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Jamaican Celebration Song*

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

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## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*  
Stuart Gordon, DMin – *Executive Pastor*  
John Musgrave, MDiv – *Parish Associate*  
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*  
Lalo Davila and the MTSU Percussion Ensemble

## MUSIC NOTES

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## COVER IMAGE

Gustave Doré, *Deborah Praises Jael*, 1866, *Dore's English Bible*.



The Big Read is a 90-day, all-church reading of the Bible. 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. Learn more at [fpcnashville.org/BigRead](http://fpcnashville.org/BigRead).

### NURSERY CARE AND YOUNG CHILDREN & WORSHIP

**Nursery care for children 6 weeks to 3 years** old is available for the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services, and during the education hour. 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.

**Young Children & Worship** will meet in the Children's Ministry Wing. Parents will pick up their child after worship at the door to Grundy Hall.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Most Sunday School classes this fall will be informed by the Big Read. Find a listing of all classes below. For more information, visit [fpcnashville.org](http://fpcnashville.org) or contact Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Engagement ([sbird@fpcnashville.org](mailto:sbird@fpcnashville.org)).

**Big Read Forum** | Courtenay Hall | Led by Dr. Stuart Gordon and others

**Coffee and Bible Class** | Memorial Library | Led by class members

**Cornerstone Class** | Vance Hall | Led by a teaching team

**Discipleship Class** | Witherspoon Room | Led by David Goodcase, Charlie Bryan Sr., and Jim Cawood

**Enneagram Class** | Chapel | Led by Abbi Rodriguez

**Family Fellowship Class** | Session Room | Led by Dr. Ryan Moore

**Good News Class** | Room L-207 | Led by Rev. John Musgrave

**June Ramsey Class** | Virtual | Led by guest speakers, coordinated by Scott Pearson

**Young Adults Class** | Bryant Conference Room | Led by Lipscomb Davis

### CHILDREN'S EDUCATION HOUR

**Bible Time for 4–6-year-olds** | Check-in and pickup at Grundy Hall

**Sunday Breakfast Club for ages 7+** | Check-in and pickup in the Enrichment Center

### YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets weekly at 9:40 a.m. in the Gathering Place. Youth will start together every week for announcements, a group game, worship, and testimony before they split into grade-level classes.

### COVID-19 POLICY UPDATE

As you may know, the greater Nashville area is currently experiencing high case counts of COVID-19. To protect our congregation and mitigate spread in our community, the Session Coordinating Council has decided to update our policies and temporarily return to Step 3C of our COVID Response Plan. Step 3C includes the following guidelines for all church activities on campus. We will evaluate this policy in 30 days.

- **Masks:** Required indoors. Not required outdoors.
- **9:45 Education Hour and Small Groups:** Available in person and online.
- **Nursery:** Open Sundays at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m. Registration required.
- **Meals:** Permitted indoors for ages 12+, permitted outdoors for children under age 12.
- **Events:** All events will continue as scheduled. Modifications may be made to location.
- **Early Preschool:** Parents permitted indoors, with masks.



**Big Read Pastor Panel | October 3 | 7:30 p.m. | YouTube and Facebook** — Tonight at 7:30 p.m., there will be another Pastor Panel on the Bible and the Big Read—a chance for those following the Big Read to ask questions that may have arisen while reading Scripture. The discussion will be hosted on YouTube and Facebook using an interactive platform that allows viewers to submit questions live.

### GOLF SCRAMBLE THIS TUESDAY

**October 5 | 12:30 p.m. | Nashville Golf and Athletic Club** — There are still places available at the fall Golf Scramble, scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5, at Nashville Golf and Athletic Club. All ages and skill levels are welcome to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship at this fundraiser for Preston Taylor Ministries. Registration is \$110 per player, is open to both singles and teams, and can be completed online or at the golf course. Sign up at [fpcnashville.org](http://fpcnashville.org) or call 615-383-1815.

**Presbyterian Women Fall Bible Study** — Come be a part of the Presbyterian Women Fall Bible Study by registering for a circle! The fall study will complement the all-church Big Read, as we look at some lesser-known biblical women through the lens of curiosity, expectancy, and humility. Come along with us as we study the Word and point one another to Christ. Women of all ages and stages are welcome. To register, go to [fpcnashville.org/congregation/presbyterian-women](http://fpcnashville.org/congregation/presbyterian-women), then scroll down to view the circles and register for one. You can also call the FPC hospitality desk for assistance in registering.

**FPC Fall Fest | October 24 | 3:00–5:00 p.m. | Front Porch & Lawn** — Join us for fun, fellowship, trunk or treating, and more on Sunday afternoon, October 24, when FPC will host its second annual Fall Fest. The FPC grill will be there, along with games, goodies, and another performance by the Singing Pastors. The celebration will culminate with Worship on the Porch at 4:30.

### ADULT EDUCATION

**One-Day Inquirers Class | October 9 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Jones Session Room** — The next Inquirers Class will be offered as a one-day retreat on Saturday, October 9. 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)).

### MISSIONS

**FPC Begins 20th Habitat Build This Fall** — This October, FPC will complete its 20th Habitat for Humanity build. The church has partnered with Habitat since 2003 and has built a home each year since then, except for 2005, when we built two. To kick off this year's build, there will be a Minute for Mission about Habitat at both services today. There are 20 volunteer openings each on October 16, 17, 23, and 24. No prior experience is necessary, and volunteers aged 16–17 may participate with adult supervision. This year's build will be at a townhome complex—the Sherwood Commons—and all work will be done with COVID precautions in mind. We also hope to roll out the FPC grill to provide lunch.

### MUSIC

**October 12:20 Concerts | October 10 & 31 | 12:20 p.m. | Sanctuary** — McKenzie Garey and Peter Rogahn will kick off FPC's 2021–22 Concert Series with two 12:20 recitals this October. Following the 11:00 worship service on October 10, McKenzie Garey will sing a 20-minute program with Peter Rogahn accompanying, featuring works by Mendelssohn, Debussy, Rimsky-Korsakov, and Tom Cipullo. McKenzie is studying at the Eastman School of Music for a bachelor of music degree in vocal performance. On October 31, Peter Rogahn will present a 30-minute organ recital following worship. The program includes works by Bach, Nashville native Craig Phillips, and Max Reger—a dramatic fantasy on the beloved Reformation hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

# worship ON THE porch

October 3, 10, 17, 24 | 4:30 p.m. | Sanctuary Front Porch

Worship on the Porch will be back this October, meeting at 4:30 p.m. on October 3, 10, 17, and as part of FPC's Fall Fest on the 24th. This evening, the FPC Grill Team will be on hand to celebrate our 20th Habitat for Humanity build. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be canceled.

## 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

