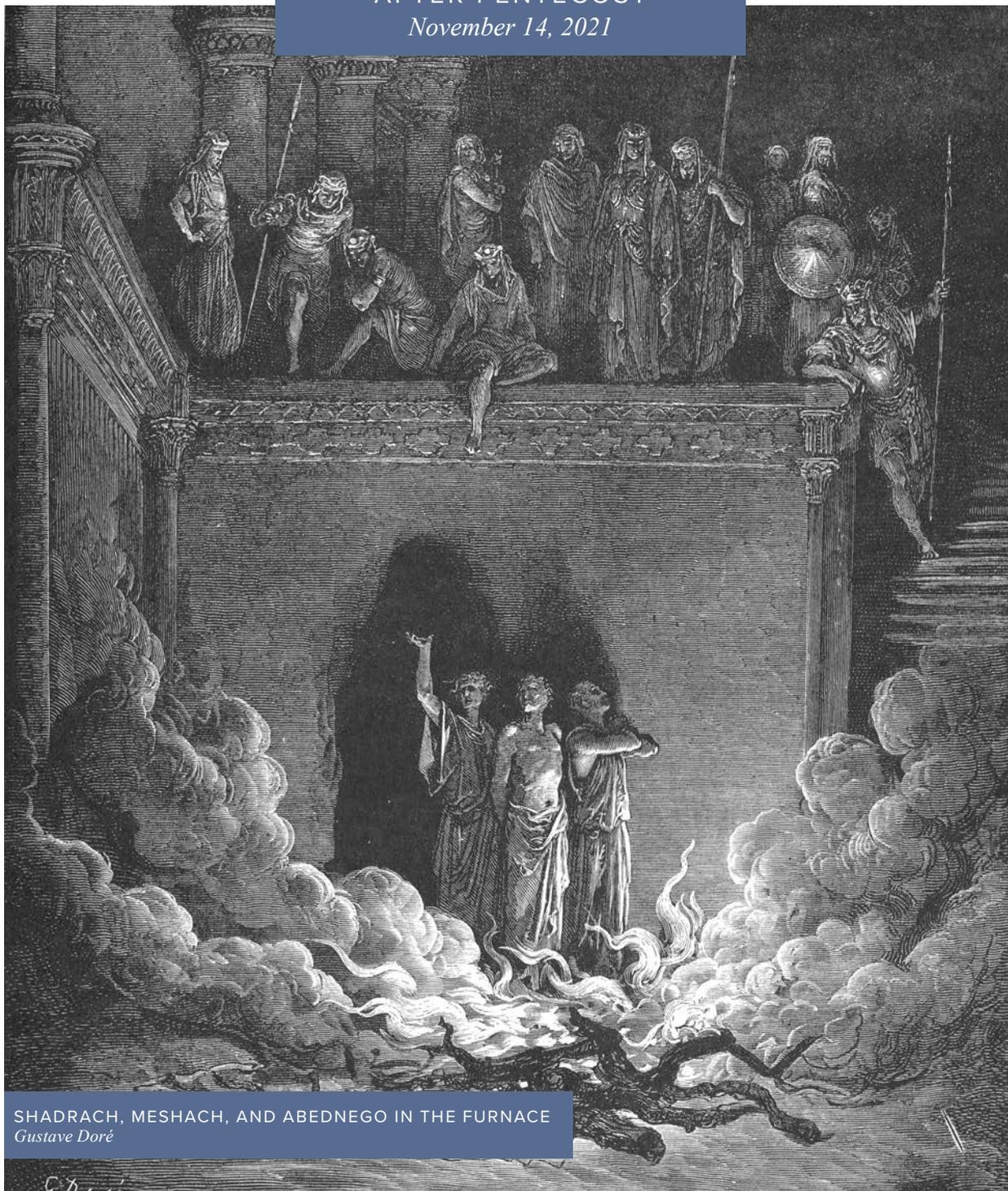




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
November 14, 2021



SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO IN THE FURNACE
Gustave Doré

WORDS OF PREPARATION

In kindness and tender mercy behold me, the creature of your hand. Save me with your outstretched arm, for with my soul have I desired you in the night; yes, with my spirit within me, will I seek you early. I long after your mercy and my soul trusts in you, the living God; you are my refuge in times of deep distress, and a faithful Savior. Amen.

—Johann Habermann

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?
arr. Linda R. Lamb

WELCOME

†INTROIT

O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips
Richard Webster

O Lord, open thou our lips. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Stuart Gordon (8:30)
Rev. Adam DeVries (11:00)

Pastor: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

All: He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings.

Pastor: To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise.

All: How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.

*†OPENING HYMN 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim
LYONS

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Beth Alexander (8:30)
Nancy Brock (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Hebrews 10:19–25

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Sandra Randleman (8:30)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
AZMON

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.**

*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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

David Wiley, Assisting Elder

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Cate and Will Lane are presenting their son, George Warren Lane, for baptism.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

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

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word;
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

**Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Daniel 3: 1–18

¹ King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. ² Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ³ Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁴ And the herald proclaimed aloud, “You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, ⁵ that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶ And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace.” ⁷ Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

⁸ Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. ⁹ They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! ¹⁰ You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. ¹¹ And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. ¹² There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?” ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

All In

Dr. Ryan Moore

*But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods
or worship the golden image that you have set up. —Daniel 3:18*

OFFERTORY | from Psalm 67

Let the People Praise Thee, O God
William Mathias

Let the people praise thee, O God. O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for thou shalt judge the folk righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us and bless us, and show us the light of his countenance and be merciful unto us. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. 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.

*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.*

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.

*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Facing a Task Unfinished
Getty, Cash & De Barra

Facing a task unfinished, that drives us to our knees. A need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease. We, who rejoice to know you, renew before your throne the solemn pledge we owe you to go and make thee known.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

All Creatures of Our God and King
June Nixon

* Those who are able, please stand.

† Latecomers may be seated.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – Pastor
Adam DeVries, MDiv – Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families
Stuart Gordon, DMin – Executive Pastor
Sandra Randleman, DMin – Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Missions
Raphael Bundage, DMA – Director of Music
Peter Rogahn, DMA – Organist and Assistant Director of Music
Rhonda Swanson, MM – Assistant Organist
FPC Handbell Choir

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Garner Burch by his family.

MUSIC NOTES

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COVER IMAGE

Gustav Doré, *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the Furnace*, 1866, *Dore's English Bible*.

YOUNG CHILDREN & WORSHIP

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.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care for children 6 months 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. Pickup for nursery care is located in the interior parking lot by the Gathering Place.

SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of John Roland 'Jack' Burch Sr.



COVID-19 Policy Update — COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Nashville have declined consistently over the past six weeks. With this positive indicator, the Coordinating Council has updated our policy and elected to move to Step 4 of our COVID-19 response plan. Step 4 includes the following guidelines for church activities on campus. We will continue to evaluate this policy as we monitor community spread and vaccination rates.

- **Adults and Youth:** Masks are optional and no longer required in worship or in most group settings. Masks continue to be required for anyone working with children under the age of 12 (e.g., Sunday Breakfast Club and Nursery).
- **Children:** Masks are still required indoors for children ages 2–12 and for anyone working with children under age 12. This will be evaluated as vaccination rates increase for this population.

Thanksgiving Eve Service | November 24 | 5:30 p.m. | Stanford Chapel — Before celebrating Thanksgiving this year, please join us in the Chapel on Thanksgiving Eve, November 24, at 5:30 p.m. to worship God and give thanks as a congregation for his bounteous goodness and providential care.

Advent Vespers | November 28, December 12 & 19 | 5:30 p.m. | Stanford Chapel — Rev. Josh Rodriguez will lead a relaxed and casual worship service, rooted in the reformed tradition.

Service of Hope | December 5 | 12:15 p.m. | Stanford Chapel — The Stephen Ministers will offer a Service of Hope in FPC's Stanford Chapel on Sunday, December 5, following 11:00 worship. The service will include prayer, Scripture, a short message, Communion, and lighting candles of hope. This may be especially helpful to persons going through a challenging time, such as illness, the death of a loved one, relationship struggles, anxiety, or any other difficulties. All are welcome to attend.

Christmas Ceilidh and Tree Lighting | December 5 | 4:30 p.m. | Courtenay Hall — A ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) is a party with music and dancing, a Scottish tradition that we'll celebrate on Sunday, December 5, at 4:30 p.m. There will be food, Celtic music, and Scottish country dancing in Courtenay Hall, followed by carol singing and the lighting of the Christmas tree outside the Sanctuary.

First Friends Returns | December 8 | 12:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall — First Friends, mark your calendars! Our first luncheon since the COVID interruption will be held on Wednesday, December 8, at 12:00 p.m. in Courtenay Hall. Our very own Ryan Moore will be the guest speaker. He will cover a range of topics, with an emphasis on where we have been during the pandemic and what our future holds. A special lunch will be prepared by our favorite chef, Kim Rogers. For planning purposes, please make reservations no later than December 2 by visiting linktr.ee/fpcnashville or calling Sabrina Vlahos at 615-298-9509. Cost of lunch is eight dollars, payable on December 8. First Friends is a group of adult church members who meet monthly to socialize and share in God's love. All are welcome.

Presbyterian Women Christmas Gathering | December 14 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary — The Presbyterian Women Christmas Gathering will be held in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14, with a boxed lunch to follow in Courtenay Hall. Three women representing different generations at FPC will share short reflections on the theme "Finding Christ at Christmas." Music will be provided by pastors Ryan Moore, Sarah Bird Kneff, and Stuart Gordon, as well as Daphne Garey and Peter Rogahn. As part of the event, we will be collecting supplies for the ministries that PW supports. The cost for the event is \$15; register online.

MISSIONS

Room in the Inn | Wednesday Nights | Tyne House — Every year from November through March, First Presbyterian Church houses homeless men through Room in the Inn. There are a number of volunteer opportunities available this year: overnight hosts, van drivers, breakfast donors, lunch donors, and laundry volunteers. All RITI guests have received their COVID vaccine. Sign up to volunteer at linktr.ee/fpcnashville or contact missions@fpcnashville.org.

Rise Against Hunger | November 22 | 3:30–5:30 p.m. | Enrichment Center — FPC has packed over 100,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger in the past, and the week before Thanksgiving is the perfect time to volunteer. There are jobs for all ages, and families and groups of friends can work together.

Stewardship & Generosity

2022 CAMPAIGN REPORT

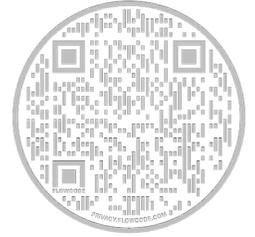
267 PLEDGES

Our goal for 2022 is to increase the number of household pledges from 532 to 600.



\$2,299,205 PLEDGED

The goal for 2022 is a 10% increase from 2021 for a total amount of \$4,180,000.



SCAN TO SUBMIT A VIRTUAL PLEDGE CARD

GENEROSITY CELEBRATION & BREAKFAST

November 21 | 9:30 a.m. | Courtenay Hall

On Sunday morning, November 21, enjoy a delicious breakfast between worship services in Courtenay Hall and hear the latest on the Generosity/Stewardship campaign, including initiatives that the 2022 budget will support.

WELCOME

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!

Join us downstairs in Courtenay Lounge between services for coffee and doughnuts.

Hearing Assistance App Directions: Join WiFi network. You must be connected to this network for the app to work. Network Name: FPC Guest; Password: GreenRock-81. Download the WaveCAST app. Open the app and select "First Pres Sanctuary." Plug in your headphones and adjust the volume to your preference.

The **Mother and Infant Quiet Room** is located in the Nursery Wing.

INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE CONNECTED?

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.