



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

3RD SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
June 26, 2022



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

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Though our feelings come and go, His love for us does not. It is not wearied by our sins, or our indifference; and, therefore, it is quite relentless in its determination that we shall be cured of those sins, at whatever cost to us, at whatever cost to Him.

—C. S. Lewis

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Prelude I, op. 101
C.V. Stanford

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ 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 us in Christ, and to live as your faithful children and witnesses, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*†OPENING HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!
DARWALL'S 148TH

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rick Gernert (8:30)
Olivia Shirley (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20 (page 488)

¹ I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and he will hear me. ² In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted. ¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. ¹² I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds. ¹³ Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? ¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. ¹⁵ You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. ¹⁶ When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled. ¹⁷ The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed on every side. ¹⁸ The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. ¹⁹ Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen. ²⁰ You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Sandra Randleman (8:30)
Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff (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 creation itself—comes through Jesus Christ. Thank you for this indescribable gift.

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!**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

*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

*During the 8:30 and 11:00 services, children who are age 4, 5, or 6
(not in 1st grade) are invited to join Young Children & Worship.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

(8:30) Laura and Jimmy Love are presenting their daughter, Lucy Magee Love, for baptism. Tommy Davis, Assisting Elder.

(11:00) Emory and Nathan Erwin are presenting their son, James Callaway Erwin, for baptism. John Hollins Jr., Assisting Elder.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION 518

Your Only Son
LAMB OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING | Colossians 3:12–15 (page 984)

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

What Does God Think of You?

Dr. Ryan Moore

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved...—Colossians 3:12

OFFERTORY

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 a 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Stuart Gordon

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.

*CLOSING HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!
ASSURANCE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

A Blessing
James Chepponis

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in D Major, BWV 532
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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*

Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*

Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*

Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hunt Oliver by his family..

MUSIC NOTES

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SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Mary McBee.

9:45 EDUCATION HOUR SUMMER SCHEDULES

Children's Sunday School — Elementary Sunday School will continue to meet in C-Wing this summer. As many of our friends travel, we will combine grade levels. 1st-3rd graders will meet in room C-101. 4th-6th graders will meet in room C-104. PreK & Kindergarten Sunday School will meet in Grundy Hall.

Youth Sunday School — Our youth directors, Ben Dreher and Anna Kate Lowry, and summer youth interns, Ellie Ford and Thomas Laws, lead Sunday School for rising 7th-12th grades. Sunday School meets weekly at 9:40 a.m. in the Gathering Place. Youth start together every week for announcements, a group game, worship, and testimony before they split into classes.

College Sunday School | Bryant Conference Room | June 5–July 31 — College students home for summer break are invited to join leader Trajan Carney in the Bryant Conference room every Sunday through July 31.

Adult Sunday School — Many classes have scheduling changes over the summer. Find locations and summer schedules for each class below. For class descriptions and more information on Adult Sunday School, visit linktr.ee/fpcnashville.

Coffee & Bible Class | Memorial Library | Meets during summer months
Cornerstone Class | Vance Hall | Meets through July 31; resumes Sept. 18
Discipleship Class | Witherspoon Room | Meets during summer months
Family Fellowship Class | Jones Session Room | Meets during summer months
Good News Class | Room L-207 | Meets during summer months
June Ramsey Class | Cheek House Living Room | Meets during summer months
LOGOS Class | Stanford Chapel | Meets during summer months

WELCOME

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. First Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today.

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.

Children of all ages are invited to worship alongside their families and **worship activity bags** are provided at each entrance to the Sanctuary. **Young Children & Worship** meets in room CW-110 in the Children's Ministry Wing for ages 4–6. Parents pick up at the door of Grundy after 8:30 a.m. worship or children can stay for Education Hour. After the 11:00 a.m. service parents pick up at the door of CW-110 after worship. **Nursery care** for children ages 0–3 is available from 8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Check-in and pickup for nursery care are both located at the nursery entrance near Courtenay Lounge. The **Mother and Infant Quiet Room** is located in the Nursery Wing.

To **livestream** worship and special events or view past services, visit youtube.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofnashville.

INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE CONNECTED?

For most of us, the past few years have been filled with uncertainty. As a church family, we have seen with new clarity how essential it is for us to gather for worship, fellowship, and study. If you are new to our community, we would love to get to know you and welcome you personally into the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. 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 so we can follow up!



Pool Fellowship & Open Swim | Sundays | 2:30–5:30 p.m. | Don Wade Memorial Pool — This summer, the FPC pool will be open on Sunday afternoons for our church family to make memories together and cool off during these hot summer days. There will not be a lifeguard on duty, but a pool attendant will be present to ensure easy access to the pool. There is limited seating at the pool, so bring a lawn chair along with all your usual swim gear. All are welcome to join us for swimming and fellowship!

Sabbatical for Stuart Gordon — On July 1, Executive Pastor Stuart Gordon will begin a sabbatical. The congregation has committed, through its *Policies & Procedures Manual*, to providing such sabbaticals for pastoral staff. Stuart will combine the three-month sabbatical with two weeks of vacation, with return to work on October 17. Stuart will use his sabbatical leave for sustained time with his wife, Anne, and sons Will and Drew. He has built a stack of books in Bible, theology, technology and its place in contemporary life, and J. S. Bach. He intends to see several Atlanta Braves games in several ballparks; to take overnight trips to some of Tennessee's state parks; visit Universal Studios Orlando/Harry Potter World; and visit Niagara Falls, the Baseball Hall of Fame, and national parks out west. Upon return, Stuart will transition to his new role as Senior Associate Pastor for Christian Formation and Witness.

One-Day Inquirers Class | July 9 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Jones Session Room — The next Inquirers Class will be offered as a morning retreat on Saturday, July 9, followed by a fellowship lunch. Childcare is available upon request. 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).

Baby Shower for Sarah and Michael Kneff | Sunday, July 10 | 12:00–1:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall — Presbyterian Women Circle 4 invites the entire congregation to celebrate the new life that Sarah and Michael will be welcoming in August. Light refreshments will be provided. Notecards will be available at the shower to contribute to a little book of hopes, wisdom, and/or encouragement for this new baby girl and her parents. You can find a registry online at babylist.com/babykneff. All are welcome to join!

Presbyterian Women Summer Circles | July 12 | 11:00 a.m. | Cheek House Living Room — All women are invited to the final summer session as we finish the study of Adam Hamilton's book, *Half Truths*. All PW circles will join together in the Cheek House Living Room on July 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Registration Open for NaCoMe All-Church Retreat | Saturday and Sunday | August 6-7 — Join your FPC church family on NaCoMe's beautiful grounds in Pleasantville, Tennessee, just a 90-minute drive from Nashville. It's a perfect getaway for people of all ages and stages to connect with God, nature, and each other. Register to come just for Saturday or register to stay overnight. The cabins have big front porches and separated rooms inside so that each household will be in a private room with plenty of bunk beds and its own secluded bathroom. Full weekend registration is \$75 for each Adult/Youth 13+, and \$20 for children ages 3–12. Saturday-only registration is \$20 for each Adult/Youth 13+, and \$13 for children ages 3–12. If financial assistance is needed for your family to attend, please contact Sabrina Vlahos at svlahos@fpcnashville.org. We hope you will join us for a memorable weekend of fellowship with your church family on NaCoMe's beautiful campus! Register at linktr.ee/fpcnashville.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Deep Sea VBS: Exploring the Deep Love of God | Tuesday–Thursday, July 26–28 | 5:00 p.m. dinner; 6:00–8:15 p.m. VBS program — VBS returns this summer in a new evening format! Children age 4 through rising 4th graders will explore the deep love of God through Bible stories, skits, music, crafts and a fun Splash Party on Thursday. Families will gather at 5:00 p.m. for an optional dinner, and the VBS program will begin each night at 6:00 p.m. Register at childrens.fpcnashville.org/vbs.

YOUTH

Youth Ministry Summer Programming — This summer is filled with ways for youth (rising 7–12 graders) to play, serve, connect with one another, and worship God. Whether you're at home all summer, working, or only in-town for a few weeks, find a spot to join in on summer fun at FPC. Find the complete list at linktr.ee/fpcnashyouth.

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Pastor & Head of Staff



Dr. Stuart Gordon
Executive Pastor



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*Associate Pastor for
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Rev. Adam DeVries
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The pastoral staff is here for you. Contact us if you would appreciate a pastoral visit/call, have pastoral care needs, would like to be on a prayer list, or if you are in the hospital. Prayer requests can be confidential and limited to the pastors.



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