



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
*July 10, 2022*



## WORDS OF PREPARATION

*The lovely old carols play and replay till their effect is like a dentist's drill or a jackhammer, the bathetic banalities of the pulpit and the chilling commercialism of almost everything else, people spending money they can't afford on presents you neither need nor want... Yet for all our efforts, we've never quite managed to ruin [Christmas]. That in itself is part of the miracle, a part you can see. Most of the miracle you can't see, or don't.*

—Frederick Buechner

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## †VOLUNTARY

*Variations on a Basque Noel*  
Carson Cooman

## WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**All: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;**

Pastor: But the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

**All: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.**

## \*†OPENING HYMN 133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
ADESTE FIDELES

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Sharon Schweinhart (8:30)  
Anna Kate Lowry (11:00)

## FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 9:2–7 (page 573)

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)  
Rev. Adam DeVries (11:00)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we have deceived ourselves into believing our sins aren't that bad, that your grace isn't enough, and that we can earn your forgiveness. We have embraced the stable misery of sin-fractured relationships rather than seeking true reconciliation through your grace and mercy. We have lived as**

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**people pacified by our possessions and dulled by our duties, rather than being jolted by your Spirit to live as Christ out in the world. Change us from the inside out, so that we can be one of your sent ones in the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*A moment for silent confession.*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

*Joy to the World*  
ANTIOCH

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

#### \*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.*

#### HYMN OF PREPARATION 82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
HYFRYDOL

#### SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 2:1–20 (page 857)

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” <sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the

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baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

**Christmas in July**

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff

OFFERTORY

*Glory to God in the Highest (from Messiah)*  
G.F. Handel

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men."

*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

Rev. Adam DeVries

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

*All bread is gluten free and the cup is juice.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*The Lord Is My Shepherd (Brother James's Air)*  
arr. Mack Wilberg

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of blessedness, e'en for his own name's sake, within the paths of blessedness, e'en for his own name's sake. Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me; and in my Father's heart always my dwelling place shall be. And in my heart for evermore thy dwelling place shall be.

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## 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.**

\*CLOSING HYMN 100

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*  
STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
St. LOUIS

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Paeon on Divinium Mysterium*  
John Cook

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

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## CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion at FPC is offered to all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior, and will be served today by intinction. When your row is called, come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and receive both elements together. The bread served is gluten-free. Individual Communion kits are also available. The kits contain both elements, each under its own layer of plastic; please take care to peel back one layer at a time.

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Adam DeVries, MDiv – *Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families*  
Sarah Bird Kneff, MDiv – *Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Engagement*  
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*  
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*  
Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*  
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*  
FPC Bell Choir

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brian Williams by Marion, Gray and Ava Claire Williams.

## MUSIC NOTES

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## COVER IMAGE

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## GIVING

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## 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**

**Adult Sunday School** — Many classes have scheduling changes over the summer. Find locations and summer schedules for each class below. For more information on Adult Sunday School, visit [linktr.ee/fpcnashville](http://linktr.ee/fpcnashville).

## 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](http://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!



**Baby Shower for Sarah and Michael Kneff | Today | 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. All are welcome to join!

**Registration Open for NaCoMe All-Church Retreat | Saturday–Sunday | August 6–7** — The cost of the 2022 NaCoMe All-Church Retreat will be generously covered by the family of Martha Davis. Martha had a lifelong affection for NaCoMe Camp & Retreat Center, having attended camps as a young child and attending retreats in her adult years. Her children, Ready Davis Bateman, and James Joseph Davis, Jr., believe Martha would be delighted to share the gift of NaCoMe and have generously offered to cover the cost of the 2022 NaCoMe All-Church Retreat. The planning team offers deep appreciation for her family and the opportunity to enjoy time together at no cost to families. We hope you will join us for a memorable weekend of fellowship with your church family on NaCoMe's beautiful campus 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.

**Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study | Tuesdays | 7:15–8:00 a.m. | Zoom and In-Person** — All men are invited to the Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study based on Adam Hamilton's *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*, led by Dr. Sandra Randleman. Hamilton's book and the accompanying study guide can be found in the First Presbyterian bookstore, however, reading the material prior to meetings is not required. For more information and for the zoom meeting link, please contact Sabrina Vlahos ([svlahos@fpcnashville.org](mailto:svlahos@fpcnashville.org)) or Sandra Randleman ([srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org)).

**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!

**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.

## 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](http://childrens.fpcnashville.org/vbs). Registration closes July 24.

## 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. Find the complete list at [linktr.ee/fpcnashyouth](http://linktr.ee/fpcnashyouth).

## RECREATION

**Register for Fall Soccer before July 22** — FPC has a long history of using our beautiful property to encourage playfulness and relational connection to enhance faith development in people of all ages. The act of playing together can teach us many things about ourselves, our neighbors and our creator. Athletics can be a beautiful vehicle for growth and discipleship. Because of this, we believe children's soccer is an important part of our mission here at FPC and we are excited to open registration for the fall soccer season. Teams are available for boys and girls, ages 3 years through rising 4th grade. Early Registration is open through July 22 and is \$140 per player. On July 23, regular registration opens and costs \$240 per player. Register at [fpcnashville.org](http://fpcnashville.org).

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# VBS

July 26–28

5:00 p.m. Dinner

6:00–8:15 p.m. VBS Program

Visit [fpcnashville.org](http://fpcnashville.org)  
or scan the code to register  
as a family or as a volunteer

