



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
August 7, 2022



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

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Christ's language of search (contrasting what "the pagans run after" with what his followers are to "seek first," Matthew 6:32–33) introduces us to the subject of ambition. Jesus took it for granted that all human beings are "seekers." It is not natural for people to drift aimlessly through life. We need something to live for, something to give meaning to our existence, something to "seek," something to set our "hearts" and our "minds"... to which to dedicate our lives... [O]ur Lord simplifies the issue for us by reducing the alternatives to just two.

—John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*, p. 136.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Robert Powell

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 | from Psalm 33

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord; sing to him a new song.

All: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

Pastor: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

All: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

*†OPENING HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
CORONATION

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Joseph Bellardo (8:30)
Mary Lindley Carswell (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 1:10–20 (page 566–567)

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹ "What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. ¹² When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts? ¹³ Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations— I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly. ¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵ When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your

hands are full of blood. ¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, ¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. ¹⁸ Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. ¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; ²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Adam DeVries

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

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

‡During the 8:30 and 11:00 services, PreK and Kindergarten children (ages 4–6) are invited to join Young Children & Worship.

HYMN OF PREPARATION 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
FAITHFULNESS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 6:24–33 (page 811–812)

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. ²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Seek First

Dr. Sandra Randleman

*But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you.— Matthew 6:33*

OFFERTORY

You Will I Love
Kevin Hildebrand

You will I love, my strength, my tower; you will I love, my hope, my joy; you will I love with all my power, with fervor time cannot destroy. You will I love, O Light divine, so long as life is mine. You will I love, my life, my Savior, you are my best, my truest friend; you will I love and praise forever, for never shall your kindness end. Your love for me casts out my fear, you are my Savior dear. I thank you, Jesus, sun from heaven, whose radiance has brought light to me; I thank you, who has richly given all that could make me glad and free. I thank you that my soul is healed with love that you revealed. Oh, keep me watchful, then, and humble, and never suffer me to stray; uphold me when my feet would stumble, and keep me faithful to your way. Fill all my nature with your light, O Radiance strong and bright! You will I love, my Crown of gladness, you will I love, my God and Lord, within the darkest depths of sadness, and not for hope of high reward, for your own sake, O Light divine, so long as life is mine.

*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.

*CLOSING HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision
SLANE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

ST. LEONARDS

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling all I do and say. May the Word of God swell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only thro' his pow'r. May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing. May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win; and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on "Slane"

* *Those who are able, please stand.*

† *Latecomers may be seated.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Adam DeVries, MDiv – *Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families*
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Greg Thomas – *Tenor*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Charles E. McKay III by his family.

MUSIC NOTES

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GIVING

You can make a gift or fulfill a pledge payment by dropping your gift in the offering plate, texting "GIVE" to 707-475-3005, donating online at fpcnashville.org, or scan the QR code.



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 director, Ben Dreher, 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.

Adult Sunday School — For information and class locations, visit 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.

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!



Congregational Meeting | August 14, 2022 | Following both Worship Services — A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, August 14, 2022, following both worship services, for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship with the Rev. Josh Rodriguez, at his request, so he can accept a call to serve as Senior Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Piqua, Ohio.

Welcome Bill Mott — On August 1, FPC welcomed Bill Mott on staff to serve as Director of Resource Development, a new staff position for generosity. His development work will focus on planned giving, major gifts, and our annual generosity campaign. He has been involved in development work for much of his career. This includes serving as a Director of Development at Vanderbilt University and as the Head of School at three different independent schools, including BGA in Franklin. Bill, and his wife Courtney, have been members of First Presbyterian for over 35 years. He has served as both Deacon and Elder, taught Sunday School classes, served on the Board of Oak Hill School, chaired numerous committees over the years including the Officer Nominating Committee and Stewardship Committee. His combination of excellence in development and lifelong commitment to First Presbyterian makes him the ideal person to enhance our efforts to grow in our generosity, for the sake of Christ's kingdom here in Nashville and beyond.

Sendoff Celebration for Josh Rodriguez | Sunday, August 14 | 12:30 p.m. | Courtenay Hall — Rev. Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministry, has officially accepted a call as Senior Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Piqua, Ohio. Josh, Abbi, Jameson, and Everly have embraced the First Pres family, and we are richer for it. Next Sunday, we will have an opportunity to celebrate the gift of the Rodriguez family and send them off to Ohio with our blessing, love, and deep gratitude. Cards or notes of appreciation for the Rodriguez family can be sent to the church c/o The Rodriguez Family or dropped off at the Hospitality Center.

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!

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Backpack Drive | August 14 — FPC is partnering with Y-CAP, a local mission partner, to collect backpacks and school supplies for the upcoming school year. Materials needed include lightweight backpacks, erasers, folders, highlighters, index cards, lunch boxes, no. 2 pencils, rulers, small bottles of hand sanitizer, spiral notebooks, three-ring binders, and water bottles. Please bring donations to the church through August 14. On weekdays, materials may be left at the church office; on Sundays they can be left in the collection boxes in the Narthex.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip | October 15–21 — This year's Dominican Republic mission trip is October 15–21 and will be led by Dr. Jim Cato. For 20 years, we have partnered with Solid Rock International, a clinic and guest house in the city of San Juan de la Maguana. We are seeking physicians, dentists, nurses, and other medical personnel, as well as nonmedical participants for light construction work. Estimated trip cost is \$1,450; an \$800 deposit and a copy of your passport are due by August 15. If you feel called to serve on this trip, sign up at fpcnashville.org, or contact Annette Crout at missions@fpcnashville.org for more information.

Save the Date for the Fall Habitat Build | September 24, 25, and October 1, 2 — There are 20 volunteer openings each date. The first weekend will begin with the framing process on a new single-family home. The second weekend's project will be external siding. No prior experience is necessary, and heavy lifting is not required. Volunteers aged 16–17 may participate with adult supervision. Contact missions@fpcnashville.org for more information.

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