



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
*January 15, 2023*  
*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*



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To know Christ, to make Him known and to exhibit His love through worship, education and service.

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## WORDS OF PREPARATION

Outside of Christ, I am only a sinner;  
 but in Christ, I am saved.  
 Outside of Christ, I am empty;  
 in Christ, I am full.  
 Outside of Christ, I am weak;  
 in Christ I am strong.  
 Outside of Christ, I cannot;  
 in Christ, I am more than able.  
 Outside of Christ, I have been defeated;  
 in Christ, I am already victorious.

~ Watchman Nee

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

*Gaelic Air*  
 Keith Chapman

WELCOME

†INTROIT

*Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord!*  
 WOODLANDS

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Sandra Randleman

Pastor: Here is the servant of God, a light to the nations.

**People: Come and see the Messiah, the Lord.**

Pastor: Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**People: Come and see the Messiah, the Lord.**

Pastor: Here are the awesome deeds of God.

**People: Come and see the Messiah, the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us worship the living God.

\*†OPENING HYMN 39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
 FAITHFULNESS

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jerry Breast (8:30)  
 Ron Pasquale (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 66:1–7 (page 480)

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to God, all the earth; <sup>2</sup> sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! <sup>3</sup> Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. <sup>4</sup> All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.” <sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has

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done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.<sup>6</sup> He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him,<sup>7</sup> who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Stuart Gordon

“What are you seeking?” Jesus asked his new disciples.

“What are you seeking?” Jesus asks us still today.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we confess that we are uncertain. So many things that seemed sure and good have led us astray and exhausted us. So much of what we have tried to do has disappointed those we love, failed to help our neighbors in need, and emptied us of conviction and hope. We do not know what we are seeking. Deliver us, O God, from all that is desolate and vain. Take away our sin. Set our feet upon solid rock. Open our eyes to see your mighty works. Fill our hearts with trust and our mouths with praise for the saving help and steadfast love you show us. Through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Amen.**

*A moment for silent confession.*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 581

*Glory Be to the Father*  
GLORIA PATRI

**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, amen.**

#### \*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 services, PreK and Kindergarten children (ages 4–6) are invited to join Young Children & Worship.*

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Noelle and Sean Linebach are presenting their children, Elizabeth Scott Linebach and Noel Grant Linebach, for baptism. Laura Coyle, Assisting Elder.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION 451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

SCRIPTURE READING | John 1:29–42 (page 886)

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” <sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” <sup>35</sup> The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup> He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

**Come and See**

Dr. John Musgrave

OFFERTORY

*The Heavens are Telling* (from *The Creation*)

Joseph Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God, with wonders of his work resounds the firmament. Revealed are his ways by day unto day, night that is gone, to following night. In every land is known the Word, every ear will hearken, never tongue be dumb.

*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).*

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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 726

*Will You Come and Follow Me*  
KELVINGROVE

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### 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

*Praeludium in F*  
Vincent Lübeck

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

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## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Stuart Gordon, DMin – *Senior Associate Pastor for Christian Formation & Witness*  
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*  
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*  
Claire Paschal – *Soprano*; Greg Thomas – *Tenor*, Chris Simonsen – *Baritone*

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wonderful Pastors and Staff of First Presbyterian Church, Nashville by a grateful member.

## MUSIC NOTES

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## COVER IMAGE

*San giovanni che indica il Cristo a Sant'Andrea* by Ottavio Vannini (1585-c. 1643).

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## NEWS & EVENTS

### **Church Office Closed Monday, January 16**

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

### **FPC Music Academy Registration Open**

The FPC Music Ministry is launching a program of vocal and instrumental lessons to provide the opportunity for our younger disciples and adults to explore their God-given artistic gifts. We have assembled a team of five very qualified instructors in Voice, Violin, Harp and Piano. Registration and payments will be online for twelve weekly half-hour lessons. Both beginners and more advanced students will be welcome. After a student is registered, an instructor will contact you to determine a mutually acceptable day and time for your lesson. Please note that there are a limited number of openings in this first phase of our program. Questions? Contact Daphne ([dgarey@fpcnashville.org](mailto:dgarey@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9517).

### **FPC Music Academy Open House | Wednesday, January 18, 5:00–6:00 p.m. | Cheek House**

Come meet your music teacher on Wednesday, January 18, from 5:00–6:00 p.m. in the foyer of the Cheek House. It's a great time for you and your child to meet the teacher, to ask questions and get to know them. You are welcome to attend the open house even if you haven't registered yet. For more information, contact Daphne ([dgarey@fpcnashville.org](mailto:dgarey@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9517).

### **First Presbyterian Early Preschool Open Registration | January 19–27**

FPC Early Preschool Open Registration for the 2023-2024 school year launches January 19 and runs through January 27. The Early Preschool provides care for children ages 18 months through 5 years. For more information about the preschool, please visit the church website. The registration link will be "live" on our website beginning January 19 at 6:00 a.m. Contact Candyee Goode ([cgoode@fpcnashville.org](mailto:cgoode@fpcnashville.org)), if you have any questions.

### **Grief Support Group | Sundays | 3:00–4:30 p.m. | January 22 – February 12**

FPC will offer a grief support group on Sunday afternoons, 3:00–4:30 p.m., January 22 through February 12. The grief support group will focus on understanding the stages and feelings of grief, as well as how prayer can help us in seeking the comfort of God during the very difficult time of grieving the losses of life. The psalms of lament in the Bible will provide a model for our study of prayer. For more information, contact Dr. Sandra Randleman ([srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9502).

### **History, Politics & Religion | January 31 | 6:00–7:00 p.m. | Gathering Place**

You're invited on Tuesday, January 31, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., to a conversation between two elders of our church who are longtime friends, fellow fans of the St. Louis Cardinals, and members of different political parties: Wearen Hughes and Wally Dietz. Stuart Gordon will moderate the discussion about how their work and faith inform their politics. Participants may offer their own questions and responses. The hour will conclude with intercessory prayers for the nation. It's the first monthly installment of History, Politics, and Religion, a year-long effort to improve our ability to engage differences and our witness as Christian citizens. If you would like to take part, contact Stuart ([sgordon@fpcnashville.org](mailto:sgordon@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9554).

### **Inquirers Class | Saturday, February 11 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

The next Inquirers Class will be led by Dr. Ryan Moore on Saturday, February 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining the class, or just learning more about membership at First Presbyterian, contact Sandra Randleman ([srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9502).

## MISSIONS

### **Children's Ministry Pajama Drive | January 9 – February 5**

Help support our annual Pajama Drive benefiting Fannie Battle Day School! Each sponsored child will receive a pair of pajamas, and this year, we are also requesting diapers. To sponsor a child, select a card from the large bulletin board near the Children's Ministry entrance. Please bring donations by Sunday, February 5. All items must be new, and extra items will be donated to the center.

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### **NEW Multi-Generational & Family Mission Trip to Huntsville, Alabama | March 12–16**

FPC is planning a new multi-generational and family mission trip for the week of Spring Break, March 12–16. Activities will include home renovations and/or clean-up for all ages, and Vacation Bible School for FPC kids and the kids from the local Lincoln Project School. Detailed costs to be provided soon. Registration deadline is February 8. For more info, contact Annette or Mike Crout (missions@fpcnashville.org or 615-289-9507).

### **Manna Freezer Is Fully Back in Business!**

Shut down throughout the Covid pandemic, the freezer has most recently been stocked with cookies and muffins. Beginning this month, the freezer is being re-stocked with other items: soups primarily, but also, by degrees, entrees, casseroles, side dishes, vegetables and desserts, as was done previously. These items are packed for two people/portions and are available for the taking by FPC members who have friends or neighbors who face surgery or illness or a death in the family, are homebound, or have experienced a dip in income. The Manna Freezer is located in the stairwell off Courtenay Hall, to the right of the kitchen. Food items come from various dinners/events at the church as well as from a cadre of about 20 home cooks who share their bounty. For questions about the freezer, or if you are interested in becoming a contributor, contact Bekah Caruso (615-832-6406 or bcaruso@bellsouth.net).

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

### **The Bethel Bible Series Returns | Sunday, February 19 | Room L-203**

The Bible is God’s “love letter” to all of us. The Bible reveals how God loves us, provides for us and continually pursues us as his own. We are blest to be a blessing. The Bethel Bible Series reveals the Bible to us as one fully-connected love story by God, from Genesis to Revelation. Come join us as we begin the Bethel Bible Series class again during the season of Lent. The class is for anyone who wants to

- See how all of the Bible is connected – from Genesis to Revelation.
- Learn and understand key Bible concepts, through lecture, discussion and pictures that help tell the story.
- Understand the Bible’s underlying cultural, social and historical context, gaining a new understanding of Bible events.
- Learn and grow together as we take this journey, and grow closer to the One who has blessed you to be a blessing.

*Interested in learning more?* Join us in Classroom L-203 on February 19, as we introduce The Bethel Bible Series during the Sunday School hour. Contact: Tom Swain (tom.swain@bpsm.com), Marty Kaufman (kaufmans828@gmail.com), or Stuart Gordon (615-298-9554).

### **Adult Education Sunday Morning Class Offerings**

Bethel Bible Class | Room L-203  
Coffee & Bible Class | Memorial Library  
Cornerstone Class | Vance Hall  
Current Issues Class | L-200  
Discipleship Class | Witherspoon Room  
Family Fellowship Class | Jones Session Room  
Good News Class | Room L-207  
June Ramsey Class | Cheek House Living Room  
LOGOS Class | Stanford Chapel

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## **SYMPATHY**

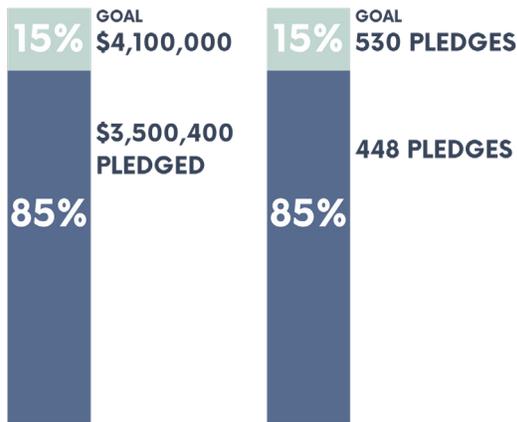
We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Sylvia Plaxico Hartzog.

## STEWARDSHIP 2023

### A Message from Ryan Moore

We are nearly there! Our 2023 goal of 530 pledges and \$4.1 million in giving is within reach. We need only 90 pledges and approximately \$700,000 to cross the finish line.

For over 200 years, Christ has been calling the members of First Presbyterian Church to give generously as an act of worship and gratitude. Responding to that call, this historic congregation has been steadfast in reaching Nashville and the world with the gospel, engaging deeply and personally in missions of mercy for people both near and far, and opening our campus as a place for all to experience the love of Christ.



Our faithful financial stewardship is one way we respond to Christ's invitation to discipleship. Our generosity funds the mission and ministry we believe brings joy and hope to those whom the Lord has called us to love in his name.

God has done and continues to do remarkable things through us and with us – things that matter in our community. Your prayers and your participation are keys to helping us advance further the cause of Christ and his kingdom.

Deep thanks for considering how you might join the work of the saints in fulfilling the task unfinished.

**You can make your pledge by placing a completed pledge card in the mail or in the offering plate. You can also make a virtual pledge by going to [fpcnashville.org/generosity](https://fpcnashville.org/generosity), or scan the QR code.**



## 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!

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.

Whether you are a guest or a longtime member, fill out a 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!

To livestream worship or view past services, visit [youtube.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofnashville](https://youtube.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofnashville).