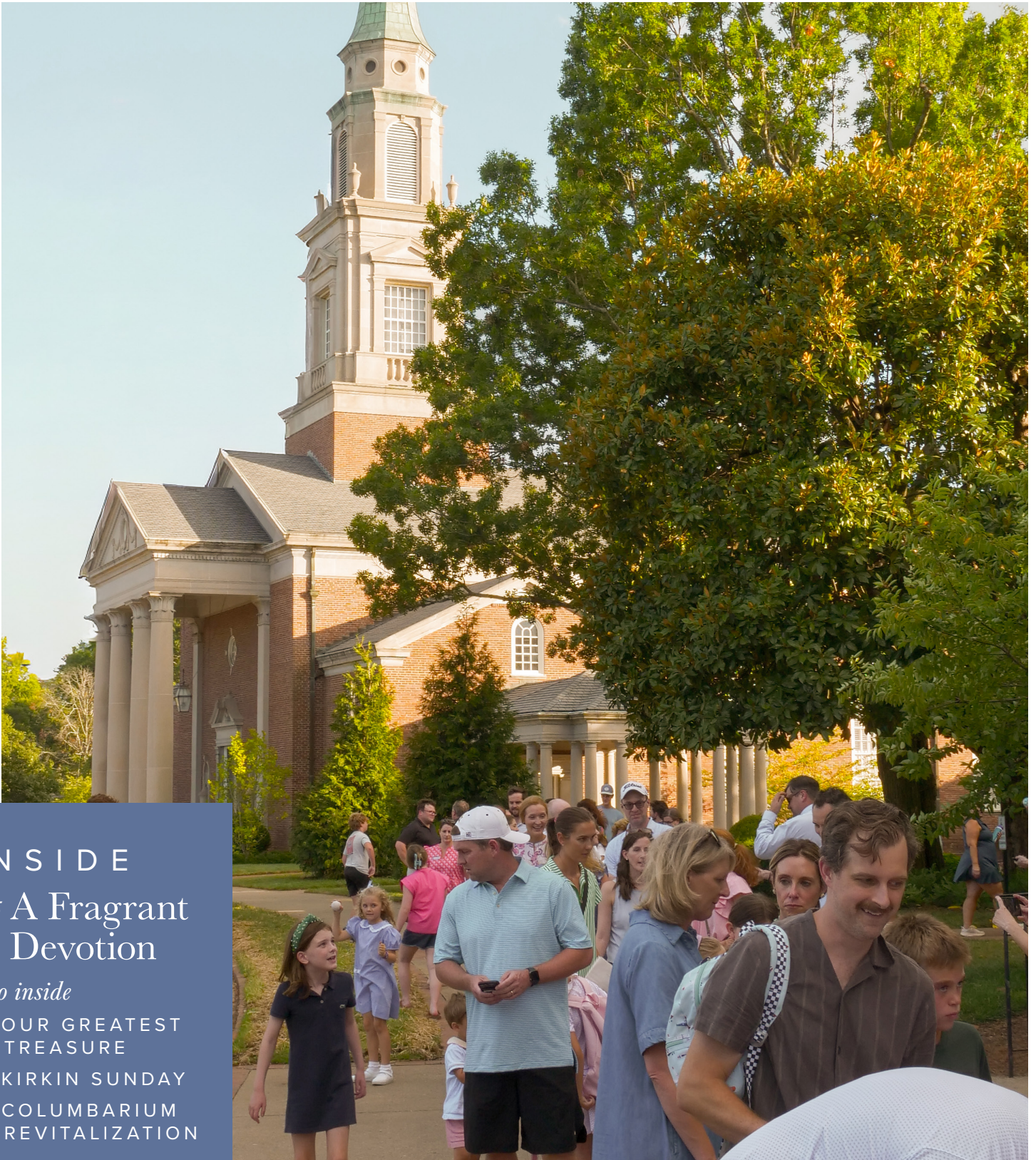


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FROM THE PASTOR

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

PSALM 139:1

IN MANY WAYS, WE ALL LIKE OUR RELATIONSHIPS AT a distance. You don't want to get too close to somebody, even the somebodies we know and love. We're practiced at keeping people at arm's length without offending. For starters, it's so much easier to curate an image and identity if we're known primarily through no-more-than casual interactions, through our social media posts, or through well-rehearsed social graces.

On some level, we're all afraid of really and truly being known. Maybe we carry around a sense of inadequacy, a healthy dose of shame, or suffer from some measure of imposter syndrome. We don't want to be known, afraid of what others may think. And so, we construct walls, we circle the wagons, we put on a good face, and when someone asks, "How are you doing today?" we know the polite and expedient answer is always positive and brief.

No matter how practiced we are at keeping people at a safe distance, none of our defenses work against God, "O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me" (Psalm 139:1, NLT). It is the word "everything" that's a bit unnerving. What then is the scope of God's knowledge? To paraphrase the Psalmist, the Lord knows when we sit or stand. He knows our thoughts even when we run far away from him. God knows what we are going to say even before we say it. The Lord goes before us and comes behind us. The Psalmist concludes, "I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!"

Here's the stunning surprise, the Lord fully knows us and doesn't reject us. In fact, it is the exact opposite. The Lord knows us and places his hand of blessing on our heads (v5). The Lord knows us and still guides us safely through life (v10). The Lord knows us completely, good and bad, and yet with his right hand (aka – strength) he promises to hold us fast through every season and storm (v10).

The Lord peers into the deepest parts of our souls and does not turn away. In fact, he draws near, he comes close, and he takes on flesh. Jesus comes as the Father's right hand with a blessing, with power, with guidance, and with provision and protection. The Living God has searched you and he knows you, and love is always his response.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan V. Moore".

Dr. Ryan V. Moore

<< On the Cover | Families shared supper and fellowship following the Back to School Worship Service on August 11.



Our Greatest Treasure

SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS AT VBS

THIS SUMMER, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S Vacation Bible School welcomed 101 children, the highest attendance since COVID, for a week of laughter, learning, and hands-on discovery. The theme, "The Great Treasure Hunt," invited kids from the Early Preschool, Oak Hill School, local soccer fields, and neighborhoods across Nashville to explore God's Word through Bible lessons, music, art, and games.

"Our big mission was to share the good news of Jesus with kids from our church and the wider community—whether they came from the Early Preschool, Oak Hill School, soccer fields, or just heard the buzz around town," said Mallory Hammond, Director of Ministry with Children & Their Families. "We hoped every child would leave knowing deep down that God's Word is the ultimate treasure map, Jesus is the true treasure, and they are treasured by God."

The week was made possible by 126 volunteers, from youth leaders and families to longtime helpers, who guided stations, prepared crafts, decorated spaces, and served meals. Special care was given to twelve children with sensory needs, creating inclusive spaces following training from Belmont University's Occupational Therapy Doctoral Program.

Family dinners remained a cherished highlight, with 440 meals lovingly prepared and served by Kim Rogers and her team, offering time for families and volunteers to connect.

VBS 2025 was more than a week of activities—it was a joyful celebration of faith, community, and God's love, bringing children, families, and volunteers together around the greatest treasure of all: Jesus Christ.



Kirkin Sunday

ON MAY 18, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN GATHERED FOR the beloved tradition of Kirkin' of the Tartan—a rich celebration of Scottish heritage and the enduring faith that has shaped generations. Rooted in the blessing of family tartans, this annual service invites us to remember the courage of the Scottish Reformers and to give thanks for God's grace passed down through the ages.

Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Mark Brewer offered a timely and powerful message on the call to be people of peace in a world that often feels anything but peaceful. His words reminded us that our heritage as followers of Christ compels us to be agents of reconciliation and hope.

The Nashville Pipe and Drum Band led a spirited processional, followed by Mickey Fitts and Austin McMullen, who carried the Bible and cross in the kilts they earned last year.

Outside, the celebration continued with a Highland Games-style tug of war, a bounce house, and live sheep on the lawn, much to the delight of the children. Kim Roger's legendary ham and cheese rolls made a welcome return, and we voted on this year's Kilt Contest Winner. The results were too close to call, but there were enough proceeds for both J.T. Martin and Stephen Ward to receive a new kilt.

The Kirkin' is more than tradition—it's a reminder that in every generation, God is faithful. We look forward to next year's flags flying high once again!

Camp Watermelon

Raising the Next Generation

THIS JUNE, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church's campus was buzzing with joy, laughter, and the unmistakable energy of Camp Watermelon. Over three weeks, 350 campers gathered to play, worship, and learn what it means to "put on love."

What makes Camp Watermelon so powerful isn't just the fun—it's the transformation in the lives of our teenage counselors. Mentored by Director Erika Shapiro, these youth step into leadership, discovering how to share the love of Christ through their words, actions, and presence. Camp is not only for children to hear the Gospel but also for young leaders to grow in faith and service.

Through Paul's story of following Jesus, each day offered a theme to help campers understand Christ's love. From slip-and-slides and dunk tanks to ropes courses and mission projects, every activity pointed back to Scripture. Campers memorized Colossians 3:12, 14, learning to "clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... and above all these, put on love."

We give thanks for the joy, growth, and faith shared across generations this summer at Camp Watermelon.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE SUPPORT

Pastor Sandra Randleman is on leave as she continues her recovery. During this time, our church remains fully committed to caring for you. For any pastoral needs—such as hospitalizations, surgeries, or personal crises—please contact Congregational Care Assistant Charlotte Schierbaum. She will coordinate with Pastors Ryan Moore, John Musgrave, and Sara Hill to ensure you continue to receive prayer and care. Contact the pastoral team via Charlotte at care@fpcnashville.org.



Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. – John 12:1-3

A Fragrant Devotion

DISCIPLESHIP SHAPED BY THE MUSIC OF WORSHIP

By Joey Fala, Assistant Director of Music & Organist

THIS IS THE PASSAGE I READ FOR THE devotion at our young choristers' inaugural rehearsal last fall. "What does this have to do with music in worship?" I asked them. Perhaps you are similarly perplexed as they were.

Music and aroma are of the same enigmatic essence. Both are invisible, pointing to the existence of the unseen. Both, despite their immateriality, are experiences which we can occupy communally. Both are sensations that often bypass cognitive reasoning. More specifically in Jesus's anointing, and in the context of worship generally, perfume and music are offerings of great expense—our first fruits of time and treasure—and in their extravagance, these offerings share an element of irrationality and mystery. There is something excessive or even reckless about such a costly act of adoration.

But what stands out to me most is John's inclusion of the detail, "the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume," as if to say Mary's gift, though first and foremost offered to God, was not given or received in isolation. It permeated the entire home. This extravagant act of devotion was inhabited communally just as our offering of worship is breathed corporately by the body of Christ. Visualize this the next time a piece of music is dispersed into the expanse of our sanctuary, engulfing the assembled—beauty is created and the space we share is made holy.

The conception of how music functions in worship is distinct and set apart from that in ordinary life. Looking back to the early church and the beginnings of western music, we find Gregorian chant, parts of the mass set to mysterious monophonic contours reverberating through

stone cathedrals. Chants were not folk songs or catchy melodies that conformed to the music of entertainment, storytelling, or popular culture, but sonic pedestals which elevated scripture or liturgical texts to a higher plane of reverence. I recall attending an Orthodox worship service where clouds of incense billowed from a swung thurible onto the open gospel book, a mystical ritual signifying the presence of Christ, the word made flesh. Music, like incense, designates holy ground in worship.

What's interesting about these two ephemerality is the way in which without a spiritual understanding of the divine drama, both may seem irrational and incomprehensible. On one hand, music in our day-to-day lives is designed for our consumption and the beauty of contemporary Christian music may be in the ordinariness of rhythms and harmonies which familiarize God's word in our hearts. But worship is far from ordinary, leading us into a mysterious and profound encounter with the living God. Sacred music, drawn from the church's great heritage, shapes our theological imaginations to receive the extraordinary. The ancient Classical Greek philosophy, "Music of the Spheres," taught that musical structure, harmony, and proportions, even the physics of sound itself, pointed towards greater universal truths and beauty. Great sacred music that plumbs the depths of our theological curiosity and evokes the wonder of an eternal and infinite God reveals to both the heart and intellect a truer heavenly reality. Amid the rationality we prize in our reformed worship, music is the irrational, extraordinary devotion we offer up not for us to consume, but rather to be consumed in—an engulfing aroma drawing all into the goodness, mystery, and beauty of God.

The "aroma of Christ" is Paul's charge to the Corinthians to live in a way that reflects the love, grace, and truth of Jesus. Each week, our choristers begin rehearsal with words from a thirteenth century prayer that reminds us how we are to bear the aroma of Christ in our musical offering. "Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives." Note the order: We ask first to sing; to practice. Then, through practicing, to believe. And finally, through believing, to live out the faith. In Christian community we come as we are to be then transformed, nourished, and strengthened by the faith of those surrounding us.

Choirs model this discipleship beautifully when the novice musician, the experienced singer, the new to faith, and mature Christian are brought together to challenge, sharpen, and uphold each other in their duty of worship. In singing, we live out more fully the essence of the church, many members becoming one body. We experience empathy and intimacy, feeling the presence of one another not only breathing and moving together, but through being

vulnerable and sharing the same mind. Most importantly, we enter into the holiness of friendship. In making and delighting in beautiful music as one, we form a spiritually rich bond through exercising our agency as co-creators, designed in the image of a creative and triune God.

This fall, I look forward to continued growth with our choristers as well as a new intergenerational musical ensemble for high schoolers through adults. The Sanctuary Singers, a teaching-oriented choir open to a variety of skill levels, will model discipleship through the ways we walk with one another in growing our musicianship and faith. Equally important to our musical goals will be finding joy in singing, forming deep friendships, thinking about our faith in community, breaking bread, spending time in prayer. In this way, our time together making music goes much deeper than bringing notes off the page.

I give thanks for the gift of serving at First Presbyterian where there is generous support for stewarding the church's great heritage of sacred music. Potential abounds for the ways music can shape our imaginations, not only in the beauty and mystery of worship, but also in building the body of Christ through community and discipleship. I pray that as our music magnifies the Lord, all are drawn more fully to him. And when the fragrance of our devotion has faded, may the presence of Christ be that which remains.



Sanctuary Singers (new!) is an intergenerational choir for teens and adults that sings in select 11:00 a.m. services throughout the year. It's teaching-focused and friendly for amateur singers.

Sanctuary Choir is our adult choir that sings the traditional choral repertoire and includes many professional musicians and anyone is welcome to join.

Choristers is for students in 4th through 12th grade. This teaching-focused group follows the academic calendar and sings in worship once or twice a month.

Children's Choir for ages 4 through 6th grade will meet as a part of Children's Sunday School from 9:45–10:45 a.m., beginning in September. Children learn basic musical skills through fun, simple songs and help lead worship during the semester.

learn more at

fpcnashville.org/music

Officer Nominations

Class of 2028

EACH YEAR, THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE faithfully and prayerfully chooses nominees to serve as Elders and Deacons at First Presbyterian Church and is proud to present the slate for the Class of 2028. We will vote to approve the nominees at our next congregational meeting on Sunday, September 28 at the conclusion of both worship services. Nominations may be made from the floor. If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact any member of the Officer Nominating Committee: Chuck Lassing (Chair), Tricia Carswell, Sally Einstman, Will Hannon, Janie Hughart, Blewett McInteer, Elizabeth Sullivan, Ryan Moore (Staff Liaison).

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Visit fpcnashville.org/nominees to view the biographical information of each nominee.



Ordination of Mallory Hammond

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO share that Mallory Hammond will soon be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). After her ordination, Mallory will continue as our Director of Ministry to Children and Their Families as a Parish Associate. Her ordination is the culmination of years of theological study, preparation, and discernment, and we give thanks to God for guiding her to this calling.

Mallory has faithfully led our children's ministry – teaching, leading worship, and equipping leaders. Following her ordination, her ministry will look much the same to you as it has these past three years, with one important addition: she will now be authorized to administer the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper.

In her role as Parish Associate, Mallory will continue to lead and teach in children's ministry, resource leaders, and support the planning and administration that allows this ministry to flourish. The title "Parish Associate" reflects her new standing as an ordained pastor, but her calling to serve children and families remains the same.

Please join us for Mallory's ordination service on Sunday, September 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, and in praying for her and our church as she begins this next chapter of ministry among us.

Choral Scholars Program

THIS FALL, THE MUSIC MINISTRY IS LAUNCHING THE inaugural Choral Scholars program. Collegiate vocalists will apply and audition for the opportunity to grow as musicians, strengthen leadership skills, and contribute meaningfully to worship under the direction of Dr. Raphael Bundage. Just as important, the program will provide scholars with a church home throughout their tenure. Auditions are underway, and we look forward to welcoming the first class.

NEW STAFF



KATIE HIGGINS

Assistant Director for Children's Faith Formation

Originally from Parker, Colorado, Katie brings a deep passion for nurturing young disciples and has a background in both children's and youth ministry. She first felt called to this work at age 18 and has been faithfully serving ever since—including most recently as a missionary in Ireland. Katie is a graduate of Liberty University, where she earned a degree in Early Childhood Education. Her training and experience uniquely equip her to build programs that are both developmentally thoughtful and spiritually enriching as she helps children and families walk more closely with Christ.



GABBY POSTON

Assistant Youth Director

Gabby grew up in East Tennessee and moved to Nashville ten years ago to play soccer and study at Trevecca Nazarene University. She holds a degree in Social Work and a Master's in Pastoral Counseling. With a heart for youth ministry and a deep desire to walk alongside students in their faith journeys, Gabby is excited to step into this new season at First Pres. She loves traveling, laughing with friends, playing sports, and never turns down a bowl (or two) of ice cream. In her role as Assistant Youth Director, Gabby provides day-to-day leadership and support for the FPC Youth Ministry, working with young adults, youth, parents, staff, and volunteers.



KEATON SCHENCK

Creative Coordinator

Keaton works on the Communications team to bring clarity and creativity to the church's digital and print communications. Originally from Warsaw, Indiana, Keaton earned his BFA in Graphic Design from Indiana Wesleyan University. At First Presbyterian, Keaton handles a variety of digital and print materials from worship service bulletins to web graphics to special publications, using design thinking to communicate with clarity and warmth, knowing each project is a chance to build connection, tell a story, and reflect the life of the church in meaningful visual ways.



ADRIAN TAYLOR

Director of Missions Ministry

We're excited to share that Adrian Taylor has transitioned into the role of Director of Missions Ministry at First Presbyterian. Over the past year, Adrian has served faithfully as both our Pastoral Intern and Interim Elementary Coordinator. In each of these roles, she has brought deep compassion, a heart for service, and a steady presence to our congregation. As Director of Missions, Adrian is guiding FPC's missional efforts—locally and globally—by equipping teams, supporting our partners, and helping our church family put faith into action. She is currently in the ordination process and holds a Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, a B.A. in Religion from Furman University, and a Doctor of Audiology degree from Vanderbilt University.



Columbarium Revitalization

Restoring the Beauty of Sullivan Gardens

THE RESTORATION AND EXPANSION OF THE Sullivan Gardens and Columbarium is now complete, following months of work that began this spring. For more than 30 years, this sacred space has offered comfort and reflection to our congregation. The devastating flash freeze of December 2022 severely damaged much of the garden's landscaping, but it also opened the opportunity to restore and enhance the space for generations to come.

The center of the columbarium has been transformed by the addition of ten lacebark elms, creating a more intimate, reflective space. Complementing the trees are crushed granite beds, soft lighting, two new entrance stairs, and updated plantings designed to have visual interest throughout the entire year.

This effort has been led by the Property Committee, chaired by Bill Oldacre, with the updated landscaping plan designed by local landscape designer Ben Page. The funds for this project came from restricted funds designated specifically for the columbarium and church grounds, so this project did not take resources away from other vital areas of our mission.

The first phase, now complete, focused on restoring the landscaping and adjusting the hardscaping. As additional niches are sold, we will move forward with a second phase, which will incorporate even more niches. Of the 1,176 total niches, approximately 220 spots remain, with a current cost of \$3,000 per niche.

Through this work, we honor the past, care for the present, and prepare for the future—preserving a sacred place of remembrance and peace at the heart of our congregation.

Join us September 7 at 6:30 p.m. as we rededicate the Sullivan Gardens and Columbarium. Church members interested in purchasing a niche may contact Charlotte Schierbaum at cschierbaum@fpcnashville.org.

Oak Hill Athletic Facility Complete

Strengthening Campus Life Through Athletics

THE COMPLETION OF OAK HILL School's new athletic facility marks a major step forward for our shared campus. This modern complex is designed not only to expand opportunities for student athletics but also to strengthen the long-term vitality of the grounds we steward together.

At its heart, the facility features an eight-lane track surrounding a synthetic turf field that supports football, soccer, and lacrosse. Terraced seating, bleachers, and a 3,500-square-foot pavilion provide welcoming spaces for gathering, while new restroom facilities increase convenience for events of all sizes.

Equally significant are the improvements to the landscape itself. More than 100 new trees have been planted, and updated drainage systems ensure both sustainability and resilience for years to come.

With construction now complete, the athletic facility stands as a visible sign of ongoing growth and renewal. It represents a thoughtful addition to the campus—equipping it to serve future generations with strength, beauty, and purpose.



FEATURED EVENTS

SOCCER SAINTS

Soccer Saints

Saturdays through September 27.

Help us welcome soccer families as they play, cheer, and coach on the FPC campus on Saturday mornings.



COMMUNITIES OF BELONGING

2025 Fall Groups

Fall Communities of Belonging

Begins mid-September at various times and locations

Find a group to join for six weeks of small group discussion and connection as we explore the life of Paul.

MIDWEEK

Lunch & Study

Midweek Lunch & Study

Wednesdays, Starting September 17 | 11:30-1:00 p.m.

A weekly Bible study and lunch with Dr. Ryan Moore. Church members of all generations gather in the Session Room for Word and fellowship.

Choral VESPER Service

Choral Vesper Service and Dinner

Sept. 25 | Dinner 5:30 | Courtenay Hall

Service 6:30 | Stanford Chapel

Dinner will be provided, and Worship Service will be led by our Choral Program.

Fall

GATHERING

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

September 9 | 11:00 a.m. | Courtenay Hall

All FPC women are invited to join us for lunch, fellowship, and encouragement at our PW Fall gathering

Fall Festival

TRUNK OR TREAT

Fall Festival

October 26 | 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Join us for fall fun and fellowship and participate in our trunk or treat.



HABITAT 25
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NASHVILLE

Habitat Builds

SEPT. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28,
OCT. 4-5

*Join us in our Fall Habitat
for Humanity Build!*

This fall, our church is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to help build a home and build community.

With over **170 volunteer spots** for both construction and lunch crews, there's a place for *everyone* to serve.

Register at
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*To register or see our full calendar of
events, scan the QR code above or visit*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 1** | Office Closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 3** | 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. | Blood Drive
- Sept. 7** | 9:30 a.m. | Kickoff Sunday
- Sept. 7** | 6:30 p.m. | Sullivan Garden Rededication
- Sept. 14** | 3:00 p.m. | Ordination Service for Mallory Hammond
- Sept. 24** | 6:00–8:00 p.m. | Spiritual Gifts Class (Option 1)
- Sept. 25** | Dinner (5:30) and Choral Vesper Service (6:30)
- Oct. 5** | 12:00–2:00 p.m. | Spiritual Gifts Class (Option 2)
- Oct. 25** | 9:00 a.m. | Inquirers Class
- Oct. 26** | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Reformation Day Worship
- Oct. 26** | 3:30–5:00 p.m. | Fall Festival Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 29** | Dinner (5:30) and All Saints Vesper Service (6:30)

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- Sept. 21** | 9:45–10:45 a.m. | Singing the Faith Milestone (Age 2–3)
- Sept. 27** | 5:00–8:00 p.m. | Parents Night Out
- Sept. 28** | 9:45 a.m. | Missions Milestone (4th–5th Grade)
- Oct. 26** | 9:45 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. Recognition | Baptism
Remembered Milestone (Kindergarten)

YOUTH

- Sept. 7** | 6:00 p.m. | Youth Small Group Kickoff
- Sept. 14, 21, 28** | 9:45 a.m. | Follow Me Sunday School Series
for 7th Graders & Parents
- Oct. 19** | 5:30–7:00 p.m. | Blacklight Dodgeball
- Oct. 25-26** | Fall Overnight

FIRST FRIENDS

- Aug. 28** | 3:00 p.m. | Book Review: *Conscious Living, Conscious Aging* (Thursdays through September 25)
- Sept. 18** | 12:00 p.m. | Lunch & Speaker Series
- Sept. 22** | 9:30 a.m. | Woodworking Workshop with Julia Wilk –
Making Charcuterie Boards
- Oct. 9** | 11:30 a.m. | New Beginnings Fall Lunch for Widows
- Oct. 10** | Men's Trip to Lane Auto Museum and Lunch
- Oct. 13** | Day Trip to Dickson and Lyles
- Oct. 16** | 12:00 p.m. | Lunch and Speaker Series
- Oct. 30** | Nashville Ballet Viewing of Nutcracker Rehearsal

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- Sept. 9** | 11:00 a.m. | PW Fall Gathering
- Oct. 14** | PW Circles Begin

MISSIONS

- Sept. 3** | 12:00–5:00 p.m. | Blood Drive
- Sept. 9, Oct. 14** | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project
- Sept. 13–14, 20–21, 27–28, & Oct. 4–5** | Habitat Build

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Kickoff SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 7 | 9:30

Our football-themed celebration kicks off outside the Sanctuary between morning worship services with fun for all ages—pony rides, an inflatable obstacle course, games, and even the chance to collect vintage FPC swag! This year's special highlight is Missions. Explore the Missions Fair to meet our Kingdom Partners and current Project Partners. ThriftSmart will also have a donation truck on site—bring gently used clothes to share. For every pound donated, ThriftSmart will provide \$1 in gift cards to bless another mission partner. Kickoff Sunday is your opportunity to gather for fellowship and discover new ways to grow and serve at FPC this fall—through small groups, Sunday School classes, service opportunities, and more. Join the whole church family as we reconnect after a busy summer!

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