



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2026
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



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

WORDS OF PREPARATION

*Flight into the invisible is a denial of the call. A community of Jesus
which seeks to hide itself has ceased to follow him.*

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on Slane (Be Thou My Vision)
Craig Phillips

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 | Based on Isaiah 60

Dr. Sandra Randleman

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Let us praise the Lord together.

All: The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,

Leader: For the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.

All: The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.

Leader: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

*OPENING HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Rev. Sara Hill (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | 1 Peter 2:1-12 (page 1014)

Beth Singer (8:30)
Johnny Corn (11:00)

¹ So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you

are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gage Arnold (8:30)
Adrian Taylor (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION 800

Sometimes a Light Surprises
SALLEY GARDENS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 5:13-16 (page 810)

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Kingdom Witness

Dr. Ryan Moore

“You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world.”—Matthew 5:13,14

OFFERTORY

Laudate Dominum (Psalm 117)

W.A. Mozart

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, laudate eum, omnes populi. Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia eius, et veritas Domini manet in aeternum. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, all nations; praise him, all people for he has bestowed his mercy upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen.

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.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

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.

Pastor: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing ...

Sanctus and Benedictus from St. Anne’s Mass
James MacMillan

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, O blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

All: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forevermore. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion at First Presbyterian Church is offered to all baptized Christians 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 cup is juice and the bread is gluten free.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

I Am the Bread of Life
Suzanne Toolan

I am the bread of life, you who come to me shall not hunger; and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons. *And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.* The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. I am the Resurrection, I am the life, If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever. Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world.

COMMUNION SONG

Lord, I Need You
Matt Maher

Congregation joins in on the refrain.

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without you, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

***Refrain: Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness; oh, God, how I need you.***

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more. Where grace is found is where you are.
And where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. *Refrain*

So teach my song to rise to you when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you. Jesus, you're my hope and stay. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Mallory Hammond

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 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
HYFRYDOL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Agincourt Hymn (O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High)
David N. Johnson

** Those who are able, please stand.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
Mallory Hammond, MDiv – *Parish Associate, Director of Ministry to Children and Their Families*
Sara Hill, MDiv – *Parish Associate for Congregational Care*
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions*
Adrian Taylor, MDiv – *Director of Missions Ministry*
Gage Arnold, MDiv – *Director of Youth Programming*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Joseph Fala, MM – *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Stephen King, Guitar and Vocals
Alison Hoffman, Violin
Craig Nelson, String Bass
Acolytes – Evelyn Ison, Elaine Morgan, Jack Morgan

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donnell Stanford Jr. and Mr. Robert Donnell Stanford III, by Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Palmer III, Margaret, Lacy and Josephine Blanton, Carolyn and Dawson Thombs, Palmer and Stanford Thombs, Meredith and John Nelson.

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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 FPC_guest WiFi network. You must be connected to this network for the app to work. Download the WaveCAST app. Open the app and select “First Pres Sanctuary.” Plug in your headphones and adjust the volume to your preference.

To **livestream** worship or to view past services, visit youtube.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofnashville.

Sunday Morning for Families

On Sunday mornings, children are welcome in worship alongside their families. **Nursery** care is available for ages 0–3 in the Nursery Wing from 8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m., with a Mother and Infant Quiet Room nearby.

Children ages 4–6 are invited, following the Blessing of the Young Disciples, to Young Children & Worship (Pickup in Room CW 110 after the service). **Older children** remain in worship, where activity bags are available at each Sanctuary entrance. At 9:45 a.m., children of all ages are invited to the Education Hour.

Nursery through 3rd grade gather in the Children’s Ministry lobby for check-in and pickup. Preteens (4th–5th grade) check in outside Room CC 131, while 6th graders in Confirmation gather outside Room E201 in the Oak Hill C-Wing.

Have You Made Your Pledge?—While year-end giving helps us manage our current year finances, the 2026 Stewardship Campaign helps us plan a fully funded budget for 2026. So far, we are 89% toward our \$5.2 million goal, with 451 households pledging \$4,632,093. If you haven't submitted your pledge yet, please do so online, by mail, or in the offering plate. Your pledge is vital for planning a fully funded budget and sustaining FPC's ministries. Thank you for your faithful support!

Grief Support Group | Sundays | January 18–February 8 | 2:00–3:30 p.m. | Jones Session Room — Dr. Sandra Randleman will lead a Grief Support Group focused on understanding the stages and feelings of grief as well as how prayer can help us in seeking the difficult time of grieving the losses of life. The psalms of lament in the Bible will provide a model for our study of prayer. To register contact Charlotte Schierbaum at cschierbaum@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9527.

ADULTS

Looking to Connect in a Smaller Setting? Winter COBs Begin Week of Jan. 25—Our six-week small groups, called Communities of Belonging (COBs), begin the week of January 25, and follow our winter sermon series using *Reading the Sermon on the Mount with John Stott* by John Stott and Douglas Connelly. COBs are an easy way to grow in faith and meet new people in a warm, small-group environment. Questions about finding the right fit? Contact Ellie Richmond at erichmond@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9570. Register at fpcnashville.org/cob. COB's include:

Sheppard/Chestnut | Sundays | 6:30 p.m. | *Green Hills*
Hindman/Stringham | Sundays | 6:30 p.m. | *Brentwood/Belle Meade*
Young Adults | Sunday Supper | 6:30 p.m. | *Rotating homes*
Pickel (Women) | Mondays | 1:00 p.m. | *West Meade*
New! Randleman/Puryear/Raymond | Mondays | 5:00 p.m. | *Green Hills*
New! Pace/Dowdle (Women) | Tuesdays | 10:00 a.m. | *Green Hills*
Davis (Women) | Wednesdays (bi-weekly) | 6:45 p.m. | *Oak Hill*
Sauer | Thursdays | 9:30 a.m. | *At church + Zoom*

Women's Intergenerational Ruth COB | Mondays, Jan. 26–Mar. 2 | 9:30 a.m. | Jones Session Room | Cost \$10—Women of FPC: Would you like to connect with women from across our church? You are invited to a new six-week COB to study the book of Ruth on Mondays from 9:30–11:00 a.m. beginning Jan. 26. Each week we'll gather as a large group and then break into smaller discussion groups as we explore the lives and faith journeys of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz, and reflect on our own stories and God's presence in often surprising ways. Cost is \$10 and includes a study guide. Registration is required; please note childcare needs during registration. Led by Rev. Mallory Hammond and Ellie Richmond. Questions? Contact Ellie Richmond at erichmond@fpcnashville.org or register at fpcnashville.org/cob.

Midweek Study: Attributes of God | Wednesdays | Resumes Jan. 14 | 11:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m. | Session Room—It is important to know not only that God exists, but also who God is and what God is like. Studying the attributes of God leads to a deeper understanding of God—and of ourselves and the world around us. God as Creator informs much of how we understand creation: who we are and who we are called to be. In this midweek study, we'll explore the attributes of God through familiar Bible stories. All are welcome to join us for a weekly lunch and study led by Dr. Ryan Moore. A light lunch will be served; donations are welcome.

Mahjong Lessons begin Jan. 14—We're excited to offer Mahjong as a fun way to build intergenerational community among church members. This isn't a competitive league—it's simply a welcoming space to connect with others through a game many already enjoy and many others are eager to learn. We'll begin with winter daytime sessions (12:30–2:30 p.m.): lessons that build on each other on Jan. 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4. Open play for all levels on Feb. 11, 25; Mar. 11, 25; and Apr. 8, 22. Registration is required for lessons; sign up at fpcnashville.org/mahjong.

FIRST FRIENDS

Gatherings for adults, retired and not-so-retired! Register online or contact Sally Ostheimer (sostheimer@fpcnashville.org). For more information, visit fpcnashville.org/first-friends.

January Luncheon: Nashville's Growth | Thursday, Jan. 15 | 12:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall—Join us for lunch (\$10) and hear Alex Apple and Brittany Irby discuss Nashville's growth, Imagine Nashville, and local tax spending. Register online to reserve your spot.

Book Club | Tuesday, Jan. 20 | 2:30 p.m. | Memorial Library—Join us as we discuss *The Ins-N-Outs of In-N-Out Burger* by Lynsi Snyder.

Dress Rehearsal of Swan Lake | Thursday, Feb. 5 | 9:30 a.m.–1:45 p.m.—Travel by church bus (9:45 a.m.) to observe part of the dress rehearsal, followed by Dutch-treat lunch at Edley's BBQ. Free to attend.

YOUTH

Ski Retreat | Jan. 23–25—Escape to the mountains with us! In the middle of a busy school year, a weekend away gives students space to breathe, connect, and grow. All 7th–12th graders are invited to our Ski Retreat at Beech Mountain, North Carolina! We'll depart after school on Friday and return Sunday afternoon, after a weekend full of skiing, worship, laughter, teaching, and time with friends in God's creation. Register at fpcnashville.org/ski.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

SCOTT SUNQUIST

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
PRESIDENT

Lecture and Conversation with Dr. Scott Sunquist | Saturday, Jan. 24 | 9:00–10:30 a.m. | Jones Session Room—Dr. Scott W. Sunquist is a widely-respected Christian scholar, missiologist, and leader in theological education with extensive experience in missions and world Christianity. He is currently the President of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, where he also teaches missiology (the study of Christian mission) and Christian history.

Early in his career he and his wife served as missionaries in Singapore, where he lectured in church history, ecumenics, and Asian Christianity. He has previously served as Dean of the School of Intercultural Studies and Professor of World Christianity at Fuller Theological Seminary, and before that he taught for many years at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and has published extensively on global Christianity, mission theology, and the history of the church.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

Lecture & Conversation

9:00–10:30 a.m. | Jones Session Room

A morning of insight and discussion as Dr. Sunquist leads us to consider Christian existence as missional existence in our 21st-century context. Breakfast provided. Register at fpcnashville.org/scott.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

Worship

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

Lessons in Mission from Asia | Sunday, Jan. 25 | 10:00 a.m. | Stanford Chapel

Dr. Sunquist will share stories from the last 20–30 years in Asia, offering insight into Christian mission today.

LOCAL MISSIONS

Blood Drive | Wednesday, Jan. 21 | 11:00 a.m. | Courtenay Hall—Someone in the United States needs blood every two seconds due to an accident, disaster, or illness. Roll up your sleeves to help save lives in your community by giving the gift of life by donating blood at our next blood drive. Sign up on our website or in person in Courtenay Hall in between services. Register at fpcnashville.org/blooddrive.

Service Project with Nueva Vida | Second Tuesdays | 4:30–7:30 p.m.—Help pack and distribute food to our neighbors in need through the Nueva Vida Food Project. Tasks include sorting, stocking shelves, and offering a friendly smile. We are looking for up to five volunteers for each date: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10. Register at fpcnashville.org/missions.

Room In The Inn—As we welcome guests each Wednesday through March, we especially need help in two crucial areas: overnight hosts (men only) and site coordinators. These roles ensure we can continue offering safe, warm hospitality. Questions? Contact Kevin Hughart at khughart@fpcnashville.org

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