



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

January 18, 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

These are the Scriptures which make fools of all the wise and understanding, and are open only to the small and simple. Therefore dismiss your own opinions and feelings, and think of the scriptures as the loftiest and noblest of holy things, as the richest of mines which can never be sufficiently explored, in order that you may find divine wisdom which God here lays before you in such simple guise as to quench all pride.

—Martin Luther, *Prefaces to the Old Testament*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223
Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

INTROIT

Come Ye that Love the Lord
arr. Alice Parker

Come, ye that love the Lord, and let your love be known; join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but favorites of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

*CALL TO WORSHIP | Based on Psalm 124:8 & Revelation 19:6-7

Gage Arnold (8:30)
Rev. Mallory Hammond (11:00)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

All: "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory."

*OPENING HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
EIN' FESTE BURG

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Adrian Taylor

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 19 (page 456)

Mary Frances Kerr (8:30)
Betsy Funk (11:00)

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. ² Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. ³ There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. ⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the

commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. ¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)

Rev. Sara Hill (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty Father, you are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting him up, we humble ourselves before you. We confess to you, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what you forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise you that Jesus was born like us that we might become like him.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
AZMON

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!
To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

*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

Speak, O Lord
Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re-ceive the food of your ho - lyword.
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us:



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash-ion us in your like - ness; that the test our thoughts and our at - ti-tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pur - ri - ty. Cause our truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your maj - es - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us, all your pur - po - ses for your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 5:17-20 (page 810)

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Kingdom Fulfillment of the Law and Prophets

Dr. Ryan Moore

For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. — Matthew 5:18

OFFERTORY

The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God from *The Creation*
Joseph Haydn | from Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God, with wonders of his work resounds the firmament. Revealed are his ways by day unto day, by 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Sandra Randleman

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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

I Will Lift Mine Eyes
Jake Runestad

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this day forth for evermore.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude II from *Six Short Preludes and Postludes*
C. V. Stanford

** Those who are able, please stand.*

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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*
Acolytes – Graham Swafford, Kennedy Swafford, Adah McInteer, Elizabeth Grace McInteer
Josh Hickman, Timpani

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Peter L. Nelson by his family.

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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.

Grief Support Group | Sundays | Jan. 18–Feb. 8 | 1:30–3:00 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. *Please note: the incorrect time was published in previous communications.*

Office Closed Jan. 20—The church offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday.

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*

Midweek Study: Attributes of God | Wednesdays | 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.

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

fpcnashville.org or register at fpcnashville.org/cob.

Mahjong Open Play begins Feb. 11 — We're excited to offer Mahjong as a fun way to build intergenerational community at our church. This is not a competitive league, but a welcoming space to connect through a game many already enjoy and others are eager to learn. Daytime open play sessions for all levels will be held 12:30–2:30 p.m. on Feb. 11, 25, Mar. 11, 25, Apr. 8 and 22 in the Cheek House. Registration is requested to ensure enough tables and coaches are available. 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.

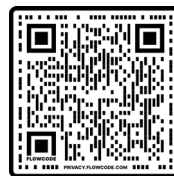
Book Club | Tuesday, Jan. 20 | 2:30 p.m. | Memorial Library — Join us as we discuss *The Ins-N-Outs of In-N-Out Burger* by Lynsi Snyder.

Dress Rehearsal of Swan Lake | Thursday, Feb. 5 | 10:00 a.m.–1:45 p.m. — Travel by church bus to Nashville Ballet Studios to observe part of the dress rehearsal, followed by Dutch-treat lunch at Edley's BBQ.

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. Register at fpcnashville.org/blooddrive.

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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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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Annual Congregational Meeting & Breakfast | Sunday, Feb. 1 | 9:45 a.m. | Courtenay Hall—Last year, we reintroduced a shared breakfast alongside our Annual Congregational Meeting for the first time in decades, and it was a meaningful time of connection and participation. We invite you to join us again as we gather over breakfast to share important updates, conduct church business, and give thanks for God’s faithfulness in 2025. Together, we’ll also look ahead to what’s next in the life of our church. All members are encouraged to attend and be part of this growing rhythm in our congregational life.



GUEST SPEAKER

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.

Lecture & Conversation

Saturday, Jan. 24 | 9:00–10:30 a.m. | Jones Session Room

Sunday Worship

Sunday, Jan. 25 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

Lessons in Mission from Asia

Sunday, Jan. 25 | 10:00 a.m. | Stanford Chapel

Thank you.

As we closed the accounting books for 2025, one word rises to the top: **gratitude**—for God’s abiding provision and for this congregation’s faithful response to it.

You gave in many ways throughout the year: through countless volunteer hours across every corner of the church, by sharing your talents and expertise, and through your financial gifts. Because of this generosity, we are grateful to report that we ended 2025 with a contributions budget surplus of \$52,367.

There are approximately \$188,000 of remaining 2025 active pledges that have not yet been fulfilled. If you intended to complete your 2025 pledge, gifts may still be received in the new year and applied to the previous year pledge. At the same time, many households gave well beyond their pledged amount, exceeding pledges by more than \$360,000—a powerful witness to the generosity and commitment of this congregation.

We experienced a budget deficit of approximately \$128,000 for non-pledged contributions. These gifts naturally fluctuate and are difficult to predict in advance. These patterns are reviewed monthly by the Finance Committee and Session, and this data will help inform even stronger planning for 2026.

Our annual stewardship campaign goal is only part of the figures below. When the Finance Committee and Generosity Team set the 2025 campaign goal, it was designed to support a substantial portion of the church’s operating needs; however, they anticipated that total contributions and total expenses would be higher than the campaign goal alone might suggest.

We give thanks for God’s faithfulness and for the many ways this congregation continues to respond with generosity, trust, and care for the mission we share.

2025 GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS RECAP

Actual \$5,855,067

Budget \$5,802,700

Variance \$52,367