



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 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

The message of the cross goes to the root of our ills, and it alone can cure them radically. Just for that reason it spells folly and scandal. How? In the Bible it is not we who find a way to God; it is God who comes to us.

—Emil Bruner

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Andante III from *Berlin-Krakow Manuscripts*
Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

Adrian Taylor (8:30)
Rev. Sara Hill (11:00)

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

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Rev. Mallory Hammond (11:00)

Leader: The day of the Lord is coming! The day of the Lord is near!

All: The time is fulfilled! The reign of God is at hand!

Leader: O people, repent! Believe in the gospel!

All: Come, let us turn and follow our God and King!

*OPENING HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above
LYONS

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 145:1-9 (page 524)

Coleson Messer (8:30)
Tim Thomson (11:00)

¹ I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. ² Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. ³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. ⁴ One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. ⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. ⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Goodness of God
Jenn Johnson

I love you, Lord, for your mercy never fails me. All my days, I've been held in your hands. From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God. 'Cause all my life you have been faithful, and

all my life you have been so good. With ev'ry breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God. I love your voice. You have led me through the fire. In darkest nights, you are close like no other. I've known you as a Father, I've known you as a friend, and I have lived in the goodness of God. 'Cause all my life you have been faithful, and all my life you have been so good. With ev'ry breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God. Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. With my life laid down, I surrender now. I give you ev'rything Lord. Your goodness is running after me. And all my life you have been faithful, and all my life you have been so good. With ev'ry breath that I am able, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God. I'm gonna sing. All my life you have been faithful, all my life you have been so good. Ev'ry breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Darren Kennedy

Good and loving Father, be merciful and forgive our sin. Cleanse our unrighteousness. Heal our hurts and reconcile our broken relationships. Pour your Spirit upon us with renewing grace. Restore to us the joy of our salvation. Forgive our excessiveness and ingratitude. Make us a thankful people with charitable hearts, who drink from the well of your grace, that this broken world will taste the new wine of the gospel. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

To God Be the Glory
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!***

**Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain***

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30)

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Will and Elizabeth Holets are presenting their son, William Thomas Holets Jr., for baptism.
Assisting Elder: Hugh Tanner

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
ST. MARGARET

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 6:19-24 (page 811)

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 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.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Kingdom Treasures

Dr. Ryan Moore

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” —Matthew 6:21

OFFERTORY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Bob Chilcott

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

Dr. Sandra Randleman

Sherry and Dan Andrews
Mary and Chad Fowler
Laura and Matt Lonergan
Chris Montville

Hannah Moore
Tucker and Chip Petree
Lauren and Matthew Ryan
Taylor and Kit Sawyer

Berkley and David Schwarz
Dylan Stamer
Kara and Steve Townsend
Cynthia Wright

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 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
SOLID ROCK

*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

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542
J. S. Bach

** Those who are able, please stand.*

SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of

Phyllis Gregory Heard, who died February 24.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
Mallory Hammond, MDiv – *Parish Associate, Director of Ministry to Children and Their Families*
Darren Kennedy, PhD – *Associate Pastor for Discipleship*
Sara Hill, MDiv – *Parish Associate for Congregational Care*
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Parish Associate for Congregational Care*
Adrian Taylor, MDiv – *Director of Missions Ministry*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Joseph Fala, MM – *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Claire Paschal, Soprano
Acolytes – Christopher Douse, Robert Douse, Caroline Cahill, Elyse Cahill

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sue and Duncan M. Fort Jr. by their entire family.

SUPPORTING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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.

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COVER ART: Glukhov, Viktor Alexandrovich. *Memento mori*. 2017. Acrylic on cardboard, 30 × 30 cm. Private collection.— Viktor Alexandrovich Glukhov’s *Memento mori* opens a visual space that points beyond the created world to the richness of life held in God’s providence. The work suggests that true treasure is found in communion with God—realities of grace and faithfulness that outlast the passing shape of this world.

Jamaica Mission Trip Presentation | Today | 10:00 a.m. | Courtenay Hall — The Jamaica Mission team will be giving a presentation during the Sunday School hour in Courtenay Hall recapping the trip. All are invited to attend to learn more about the recent Jamaica Mission trip and its impact.

Lenten Vesper Services | Wednesdays through Mar. 25 | 6:30 p.m. — Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. as we journey through Lent, remembering God's faithfulness and trustworthiness and remembering our great need. Worship in Stanford Chapel with candlelight, beautiful music, meaningful meditations, and the Lord's Supper.

New Baby Reception | Sunday, Mar. 8 | 4:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall — This is a special gathering for families in our church who have welcomed a new baby! This reception is designed for parents and their little ones to meet other families, make new connections, and build bonds within our church community. We'll enjoy meaningful moments of fellowship, uplifting music, and a time of prayer for your family and your child. We look forward to celebrating this exciting season with you and your little one! Questions? Contact Rev. Mallory Hammond at mhammond@fpcnashville.org. Register online at fpcnashville.org/new-baby.

Service Opportunity with Nueva Vida | Tuesday, Mar. 10 | 4:30–7:30 p.m. — Looking for a meaningful way to serve? Help pack and distribute food to our neighbors in need through the Nueva Vida Food Project. Whether you're sorting items, stocking shelves, or offering a warm smile, your time makes a real impact. No experience necessary—just a willing heart! We're looking for up to five volunteers each evening. If you're interested in joining or have any questions, reach out to Adrian Taylor at ataylor@fpcnashville.org.

Next Mahjong Open Play is on Mar. 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. Bring your tiles if you have them and sit with varying play abilities. Daytime open play sessions for all levels will be held 12:30–2:30 p.m. on 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.

Youth Spring Serve Saturday | Saturday, Mar. 28 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. — Join us for a Saturday morning of meaningful service as we partner with one of our local mission organizations to make a real impact in our community. We'll head out together, spend the morning serving, then enjoy lunch and take time to reflect on what God is doing in and through us. Come ready to work, connect, and grow—this is a day you won't want to miss!

Interested in getting more connected? — Whether you're 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! For information about becoming a church member or attending an Inquirers Class, contact Membership and Connections Coordinator, Julia Wilk (jwilk@fpcnashville.org).

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: *The Jackal's Mistress* | Tuesday, Mar. 17 | 2:30–3:45 p.m. — This month's book is *The Jackal's Mistress* by Chris Bohjalian. Based loosely on a true story, this is a suspenseful Civil War tale, with a bit of romance, that raises some interesting moral questions about war, violence, loyalty, and friendship. Our selections feature contemporary and historical fiction, as well as an occasional memoir or biography. We welcome all book lovers to join us and participate in these lively and thought-provoking discussions. Book suggestions are always welcome! ZOOM opportunities are available.

Luncheon & Speaker Series: Elder Law and What To Know | Thursday, Mar. 19 | 12:00–1:30 p.m. — This month we have the honor of a well-know Elder Law attorney, Barbara Moss, who concentrates her practice on elder law issues. Come and enjoy a meal for just \$10 per person. To ensure proper planning, please register in advance. Online registration and payment are preferred. Please note that credit cards can now be used for payment at the luncheons.

Day Trip: Chattanooga Medal of Honor Heritage Museum Thursday, Mar. 26 | 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. — Join us for a day in Chattanooga learning about Medal of Honor recipients. Lunch will be Dutch Treat at the Maple Street Biscuit Company. We will meet in the church parking lot in front of the administrative offices to load the bus at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15, which includes snacks on the bus. Please pay in advance on the church website, or to Sally in person. For additional information contact Sally Ostheimer at 615-298-9551 or sostheimer@fpcnashville.org.



Installation of Darren Kennedy

Sunday, March 8 | 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

New Associate Pastor of Discipleship, Darren Kennedy will be installed as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). His installation is the culmination of the APNC’s search, and we give thanks to God for guiding Darren to this calling.

Please join us for Darren’s installation service on Sunday, March 8, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and in praying for Darren and Elisabeth and our church as he begins this next chapter of ministry among us.

A reception will take place during the education hour in Courtenay Hall before his installation at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We encourage everyone to gather to enjoy refreshments, to celebrate Darren and Elisabeth, and to encourage them with a card on this special day.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 2** | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | PW Handiwork Drop in
- Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25** | 6:30 p.m. | Lenten Vesper Services
- Mar. 8** | 11:00 a.m. | Installation of Dr. Darren Kennedy
- Mar. 11, 25, Apr. 8, 22** | 12:30–2:30 p.m. | Winter Mahjong Play
- Mar. 29** | Palm Sunday
- Mar. 29** | 3:30 p.m. | Easter Festival
- Apr. 2** | 5:30 p.m. | Maundy Thursday Dinner (Childcare Provided)
- Apr. 2** | 6:30 p.m. | Maundy Thursday Service
- Apr. 3** | 5:30 p.m. | Good Friday Dinner (Childcare Provided)
- Apr. 3** | 6:30 p.m. | Good Friday Service ft. Bach’s St. Matthews Passion
- Apr. 5** | 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. | Easter Services
- Apr. 6** | Church Office Closed for Easter Monday
- Apr. 8, 15, 22** | 6:00–8:00 p.m. | Spring Mahjong Lessons
- Apr. 29** | 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. | Spring Mahjong Play

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- Mar. 8** | 4:00 p.m. | New Baby Reception
- Apr. 12** | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Bible Milestone (4 yrs. & 3rd Grade)
- Apr. 12** | 9:45 a.m. | Confirmation Exam
- Apr. 12** | 5:00 p.m. | Mock Youth Group for Confirmands
- Apr. 19** | 9:45 a.m. | Missions Milestone (4th-5th Grade)
- Apr. 19** | 9:45 a.m. | Confirmation Make-up Exam
- Apr. 26** | 11:00 a.m. | Confirmation Sunday

FIRST FRIENDS

- Mar. 17** | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club: *The Jackal’s Mistress*
- Mar. 19, Apr. 16** | 12:00 p.m. | First Friends Luncheon
- Mar. 26** | Day Trip: Chattanooga Medal of Honor Heritage Museum
- Apr. 9** | Nashville Ballet Viewing of *Attitude* Rehearsal
- Apr. 21** | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club: *Connie: A Memoir*
- Apr. 28** | Day Trip: Home of Helen Keller

MISSIONS

- Mar. 10, Apr. 14** | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project
- Apr. 15** | 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. | Blood Drive
- Apr. 19** | 4:30–6:30 p.m. | Matthew 25 Meal

RECREATION

- Mar. 28** | 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. | First Soccer Game Day
- Apr. 11, 18, 25** | 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. | Soccer Game Day

YOUTH

- Mar. 28** | 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. | Serve Saturday
- Apr. 19** | 2:00–3:30 p.m. | Youth Senior Blessing
- Apr. 26** | 11:00 a.m. | Youth Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast