
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church of Nashville

March 1, 2026 | 5:00 p.m.

Confirmant-Led Worship Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Angels We Have Heard on High
Cathleen Vrettos, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blue Group

*CALL TO WORSHIP | Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Green Group

Leader: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

**All: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your might.**

Leader: And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

**All: You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them
when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way,
and when you lie down, and when you rise.**

Leader: You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets
between your eyes.

All: You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

*OPENING HYMN

In Christ Alone
Getty | Townend

**In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his, and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Purple Group

¹⁶ Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. ¹⁷ They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. Purge us from selfishness, the fear of man, and the love of praise. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

His Mercy Is More
 Boswell | Papa



1. What love could re-mem-ber no wrongs we have done? Om - ni - scient, all know-ing, he
 2. What rich - es of kind-ness he la - vished on us. His blood was the pay-ment, his



counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with-out bot-tom or shore. Our
 life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could ne-ver af - ford.



sins they are ma-ny, his mer-cy is more. Praise the Lord, his mer-cy is more._____



Stron-ger than dark-ness, new ev'-ry morn; our sins they are ma - ny, his mer-cy is more.

*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.

‡BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Hebrews 10:23-25 (page 1007)

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Hold Fast to Hope

Rev. Mallory Hammond

OFFERTORY

O' Come Little Children
 Caroline Cahill, Violin

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.**

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

Confirmation Singers

All in All
Dennis Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all. *Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.* Taking my cross, my sin my shame, rising again, I praise your name. You are my all in all. When I fall down, you lift me up. When I am dry, you fill my cup. You are my all in all.

Sanctuary
Randy Scruggs, John Thompson

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Lord prepare me to be a testimony, sweet and simple, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living testimony for you.

Lord prepare me to be a sacrifice, Pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sacrifice for you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blue Group

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 450

Be Thou My Vision
SLANE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

** Those who are able, please stand.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Mallory Hammond, MDiv – *Parish Associate, Director of Ministry to Children and Their Families*
Joseph Fala, MM – *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*

Blue Group: Caroline Ramsey, Kate Richardson, Corinne Kaufman, Poppy Yancey, Elizabeth Grace McInteer, Ruffin Harris, Graham Walker, Ward Byram, Hudson Potter, and JuJu Alden

Green Group: Adalyn Gritton, Finn Perkin, Caroline Cahill, Hayden Paschal, Cathleen Vrettos, Kasen Bede, Jack Ward, Christopher Douse, and Louise Suscha

Purple Group: Amelia Emfinger, Annie Ozier, Jay Ekiss, Lauren Pitman, Bentley Flanagin, Samantha Huddleston, Blythe Pons, Sebastien Rounou, Brooks Ward, Worthen Scott

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