



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

THIRD SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
*April 19, 2026*  
*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*



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

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## WORDS OF PREPARATION

*The resurrection does not consist solely of what happened in the past, nor of what we happen to believe about it...This belief is of no help unless you and I experience Jesus as Lord. It is not the worst if some people are unable to believe that Christ rose from the dead—at least they still regard it as something tremendous, too tremendous to glibly confess. The sad thing is that so many people today claim to believe it, and yet it means so little to them. It has no effect in their lives.*

—Christoph Friedrich Blumhardt

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
Paul Manz | CWM RHONDDA

WELCOME

Rev. Sara Hill

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)  
Dr. Darren Kennedy (11:00)

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

**All: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!**

Leader: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!

**All: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!**

Leader: Rejoice, O Church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

**All: He is the King of kings! He is the Lord of lords! Hallelujah!**

\*OPENING HYMN 260

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*  
HYFRYDOL

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

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

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup> but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” <sup>17</sup> And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, I marvel that you purposed to become flesh so that you might be crucified, dead, and buried for me. The tomb calls forth my adoring wonder, for it is empty and you are risen! Grant me to die with you that I may rise to new life, for I wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to the world; that I might not hear the voice of the charmer, and might be delivered from his lusts. Purge me from selfishness, pride, and the fear of man. Grant me to stand with my dying Savior, to be content to be rejected. Grant me more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence.**

*A moment for silent confession.*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 240

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*  
Donald Fishel

#### \*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.*

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‡BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CHILD (8:30)

Kit and Taylor Sawyer are presenting their son, Christopher Brian Sawyer III for baptism.  
Assisting Elder: Denise Bellardo

PRESENTATION OF CHILD (8:30)

Stephen and Sallie Swann are presenting their son, Jack William Swann, for baptism.  
Assisting Elder: Eric Osborne

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

‡*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 286 (8:30)

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*  
TRENTHAM

ANTHEM (11:00)

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*  
arr. John Ferguson

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: come, Holy Spirit, come. To the members of Christ's Body, to the branches of the Vine, to the church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: come, Holy Spirit, come. With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the pow'r to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: come, Holy Spirit, come.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | John 20:19-23 (page 906)

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**A Word to the Restless**

Dr. Ryan Moore

*"Peace be with you."*—John 20:19, 21

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OFFERTORY

*Rise Heart from Five Mystical Songs*  
Ralph Vaughan Williams | George Herbert

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delays. Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise: that as his death calcined thee to dust, his life may make thee gold, and much more just. Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art. The cross taught all wood to resound his name who bore the same. His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key is best to celebrate this most high day. Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long: or since all music is but three parts vied, and multiplied; O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, and make up our defects with his sweet art.

*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 (8:30)  
Rev. Mallory Hammond (11:00)

**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 187

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
BRADBURY

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*  
ST. LEONARDS

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day. By his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say. May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r. May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing. May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win; and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Prelude on the Easter Hymn*  
Charles 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*  
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*  
Gage Arnold, MDiv – *Director of Youth Programming*  
Adrian Taylor, MDiv – *Director of Missions Ministry*  
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*  
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*  
Chris Simonsen, Baritone  
*Acolytes* – Lauren Pitman, Ryan Pitman, Helen Burkhalter, Collins Leach

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You can make a gift or fulfill a pledge payment by placing your gift in the offering plate, texting “GIVE” to 707-475-3005, donating online at [fpcnashville.org](http://fpcnashville.org), or scan the QR code.



### 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](https://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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## *Get Connected*

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**First Presbyterian Church of Nashville** exists as a community of believers—a faithful outpost where we worship, grow, and serve together in Christ. Your presence strengthens this community, and together we reflect God’s love and faithfulness to one another and to the world around us. We invite you to stay connected and engaged, so that together we can be our fullest expression as God’s family. There are many ways to find your place at FPC—on Sundays, during the week, and in smaller communities designed for connection and growth. For information on any of the below offerings, contact Dr. Darren Kennedy at [dkennedy@fpcnashville.org](mailto:dkennedy@fpcnashville.org) or Ellie Richmond [erichmond@fpcnashville.org](mailto:erichmond@fpcnashville.org).

#### **Sundays | 9:45 a.m.**

Choose from ten Adult Sunday School classes, offering space to learn, build friendships, and grow in faith. Full list at [fpcnashville.org/Sunday-school](http://fpcnashville.org/Sunday-school).

#### **Mondays, Apr. 13–May 18 | 9:30–11:00 a.m.**

Women’s Intergenerational Esther Study, led by Rev. Mallory Hammond and Ellie Richmond

#### **Tuesdays | 7:00 a.m. | Vance Hall**

Men’s Bible Study, led by Dr. Sandra Randleman

#### **Wednesdays | 6:00 a.m. | Vance Hall**

Men’s Bible Study, led by Gage Arnold and Scott Dalton

#### **Wednesdays | 11:30 a.m. | Session Room**

Bible study and lunch, led by Dr. Ryan Moore

**Daytime Mahjong Open Play | Wednesday, Apr. 22 | 12:30–2:30 p.m.** — 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 session for all levels will be held 12:30–2:30 p.m. on Apr. 22 in the Cheek House. Registration is requested to ensure enough tables and coaches are available. Sign up at [fpcnashville.org/mahjong](http://fpcnashville.org/mahjong).

**Intergenerational Esther Women's Study | Mondays through May 18 | 9:30–11:00 a.m.** — We are so excited to invite you to an intergenerational study of the book of Esther. Each week we'll gather as a large group and then break into smaller discussion groups as we explore how the story of Esther points to a God who fulfills his promises to his people and creates redemptive patterns in human events. Cost is \$10 and includes a study guide. Those who participated in the Ruth Study may use their existing book at no cost. Registration is required ([fpcnashville.org/esther](http://fpcnashville.org/esther)), and childcare is provided. Led by Rev. Mallory Hammond and Ellie Richmond. Questions? Contact Ellie Richmond at [erichmond@fpcnashville.org](mailto:erichmond@fpcnashville.org).

**Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering | Tuesday, May 12 | 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. | Stanford Chapel** — A time for fellowship and reflection on the past year. Join us in the Cheek House as we enjoy lunch, thank our outgoing leadership and discuss the focus for Presbyterian Women heading into the next year. Join us for worship in Stanford Chapel at 10:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon and fellowship in the Cheek House. Registration ends at 5:00 p.m. on May 5. Register at [fpcnashville.org/pw](http://fpcnashville.org/pw), or in person today in Courtenay Hall.

**Ascension Day Worship (11:00 a.m.) and Lunch (12:00 p.m.) | Thursday, May 14** — Join us as we celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection and ascension into heaven on Ascension Day, traditionally celebrated 40 days after Easter. This intimate service will remind us that Christ's promise is good news for today, tomorrow, and eternity. We will worship together at 11:00 a.m. in the Sullivan Gardens, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, worship will be in the Stanford Chapel. We will gather for a light lunch following the service in the Cheek House. Please register for lunch at [fpcnashville.org/events](http://fpcnashville.org/events).

**Soccer Saints Volunteer Sign-Up | Saturdays through May 23 | One-hour shifts from 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.** — Thousands of guests attend our campus for spring and fall soccer each year. We want to welcome and love these families as they play, cheer, and coach on the FPC campus. Would you help us create a warm and welcoming atmosphere by volunteering as a Soccer Saint at one of our welcome tents on Saturday mornings? Whether you are young, old, or in between, it's a great way to serve God's people and spread joy. Your ministry of presence will be a blessing to our community. To sign up, visit [fpcnashville.org/ministry/soccer](http://fpcnashville.org/ministry/soccer).

**Officer Nominations for Class of 2029 | Recommendations due by May 22** — The Officer Nominating Committee is soliciting recommendations from the members of First Presbyterian Church for persons to be considered to serve in the Offices of Elder and Deacon for the Class of 2029. Please prayerfully consider submitting a recommendation for this important and vital service for your church. To submit a recommendation, please complete an Officer Nomination form found in the church literature areas or on the church website by May 22.

### MISSIONS

**Legacy Mission Village Senior Celebration | Thursday, Apr. 23 | 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall** — You are invited to join Legacy Mission Village in celebrating their graduating students on Thursday, April 23, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Come hear about the great work happening at LMV, and see it in action as their students share their talents with guests. Dinner will be served; a small donation of \$5 per person is requested to cover the cost of dinner.

**Intergenerational Mission Trip | July 18–25 | Lynn, MA** — Join FPC for an intergenerational trip to Lynn, Massachusetts, July 18-25, 2026. We will serve a diverse community by offering VBS, as well as participating in other mission activities. The cost is \$650 per person, which includes everything except travel to Boston (accommodation, ground transportation, and food). Families are responsible for arranging their own transportation to Boston Logan International Airport by 2:00 p.m. on July 18. The minimum age to participate is 6; all minors must be accompanied by at least one parent. Contact Adrian Taylor at [ataylor@fpcnashville.org](mailto:ataylor@fpcnashville.org) for more details.

### FIRST FRIENDS

**First Friends and OHS Kindergarten Game Day | Thursday, Apr. 23 | 12:00–1:30 p.m.** — Join us for an afternoon with our First Friends and the kindergarteners of Oak Hill School. We'll gather in the Gathering Place for simple games, shared stories, and time to build intergenerational connections. This is a structured but relaxed time designed to encourage interaction and community between participants of all ages. Light snacks will be provided.

### GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

YTD AT MAR. 31, 2026

**Actual \$1,390,192**

We are grateful for your faithful giving and your commitment to the life of our congregation. Your generosity sustains the ministries we share and strengthens our work in the community. Above is this month's financial summary.



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

### National Day of Prayer

**Thursday, May 7**

*Coffee & Refreshments* | 7:00 a.m. | *Cheek House*  
*Prayer Service* | 7:15 a.m. | *Stanford Chapel*

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for our nation.



### Theology & the Arts: Roger Dale Brown

**Saturday, May 9**

10:00 a.m. | *Courtenay Hall*

What happens when faith takes shape on canvas? Join artist and FPC member Roger Dale Brown—whose work has taken him around the world—as he offers a live painting demonstration and reflects on the creative process as a spiritual practice. Facilitated by Dr. Darren Kennedy, this conversation will explore the intersection of art and theology, beauty and belief, and the ways visual art can deepen our understanding of the gospel. If you were moved by the Beatitudes series that graced our bulletins last fall, come see the heart—and the hands—behind the work. Join us Saturday, May 9, in Courtenay Hall. Enter through the Hospitality Center doors. Register at [fpcnashville.org/arts](http://fpcnashville.org/arts) or contact Dr. Darren Kennedy ([dkennedy@fpcnashville.org](mailto:dkennedy@fpcnashville.org)) for more information.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr. 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18 | 9:30–11:00 a.m. | Intergenerational Esther Women's COB
- Apr. 22 | 12:30–2:30 p.m. | Daytime Mahjong Open Play
- Apr. 22, 29 | 6:00–8:00 p.m. | Evening Mahjong Lessons
- May 3 | 11:00 a.m. | Ordination of Gage Arnold
- May 4 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | PW Handiwork Drop-in
- May 5 | 12:00 p.m. | First Tuesday Men's Lunches with Darren: Martin's BBQ Belmont Blvd
- May 7 | 7:00 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments; 7:15 a.m. Prayer Service | National Day of Prayer
- May 9 | 10:00 a.m. | Theology & the Arts: Roger Dale Brown
- May 12 | 10:30 a.m. | Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering
- May 13, 27 | 6:00–8:00 p.m. | Evening Mahjong Open Play
- May 14 | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Summer Breakfast Speaker Series
- May 14 | 11:00 a.m. | Ascension Day Service
- May 14 | 12:00 p.m. | Ascension Day Lunch
- May 17 | Kirkin' Sunday
- May 28 | 8:00 a.m. | College of Elders Breakfast

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- Apr. 26 | 11:00 a.m. | Confirmation Sunday
- June 23–25 | 5:00–7:45 p.m. | VBS

### FIRST FRIENDS

- Apr. 21 | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club: *Connie: A Memoir*
- Apr. 23 | 12:00 p.m. | First Friends and OHS Game Day
- Apr. 28 | Day Trip: Home of Helen Keller
- May 7 | 10:30 a.m. | Natchez Trace Picnic on the Parkway
- May 19 | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club: *Sipsworth*
- May 21 | 12:00 p.m. | Luncheon: Mission Presentation from Matthew 25

### MISSIONS

- July 18–25 | Intergenerational Mission Trip
- Sept. 14–25 | Kenya Mission Trip

### RECREATION

- Apr. 25; May 2, 9, 16 | 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. | Soccer Saints
- Wednesdays | 5:30–8:00 p.m. | Pickleball (Except May 6)

### YOUTH

- Today | 2:00–3:30 p.m. | Senior Blessing
- Apr. 26 | 9:45 a.m. | Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- May 3 | 8:30 a.m. | Youth Sunday
- Jun. 1–5 | Pilgrimage to Yosemite (Seniors)

**MUSIC NOTES:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (CWM RHONDDA) arr. By Paul Manz from Ten Chorale Improvisations, Set 5 MorningStar Music Publishers / Birnamwood Publications OneLicense.net License #A-714895. | *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* arr. John Ferguson | *May the Mind of Christ My Saviour* by Arthur Cyril Barham-Gould and Kate Barclay Wilkinson © Words: 1982 The Jubilate Group; Music: Public Domain For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com) CCLI License # 1121456

**COVER IMAGE:** *Peace and Plenty*. 1865. Oil on canvas, 77 5/8 × 112 3/8 in. (197.2 × 285.4 cm). Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. — Inness's quiet landscape, marked by soft light and a sense of settled abundance, reflects a world restored after turmoil. Paired with John 20:19–23, it offers a gentle echo of Christ's "Peace be with you," where fear gives way to presence, and the ordinary becomes filled with calm assurance.