



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*May 10, 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

*Joy, which was the small publicity of the pagan, is the gigantic secret of the Christian.*

—G. K. Chesterton

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

*Prelude in G*  
Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION (11:00)

Dr. Rob Weingartner

INTROIT (8:30)

*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 heav'nly King may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

INTROIT (11:00)

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love! O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 93

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

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**All: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**All: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

**All: For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises! Sing praise!**

\*OPENING HYMN 645

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*  
MIT FREUDEN ZART

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Adrian Taylor

FIRST LESSON | Ephesians 1:15-23 (page 976)

Barbara Fisher (8:30)  
Melissa Burton (11:00)

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<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Darren Kennedy

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.**

*A moment for silent confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 634

*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.*

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‡BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CHILD (8:30)

Caroline & T.K. Everett are presenting their daughter, Sloane Curtis Tanner Everett, for baptism.  
Assisting Elder: Hugh Tanner

PRESENTATION OF CHILD (11:00)

Lauren and Matthew Ryan are presenting their children, Weathers Thomas Ryan and June Lovett Ryan, for baptism.  
Assisting Elder: Dan Ryan

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 45 | Psalm 121

*I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes*  
DUNDEE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 24:44-53 (page 885)

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” <sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**Parting Is Such Sweet Joy**

Dr. Ryan Moore

*And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy —Luke 24:52*

OFFERTORY

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*  
arr. Dan Forrest

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure, through a world that would deceive us, where to sin our hearts are lured. Ever in his footsteps treading, living here, yet home above, full of faith and hope and love. Let us do our Father’s bidding, faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead, I follow thee. Let us also die with Jesus, by his cross he conquer’d death, freed us from our souls’ destruction, quickened us with life’s new breath. Let us mortify, while living, self and pride, and die to sin, and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here I die to thee, there to dwell eternally. Let us gladly live with Jesus, he is risen from the dead. Death is swallowed up, in vict’ry, Jesus, thou art now our Head. Living members of thy body, where thou livest, we shall be, thou wilt keep us constantly. Even so, dear Lord, come quickly, Jesus, here I live to thee, there to dwell eternally.

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*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](http://fpcnashville.org).*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Sara Hill

**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 643

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
Peter Lutkin

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Processional*  
William Mathias

*\* Those who are able, please stand.*

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*  
Gage Arnold, MDiv – *Associate Pastor to Youth and Their Families*  
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*  
Adrian Taylor, MDiv – *Director of Missions Ministry*  
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*  
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*  
FPC Children's Choir – Kevin Salter, Director  
*Acolytes* – Christopher Douse, Robert Douse, Powell Byram, Sam Byram

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Norton McGaughy "Bub" Edwards by Frances M. Edwards and 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](https://www.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.

## THANK YOU, DAPHNE GAREY



After more than 25 years of faithful service, Daphne will retire from her role as Ministry Assistant for the Music Department on May 15. Throughout her time with us, she has supported every aspect of our music ministry—from coordinating choir logistics and planning trips, to preparing weekly worship materials, managing the music library, and attending to countless details behind the scenes that make our worship both meaningful and seamless.

Daphne’s work has helped shape the musical life of our church in ways both seen and unseen. In addition to her staff role, she has shared her gifts as a soprano in the choir and has been a steady, dedicated presence in this community, all while raising and now launching her two daughters into adulthood.

We are deeply grateful for her years of service and the care she has given to this ministry. While we will miss her greatly, we are thankful for the time she has spent helping to train Maggie Martinez in this transition, and we wish her every joy in retirement.

## WELCOME MAGGIE MARTINEZ



Maggie Martinez serves as Ministry Assistant for Music at First Presbyterian Church. In this role, she supports Dr. Raphael Bundage and the music ministry, helping sustain the life of music in worship while also assisting wherever needed in the broader work of the church.

She has been connected to the church and to sacred music since childhood, both of which have remained steady anchors in her life and faith. As a musician and educator, she has continued returning to these spaces, finding a sense of connection even beyond explicitly church settings. She brings a deep appreciation for sacred music and is grateful to now devote her work more fully to its place in worship.

Outside of her role, she enjoys caring for her two dogs, PB and Olive, along with cross stitching and reading. She is especially looking forward to using her love of music to build new relationships and to take part in the shared life of the community.

**Men's Summer Breakfast Speaker Series | Thursday, May 14 | 7:00–8:00 a.m. | Courtenay Hall** — This summer we will gather monthly for a men's breakfast and speaker series. The first gathering will take place on Thursday, May 14, with Darren serving as the speaker. Breakfast will be served as we spend time together in conversation and reflection to begin the day. Cost is \$10. Register online at [fpcnashville.org/msbs](http://fpcnashville.org/msbs).

**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. 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

**Intergenerational Mission Trip | Applications due by June 1 | 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

**Book Club: *Sipsworth* | May 19 | 2:30 p.m.** — This month's book is *Sipsworth* by Simon Van Booy. Over the course of a single week, a woman who is ready to die discovers an unexpected reason to live. All book lovers are welcome to join us and participate in these lively and thought-provoking discussions. ZOOM opportunities are available.

**Lunch and Speaker Series: Matthew 25 Missions | Thursday, May 21 | 12:00–1:30 p.m. | Jones Session Room** — This month we will focus on one of our local missions supported by First Presbyterian Church, Matthew 25. Their mission is to empower men to rebuild their lives, regain their independence, and become fulfilled, contributing members of society through breaking the cycle of homelessness. Enjoy a meal prepared by our own Chef Kim Rogers 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.

**Natchez Trace Picnic on the Parkway RESCHEDULED | Wednesday, May 13 | 10:30 a.m.** — The Natchez Trace Parkway is a limited-access national parkway in the Southeastern United States that commemorates the historic Natchez Trace and preserves sections of that original trail. Join us for a springtime picnic on part of the Parkway near Leiper's Fork. We will provide the picnic set up. Cost is only \$10 per person. There is still time to register online at [fpcnashville.org/events](http://fpcnashville.org/events). Contact Sally Ostheimer ([sostheimer@fpcnashville.org](mailto:sostheimer@fpcnashville.org)) for more information.

**Pickleball Lessons/Play | Thursdays, May 14 – 28 | 5:00–6:30 p.m. | Enrichment Center** — Need a workout? Here's a chance to learn the newest sport that has taken over the country; Pickleball. The Recreation Department and First Friends are joining forces to offer you an opportunity to learn to play. Come join us on Thursdays in the Enrichment Center. All you'll need is the will to play and a bottle of water, we have the paddles and balls. No fees, but we do need you to register online at [fpcnashville.org/ffpb](http://fpcnashville.org/ffpb).

MONDAYS IN JUNE

*Join us on Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 for a variety of ways to learn and connect together.*

**Intergenerational Women's Psalms Study  
9:30–11:00 p.m. | Jones Session Room**

Women are invited to a 4-week COB to study Psalms. We'll explore the structure, context, and application of the weekly Psalm.

**Monday Fellowship Lunches  
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall**

Join us on Mondays in June for lunch in Courtenay Hall between 11 a.m. and noon. All are welcome to join. Stay after the Intergenerational COB, come early for Mahjong, or both! Register online at [fpcnashville.org/events](http://fpcnashville.org/events).

**Daytime Mahjong Open Play | Cheek House 12:00–2:00 p.m. | Evening Mahjong Open Play | Cheek House 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

We play a variety of cards including the official ones and the Marvelous Mahjong cards. Bring tiles and cards if you have them.



# Kirkin' SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 17

## Kirkin' Sunday Services

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

Join us as we celebrate Kirkin' o' the Tartan with a spectacular procession of bagpipes, drums, and traditional Scottish Highland dress. Jim Miller will be our guest preacher at the 8:30 and 11:00 services.

## Kirkin' Festival

**9:30 a.m. | Front Lawn**

Join the entire church family at 9:30 a.m. for the Kirkin Festival, where we will enjoy breakfast, play highland games with the Youth and Recreation Ministries, play in a bounce house, and enjoy the sounds of Scotland in front of the Sanctuary. Attendees are encouraged to wear a kilt or stole. If you or your family would like to help with the Kirkin Festival, please register to be a volunteer at [fpcnashville.org/kirkin](http://fpcnashville.org/kirkin).

## Annual Kirkin' Kilt Election

During the Festival, we'll hold a "Kilt Election" featuring candidates Clay Morgan and Jack Richmond. The candidate who raises the most money will receive a kilt connected to their family heritage to wear at next year's Kirkin'. Attendees are invited to bring cash to support and vote for their preferred candidate.

## GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

YTD AT MARCH 31, 2026

**Actual \$1,390,129**

**Budget \$1,444,257**

Variance (54,065)

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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 11, 18 | 9:30–11:00 a.m. | Intergenerational Esther Women's COB
- May 12 | 10:30 a.m. | Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering
- May 13 | 10:30 a.m. | Picnic on the Parkway
- 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: Dr. Darren Kennedy
- 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
- May 31 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- May 31 | Summer COB's begin
- May 31 | 12:15 p.m. | At Home Communion
- June 1 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | PW Handiwork Drop-in
- June 1, 8, 15, 22 | 9:30–11:00 a.m. | Intergenerational Psalms Women's COB
- June 1, 8, 15, 22 | 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Monday Fellowship Lunch
- June 1, 8, 15, 22 | 12:00–2:00 p.m. | Daytime Mahjong Open Play
- June 1, 8, 15, 22 | 6:00–8:00 p.m. | Evening Mahjong Open Play
- June 2 | 12:00 p.m. | First Tuesday Men's Lunch with Darren: Whitt's BBQ Hwy 100
- June 5, 12, 19, 26 | 6:00 a.m. | Men's Workouts | Track & Field
- June 18 | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Summer Breakfast Speaker Series: Dr. Adam Neder

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- June 9–11, 16–18, 23–25, July 7–9, 14–16 | EP Curiosity Camp
- June 23–25 | 5:00–7:45 p.m. | VBS

## FIRST FRIENDS

- May 19 | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club: *Sipsworth*
- May 21 | 12:00 p.m. | Luncheon: Mission Presentation from Matthew 25
- June 11 | First Friends Day Trip to Mammoth Cave and Bluegrass Winery
- June 16 | 2:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m. | Book Club: *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*

## MISSIONS

- May 12, June 9 | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project
- June 21 | 4:30–6:30 p.m. | Matthew 25 Meal
- July 18–25 | Intergenerational Mission Trip
- Sept. 14–25 | Kenya Mission Trip

## RECREATION

- May 16 | 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. | Soccer Saints
- Wednesdays | 5:30–8:00 p.m. | Pickleball (Except May 6)
- June 1–19 | Fall Soccer Early Registration
- June 20–26 (ends 4:00 p.m.) | Fall Soccer Late Registration
- June 7, 14, 21, 28 | 2:30–4:30 p.m. | Pool Fellowship & Open Swim

## YOUTH

- June 1-5 | Pilgrimage to Yosemite (Seniors)
- June 10 | 6:00–7:30 p.m. | Mega Slip & Slide
- June 14–20 | West Virginia Mission Trip to Davy, WV
- July 1 | 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Youth Float the Harpeth

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