



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

DAY OF PENTECOST

*May 24, 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 church is not born at the moment when people decide to get together and organize themselves. The church is born when the Spirit blows through.*

—William H. Willimon

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

*Veni, Creator Spiritus*  
Libby Larsen

WELCOME

Dr. Ryan Moore

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Tricia Carswell

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Gage Arnold (8:30)

Leader: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

**All: We dwell in him and he in us.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

**All: Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

**All: And speak of all his marvelous works.**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

**All: Who was and is and is to come!**

\*OPENING HYMN 267

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*  
MADRID

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Sandra Randleman

FIRST LESSON | Genesis 2:1-9 (page 2)

Itice Goldthorpe (8:30)  
Mary Baker (11:00)

<sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had

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done in creation. <sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. <sup>5</sup> When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, <sup>6</sup> and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— <sup>7</sup> then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Adrian Taylor

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we are truly sorry and humbly repent. Forgive us, we pray. Renew us with your Spirit, fill us with your fire, and make us instruments of your grace. Help us to be a people who are not ashamed of your Spirit, but who eagerly seek to be led by you. Grant us boldness to speak the truth in love, to be beacons of hope in a world that desperately needs your love. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*A moment for silent confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

*Come, Thou Almighty King*  
ITALIAN HYMN

**To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be, hence evermore!  
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore.**

### \*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

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION OF CHILD (8:30)

Alice and Robert Brackenbury are presenting their son, Robert Campbell Brackenbury, for baptism.  
Assisting Elder: Tricia Carswell

### PRESENTATION OF CHILD (11:00)

Virginia and Lane Baker are presenting their son, David McLeod Baker, for baptism.  
Assisting Elder: Brock Baker

### 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 803

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
RESIGNATION

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING | Acts 2:1-11 (page 909)

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### **A Sound like Wind**

Rev. Mallory Hammond

*And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. —Acts 2:2*

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OFFERTORY

*Cantique de Jean Racine*  
Gabriel Fauré

*Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance, jour éternel de la terre et des cieus, de la paisible nuit, nous rompons le silence, Divin Sauveur jette sur nous les yeux! Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante, que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix, dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante, qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois! O Christ sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé, reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé!*

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, eternal light of the earth and the day, we kneel in adoration, O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye! Send down on us the fire of thy grace all consuming, whose wondrous might dispersed the pow'rs of hell, and rouse our slumb'ring souls with radiance all illum'ning, that they may waken thy mercy to tell! O Christ bestow thy blessing on us, we implore thee, who here are gathered on penitent knee, accept the hymns we chant to thine eternal glory and these thy gifts we return unto thee!

*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

**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 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
CWM RHONDDA

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
Peter Lutkin

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Spitfire Prelude*  
William Walton

*\* 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*  
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Parish Associate for Congregational Care*  
Adrian Taylor, MDiv – *Director of Missions Ministry*  
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*  
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*  
*Acolytes* – Christopher Douse, Robert Douse, Lila Bess Vargas, Livia Vargas

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Rena Clayton Rolfe and Justin Nicholas Montalbano by Cathryn and Billy Rolfe.

## SUPPORTING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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](http://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.

## STAY CONNECTED

*Stay informed about FPC by:  
reading our weekly email, Parish News,  
or seasonal print newsletter, First News.*

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## GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

YTD AT APRIL 30, 2026

**Actual \$1,885,464**

**Budget \$1,775,154**

Variance \$110,310

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.

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**Office Closed for Memorial Day** — The church offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, in honor of Memorial Day.

**All-Church Retreat | August 1-2 | NaCoMe Retreat Center** — Join us for the NaCoMe All-Church Retreat, a weekend of fellowship, fun, and growth in faith and community at NaCoMe Camp & Retreat Center. Enjoy outdoor activities like swimming, archery, and boating, plus a talent show, campfire s'mores, and worship together. Families stay in separate bunk rooms with private bathrooms. Cost varies based on age and length of stay, with options for the full weekend or Saturday only. Register by July 23 at [fpcnashville.org/NaCoMe](http://fpcnashville.org/NaCoMe) to be part of this cherished tradition!

**Officer Nominations for Class of 2029 | Recommendations due by May 29** — 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. Submit a recommendation by May 29 by completing an Officer Nomination form found in the church literature areas or at [fpcnashville.org/nominees](http://fpcnashville.org/nominees).

**Psalms Summer COBs | Various Times and Locations** — This summer, we'll be exploring the Psalms alongside the church's summer sermon series through relaxed, discussion-based gatherings focused on understanding the text, connecting it to everyday life, and learning how the Psalms teach us to pray. We would love for you to join the conversation this summer. The format is intentionally flexible for summer schedules—come when you can, connect with community, and deepen your walk with the Lord. COBs meet at various times throughout the summer in homes around town. Questions? Contact Ellie Richmond at [erichmond@fpcnashville.org](mailto:erichmond@fpcnashville.org); register at [fpcnashville.org/cob](http://fpcnashville.org/cob).

**College Summer COB | Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 and July 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6:30–7:30 p.m. | Elrod Home** — Home for the summer? Join other college students and young adults for a relaxed weekly Bible study through the Psalms. Using the summer COB curriculum, each week connects with the Sunday sermon series and is designed to be discussion-based, accessible, and easy to jump into—even if you miss a week or two. For more information, contact Ben Elrod at [ben\\_elrod@yahoo.com](mailto:ben_elrod@yahoo.com).

### MEN'S

**First Tuesday Men's Lunches with Darren | Tuesday, June 2 | 12:00 p.m. | Location Change: Peg Leg Porker** — Join us for a relaxed lunch gathering on the first Tuesday of each month at locations around town. These lunches are open to anyone able to step away from work or daily routines to share a meal and enjoy conversation together. Darren will be present each month and looks forward to connecting with those who are able to attend.

**Men's Workouts | Fridays, June 5, 12, 19, 26 | 6:00 a.m. | OHS Track and Field** — Dr. Darren Kennedy will gather with men on Friday mornings in June at 6:00 a.m. for a series of outdoor workouts at the OHS track. These sessions will focus on track-based conditioning, movement, and fitness work designed for men and we will accommodate all levels of fitness. Whether you are looking for accountability, encouragement, or simply a consistent way to stay active alongside other men from the church, this summer series offers a strong start to the day rooted in discipline, fellowship, and shared purpose.

**Men's Summer Breakfast Speaker Series | Thursday, June 18 | 7:00–8:00 a.m. | Courtenay Hall** — This summer we will gather monthly for a men's breakfast and speaker series. Dr. Adam Neder, Professor of Theology and Senior Fellow of Spiritual Formation at Belmont University, will present at the June gathering. Breakfast will be served as we spend time together in conversation and reflection to begin the day.

**Nashville Fellows Host-Home Interest Meeting | June 21 or July 19 | 10:00-10:30 a.m. | Courtenay Hall** — Join us for an informational gathering to learn more about becoming a host home for the Nashville Fellows Program. During this meeting, a representative from the Nashville Fellows will share an overview of the program and the impact it has on young professionals. We'll also watch a short video featuring Sam Gould reflecting on his experience living with a host family. Following the presentation, we'll walk through host home expectations and responsibilities, and will hold time for questions and conversation. Whether you're simply curious or seriously considering hosting, we'd love for you to join us.

### MISSIONS

**Medical Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic | Nov. 7–13 | Registration Deadline is Friday, Aug. 1** — Join FPC for a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic from Nov. 7-13. Both medical and non-medical participants are needed and welcome. Physicians will assist with surgeries in a local hospital, while non-medical volunteers will serve alongside medical teams in local villages by helping with health checks and distributing common medications. For more information or to register, contact Jeff King or Adrian Taylor by Aug. 1.

### FIRST FRIENDS

*Gatherings for adults, retired and not-so-retired! Register online or contact Sally Ostheimer ([sostheimer@fpcnashville.org](mailto:sostheimer@fpcnashville.org)). For more information, visit [fpcnashville.org/first-friends](http://fpcnashville.org/first-friends).*

**Pickleball Lessons/Play | Thursdays, through May 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).



## DEEP SEA VBS 2026

**Tuesday-Thursday, June 23-25 | 5:00–7:45 p.m.**

Set sail for Deep Sea VBS and explore Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and skits that reveal deep love of God. Each evening begins at 5:00 p.m. with an optional family dinner, followed by the VBS program from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. VBS serves children ages 4 through rising 4th grade. Register online at [fpcnashville.org/vbs](http://fpcnashville.org/vbs).

### VBS Volunteers

VBS is a ministry for the whole church, and volunteers of all ages are essential to make it happen! Whether you'd like to help prep ahead of time, serve onsite, or be part of the VBS Prayer Team, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Katie Higgins ([khiggins@fpcnashville.org](mailto:khiggins@fpcnashville.org)). Volunteers can register online at [fpcnashville.org/vbs](http://fpcnashville.org/vbs).

## MONDAYS IN JUNE

*June 1, 8, 15, 22*

**Intergenerational Women's Psalms Study | 9:30–11:00 a.m. | Jones Session Room** — Women are invited to a 4-week COB to study alongside the summer sermon series on Psalms. We'll gather as a large group and then break into smaller discussion groups as we explore the structure, context, and application of the weekly Psalm.

**Monday Fellowship Lunches | 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall** — All are invited to join us on Mondays in June for lunch in Courtenay Hall between 11:00 a.m. and noon. Stay after the Intergenerational COB, come early for Mahjong, or both!

**Mahjong Open Play | 12:00–2:00 p.m.; 6:00–8:00 p.m. | Cheek House** — We play a variety of cards including the official ones and the Marvelous Mahjong cards. Join us for either noon session or evening session. Bring your own set of tiles and cards if you have them.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 27 | 6:00–8:00 p.m. | Evening Mahjong Open Play  
 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 COBs 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: Peg Leg Porker  
 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 23–25 | 5:00–7:45 p.m. | VBS

## FIRST FRIENDS

June 5 | 5:00–9:00 p.m. | Nashville Symphony Concert  
 June 11 | 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

June 9 | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project  
 June 21 | 4:30–6:30 p.m. | Matthew 25 Meal  
 Sept. 14–25 | Kenya Mission Trip  
 Nov. 7–13 | Dominican Republic Medical Mission Trip

## RECREATION

Wednesdays | 5:30–8:00 p.m. | Pickleball  
 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  
 June 2 & July 19 | 10:00 a.m. | Nashville Fellows Host Home Interest Meetings