

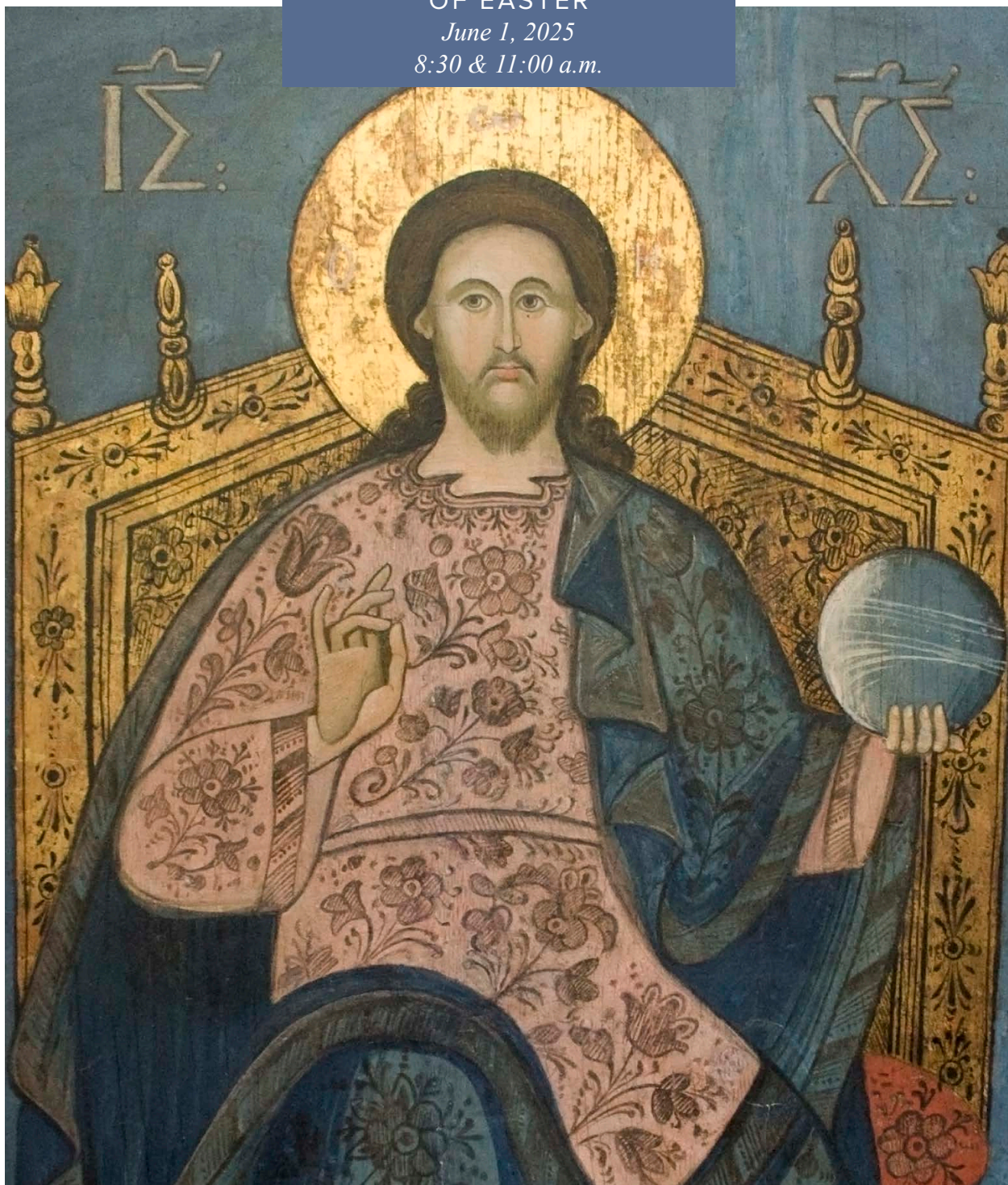


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

SEVENTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

*June 1, 2025*

*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

*Live near to God, and so all things will appear to you little in comparison to eternal realities.*

—Robert Murray M'Cheyne

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

*Prelude on Slane (Be Thou My Vision)*  
Healey Willan

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION | Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Jane Smith and Mickey Martin

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. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but favorites of the heav'nly King may speak their joys abroad.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)  
Rev. Sara Hill (11:00)

Pastor: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

**All: Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!**

Pastor: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy.

**All: All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.**

\*OPENING HYMN 275

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
EIN FESTE BURG

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Mallory Hammond

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 2 (page 448)

Chris Morrison (8:30)  
Doug Brandon (11:00)

<sup>1</sup> Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, <sup>3</sup> “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.” <sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. <sup>5</sup> Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, <sup>6</sup> “As for me, I

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have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.<sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”<sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.<sup>11</sup> Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.<sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in 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

*Glory Be to the Father*  
GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end, Amen, Amen.**

## \*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

*‡Following the Blessing of the Young Disciples, children ages 4–6 are invited to join us downstairs in Grundy Hall for Young Children & Worship.*



## HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Before the Throne of God Above*  
Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great High  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I  
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un -  
4. I bow be - fore the cross of Christ, and mar - vel at this love di - vine, God's per - fect

Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on His  
look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior  
- change - a - ble "I AM," the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him - self I can - not  
Son was sac - ri - ficed to make me right - eous in God's eyes. This riv - er's depths I can - not

hands, my name is writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He  
died my sin - ful soul is count - ed free, for God the Just is sat - is -  
die, my soul is pur - chased with His blood; My life is hid with Christ on  
know, but I can glo - ry in its flood; The Lord Most High has bowed down

stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
- fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.  
low, and poured on me His glo - rious love, and poured on me His glo - rious love.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING | John 17:20-26 (page 903)

<sup>20</sup> "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

### Jesus' Prayer for Us

Dr. Ryan Moore

*"The glory that you have given me I have given to them,  
that they may be one even as we are one..." —John 17:22*

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## OFFERTORY

*All My Hope on God Is Founded*  
Herbert Howells

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew. Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true. God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own. Pride of man and earthly glory, sword and crown betray his trust; what with care and toil he buildeth, tower and temple, fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower. God's great goodness aye endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought: splendour, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught. Evermore from his store newborn worlds rise and adore. Daily doth th'Almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow; His desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command. Still from man to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son. Christ doth call one and all; ye who follow shall shall not fall.

*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 260

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*  
HYFRYDOL

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
Peter Lutkin

## \*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Paeon (Praise)*  
Michael McCabe

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

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## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*  
Sara Hill, MDiv – *Parish Associate*  
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*  
Mallory Hammond, MDiv – *Director of Ministry with Children & Their Families*  
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*  
*Acolytes* – Watts Ward; Lila Bess and Livia Vargas

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Allison and Dr. Benjamin F. Byrd, Jr. by their loving family.

## 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.



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## SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of

**Robert “Bob” Baxter Jackson, Sr.** who died May 15, 2025.

Service | Tuesday, June 3 | 2:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

*There will be no visitation.*

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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!

**Children of all ages** are invited to worship alongside their families, and worship activity bags are provided at each entrance to the Sanctuary. Children ages 4–6 are invited to join **Young Children & Worship** following the Blessing of the Young Disciples. Parents pick up their child after worship at Grundy Hall, located in the Children’s Ministry Wing. Following 8:30 a.m. worship, children of all ages are invited to stay for the Education Hour. Check-in and pickup for Nursery–Kindergarten is located in the Children’s Ministry lobby, while Elementary is located in Oak Hill C-Wing. **Nursery care** for children ages 0–3 is available from 8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. The **Mother and Infant Quiet Room** is located in the Nursery Wing. *For more information, visit [fpcnashville.org/children](http://fpcnashville.org/children) or contact Mallory Hammond ([mhammond@fpcnashville.org](mailto:mhammond@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9582).*

**Youth** Sunday School meets in the Gathering Place, where students enjoy fellowship, games, worship, and study Scripture together. *For more information, visit [fpcnashville.org/youth](http://fpcnashville.org/youth) or contact Gage Arnold ([garnold@fpcnashville.org](mailto:garnold@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9586).*

**Adult Sunday School** is offered between services during the Education Hour. Classes range in size, format, and content. *For more information, visit [fpcnashville.org/sunday-school](http://fpcnashville.org/sunday-school) or contact Julia Wilk ([jwilk@fpcnashville.org](mailto:jwilk@fpcnashville.org) or 615-473-8742).*

**Join us downstairs** in Courtenay Hall between services for coffee and doughnuts.

To **livestream** worship and special events or view past services, visit [fpcnashville.org/sermons](http://fpcnashville.org/sermons).

**Hearing Assistance App Directions:** Join WiFi network. You must be connected to this network for the app to work. Network Name: FPC Guest; Password: GreenRock-81. Download the WaveCAST app. Open the app and select “First Pres Sanctuary.” Plug in your headphones and adjust the volume to your preference.

## INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE CONNECTED?

If you are new to our community, we would love to get to know you and welcome you personally into the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Whether you are 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!

*Stay informed about news and upcoming events by reading our weekly email, Parish News, or seasonal print newsletter, First News. To sign up, email [communications@fpcnashville.org](mailto:communications@fpcnashville.org) or update your subscriptions at [fpcnashville.org/my-subscriptions](http://fpcnashville.org/my-subscriptions).*

**Young Adult Summer Sunday School Begins Today | 9:45 | June 1–August 31**—If you’re a college student or in your 20s or 30s, early in your career, and in a season before kids, this new class is for you. We’re launching a new Sunday School class toda—a relaxed, fun, and real conversation about faith and life, meeting in Courtenay Lounge. Led by Chris Holstein, Adrian Taylor, and Sarah Fala.

**Music City Brass Ensemble Concert | Today | 2:00 p.m. | Sanctuary** — The Music City Brass Ensemble, a semi-professional community group dedicated to large brass ensemble music, will perform a free concert featuring works by Michael Daugherty, Giuseppe Verdi, and Gustav Holst. The program will also include the premiere of a fanfare by Tennessee composer John David Hazlett. All are welcome.

**Pray for the St. Louis Mission Trip | Saturday, May 31–Saturday, June 7** — Please be in prayer for our high school students and adult leaders as they serve in St. Louis this week. Pray for safety, endurance, and open hearts—that God would use this time to bear fruit both in their work and in the relationships formed along the way.

**Service Project with the Nueva Vida Food Project | Tuesdays, June 17 & June 24 | 5:00–8:00 p.m. | Matthew 25 Food Bank – Nueva Vida** — Looking for a meaningful way to serve this summer? 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 5 volunteers each evening. Come for one or both dates! If you’re interested in joining or have any questions, reach out to Will Overton at [willo1108@gmail.com](mailto:willo1108@gmail.com) or 615-498-2650.

**Water Aerobics | Fridays, June 13–August 29 (no class July 4) | 10:00–11:00 a.m. | Pool** — Join us for water aerobics on Fridays this summer! An instructor from the local YMCA will lead themed classes with coordinated music playlists. The pool opens at 9:45 a.m. to allow time to get ready. We provide flotation belts, noodles, kickboards, and weights—just bring your own towel, sunscreen, and water. Cost is \$5 per person, payable in cash at the class. RSVP at [recreation@fpcnashville.org](mailto:recreation@fpcnashville.org).

**NaCoMe All-Church Retreat | Saturday, August 2–Sunday, August 3** — Join us for the NaCoMe All-Church Retreat, a weekend of fellowship, fun, and growth in faith and community on August 2–3 at NaCoMe Camp & Retreat Center. Enjoy outdoor activities like swimming, archery, and boating, plus a talent show, campfire s’mores, and a closing worship service on Sunday morning. Cost varies based on age and length of stay, with options for the full weekend or Saturday only. Register now at [fpcnashville.org/NaCoMe](http://fpcnashville.org/NaCoMe).

**Rwanda Mission Trip | August 13–21** — FPC will send a delegation to join the 25th anniversary celebration of Kanombe Parish Presbyterian Church, where we have partnered in ministry for many years. This relationship-building trip is open to all. Estimated cost is under \$3,000 per person. For more information, contact Michael Hindman at [mhindman@hnmharchitects.com](mailto:mhindman@hnmharchitects.com).

**Save the Date: Fall Habitat for Humanity Build | Sept. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, and Oct. 4-5** — This fall, our church is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to help build a home and build community. With over 170 volunteer spots for both construction and lunch crews, there’s a place for everyone to serve. Registration opens later this summer.



WELCOME GABBY POSTON

We’re thrilled to introduce a new addition to our youth ministry team: Gabby Poston, who is joining us as the Assistant Youth Director for Girls. Gabby brings both experience and energy to the role, and we can’t wait for our students to get to know her! Gabby—known to most as “Gabs”—grew up in East Tennessee and moved to Nashville ten years ago to play soccer and study at Trevecca Nazarene University. She holds a degree in Social Work and a Master’s in Pastoral Counseling. With a heart for youth ministry and a deep desire to walk alongside students in their faith journeys, Gabby is excited to step into this new season at First Presbyterian. She loves traveling, laughing with friends, playing sports, and never turns down a bowl (or two) of ice cream. We’re so grateful to have her on the team and can’t wait for all that God will do through her in the lives of our students. Welcome Gabby to by dropping her an email at [gposton@fpcnashville.org](mailto:gposton@fpcnashville.org).

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY | YTD at April 30, 2025

Actual	\$1,775,884
Budget	\$1,772,300
Variance	\$3,584

*As part of our commitment to transparency and to deepen our shared understanding of church finances, the Finance Committee is now providing monthly updates on giving.*

ONLY 16 DAYS  
UNTIL

# VBS 2025

## TREASURE HUNT

**JUNE 17–19, 2025**

**5:00–7:45 p.m.**

**Ages 4–Rising 4th Grade**

### THE GREAT TREASURE HUNT

Get ready to dig deep into the treasures of faith with *The Great Treasure Hunt*—a three-night adventure through Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and skits that reveal the greatest treasure of all: life in Christ. 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 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 Mallory Hammond ([mhammond@fpcnashville.org](mailto:mhammond@fpcnashville.org)).

**JOIN THE  
ADVENTURE!**

Register at  
**[fpcnashville.org/vbs](http://fpcnashville.org/vbs)**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 1** | Music City Brass Ensemble  
**June 2** | PW Handiwork Drop-In  
**July 4** | Independence Day: Church Offices Closed  
**July 7** | PW Handiwork Drop-In  
**Aug. 2–3** | NaCoMe All-Church Retreat  
**Aug. 4** | PW Handiwork Drop-In  
**Aug. 11** | Back to School Worship  
**Aug. 16** | One-Day Inquirers Class  
**Sept. 7** | Kickoff Sunday

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**June 8** | VBS Training (new date!)  
**June 17–19** | VBS

### YOUTH

**June 11, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** | Summer D-Group  
**June 11** | Popsicle Pop-In with Gabby Poston  
**June 18** | Post-VBS Jeni's  
**June 23** | Florida Trip Leaves  
**June 29** | Youth Open Swim Day  
**July 2** | Float the Harpeth River  
**July 10** | Ocoee Rafting Day Trip  
**July 19** | Nashville SC Game  
**July 25** | Skate & Sonic Dinner  
**July 29** | Dollywood Day Trip

### FIRST FRIENDS

**June 1** | Hymn Sing & Lunch - CANCELED  
**June 17** | Book Club: *The Library Book*  
**June 19** | Picnic and Farmers Market  
**July 15** | Book Club: Sharing our Favorites

### MISSIONS

**Sept. 13–14, 20–21, 27–28, & Oct. 4–5** | Habitat for Humanity Build

### RECREATION

**Wednesday Evenings** | Pickleball  
**Fridays** | Water Aerobics  
**June 6** | Fall Soccer Early Registration Ends  
**June 6–June 13** | Fall Soccer Late Registration



*To register or see our full calendar of events, scan the QR code above or visit [FPCNASHVILLE.ORG](http://FPCNASHVILLE.ORG).*

### STAY CONNECTED

*Stay informed about news and upcoming events by reading our weekly email, Parish News, or seasonal print newsletter, First News.*

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