



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



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

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Were I a preacher, I should above all other things preach the practice of the presence of God...a subject which, in my opinion, contains the whole spiritual life.

—Brother Lawrence

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
C.V. Stanford

WELCOME

Rev. Gage Arnold

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

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

Leader: Come, let us worship the living God, our light and our salvation.

All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: Let us come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

All: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Leader: We have gathered to praise our gracious God.

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

*OPENING HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory
CWM RHONDDA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Sandra Randleman

FIRST LESSON | Luke 10:38-42 (page 869)

Farrar Looney (8:30)
Paul Hoffman (11:00)

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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

Rev. Mallory Hammond

‡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 688

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
MORECAMBE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Psalm 27 (page 460)

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ² When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. ⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. ⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. ⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸ You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.” ⁹ Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. ¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living! ¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

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

SERMON

The Power of Presence

Adrian Taylor

One thing have I asked of the LORD...—Psalm 27:4

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

You Will I Love
Kevin Hildebrand

You will I love, my strength, my tower; you will I love, my hope, my joy; you will I love with all my power, with fervor time cannot destroy. You will I love, O Light divine, so long as life is mine. You will I love, my life, my Savior, you are my best, my truest friend; you will I love and praise forever, for never shall your kindness end. Your love for me casts out my fear, you are my Savior dear. I thank you, Jesus, sun from heaven, whose radiance has brought light to me; I thank you, who has richly given all that could make me glad and free. I thank you that my soul is healed with love that you revealed. Oh, keep me watchful, then, and humble, and never suffer me to stray; uphold me when my feet would stumble, and keep me faithful to your way. Fill all my nature with your light, O Radiance strong and bright! You will I love, my crown of gladness, you will I love, my God and Lord, within the darkest depths of sadness, and not for hope of high reward. For your own sake, O Light divine, so long as life is mine.

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. Darren Kennedy

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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Helen Howarth Lemmel

**O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!**

Refrain:

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.*

**Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are! *Refrain***

**His word shall not fail you he promised;
Believe him, and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell! *Refrain***

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Variation on 'O God, My Strength and Fortitude'
George Dyson

** Those who are able, please stand.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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*
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
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*
Stephen King, Musician
Acolytes – David Pitman, Graham Swafford, Lila Bess Vargas, Livia Vargas

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Leo R. Lujan by Jeanne Lujan, Stephanie Rickerman, Tracy Lujan, and Nathan Lujan.

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, 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.

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.

Church Office Closed on Friday, July 3 — The Church office will be closed in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Columbarium Niches Available | Price Increase Effective

September 1 — On September 1, the price of niches will increase from \$3,000 to \$3,500. If you have been considering your long-term plans, now is an ideal time to secure a niche at the current price. To purchase a niche prior to the increase or to inquire about availability, please contact Charlotte Schierbaum at cschierbaum@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9527.

Care Team Members Needed — Many members of our church family are no longer able to attend worship in person, but they remain an important part of our congregation. Our Care Team helps them stay connected through a monthly visit, offering friendship, encouragement, and a reminder that they are not forgotten. If you would like to serve in this meaningful ministry, contact Charlotte Schierbaum at cschierbaum@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9527.

Psalms Summer COBs | Various Times and Locations — This summer, Communities of Belonging will explore the Psalms alongside the sermon series through discussion-based gatherings focused on Scripture, prayer, and everyday discipleship. Groups meet at various times and locations throughout the summer, and the flexible format makes it easy to participate whenever your schedule allows. Register at fpcnashville.org/cob.

College Summer COB | Mondays, July 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6:30–7:30 p.m. | Elrod Home — College students and young adults are invited to gather this summer for a discussion-based study of the Psalms connected to the Sunday sermon series. For more information, contact Ben Elrod at ben_elrod@yahoo.com.

Nashville Fellows Host-Home Interest Meeting | 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. Whether you're simply curious or seriously considering hosting, we'd love for you to join us.

FIRST FRIENDS

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

Book Club | July 21 | 2:30-3:30 p.m. | Memorial Library — This month we will discuss each participant's favorite books for the past year. Always a time to gather new suggestions. Our selections feature contemporary and historical fiction, as well as an occasional memoir or biography. We welcome all book lovers to join us and participate in these lively and thought-provoking discussions. Book suggestions are always welcome! ZOOM opportunities are available.

MISSIONS

For more information about mission opportunities, contact Adrian Taylor at ataylor@fpcnashville.org or visit fpcnashville.org/missions.

Rockin' the Ridge at Men of Valor | Tuesday, July 7 | 4:30-7:30 p.m. | FBC Antioch — Join us in supporting the men of Men of Valor at a special graduation celebration at Antioch First Baptist Church. Volunteers are needed to help serve dinner, worship alongside the men, and celebrate graduates and milestone achievements in the program. FPC volunteers should arrive between 4:30–5:00 p.m. to assist with setup, with the graduation ceremony concluding by 7:30 p.m. This is a meaningful opportunity to connect with one of our Kingdom Partners and honor men experiencing transformation and new beginnings. For more info, contact Adrian Taylor, Director of Missions Ministry at ataylor@fpcnashville.org.

Medical Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic | Nov. 7–13 | Registration due 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 apply, contact Jeff King or Adrian Taylor at ataylor@fpcnashville.org for more details.

Nueva Vida | Second Tuesdays | 4:30–7:30 p.m. — Help pack and distribute food to our neighbors in need through the Nueva Vida Food Project. Tasks include sorting, stocking shelves, and offering a friendly smile. We are looking for up to 5 volunteers for each date. Contact Adrian Taylor at ataylor@fpcnashville.org to sign up.

MEN'S

Men's Workouts | Dates extended: Fridays through August | 6:00 a.m. | Track and Field — Men are invited to join Darren Kennedy on Friday mornings at 6:00 a.m. at the track for outdoor workouts designed for all fitness levels. Whether you are looking for accountability, encouragement, or simply a consistent way to stay active alongside other men from the church, we'd love to have you join us. In the event of rain, workouts move to the gym.

First Tuesday Men's Lunch with Darren | July 7 | 12:00 p.m. | Edley's 12 South — 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 Summer Breakfast Speaker Series | Thursday, July 16 | 7:00–8:00 a.m. | Courtenay Hall — This summer we will gather monthly for a men's breakfast and speaker series. Lonnie Stout will present on the Transformative Power of Christ. Breakfast will be served as we spend time together in conversation and reflection to begin the day.

Tuesday Men's Bible Study | 7:00–8:00 a.m. | Vance Hall — Our Tuesday Men's Bible Study has been a cherished tradition for decades – a place where friendships grow, faith deepens, and meaningful conversation happens over a good cup of coffee. Led by Sandra Randleman, the group is currently studying 1 Samuel. Whether you've been with us for years or are just curious to see what it's all about, you're invited to join anytime. Coffee is ready at 7:00 a.m., and we meet from 7:15 to 8:00 a.m. in Vance Hall. No registration is needed. Questions? Contact Sandra Randleman at srandleman@fpcnashville.org.

RECREATION

Pool Fellowship & Open Swim | Sundays | June 28, July 12, 19, 26 | 2:30–4:30 p.m. | Don Wade Memorial Pool — The FPC pool will be open on several Sunday afternoons so that our church family can make memories together and cool off during these hot summer days. There will not be a lifeguard on duty. The pool has limited seating, so bring a lawn chair and all your usual swim gear. All are welcome to join us for swimming and fellowship! In the event of inclement weather, the pool will be closed.

Pickleball | Postponed until Sep. 3 | 5:00–6:30 p.m. — Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition! We warm up at 5:00 p.m. in the Enrichment Center (near the track) and play until 6:30 p.m. Two courts are available, and paddles and balls are provided. Players of all skill levels are welcome. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 615-298-9506 or recreation@fpcnashville.org.

Water Aerobics Canceled — Due to an injury, our instructor is unable to lead Water Aerobics classes this summer. As a result, all summer Water Aerobics classes have been canceled.

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

YTD AT MAY 31, 2026

Actual \$2,240,360

Budget \$2,066,964

Variance \$173,396

We are especially thankful to report that summer giving has remained strong and is currently ahead of budget. During a season when giving often slows, your continued generosity provides stability and momentum for ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness, your support, and your investment in the mission of our church.



ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

August 1-2

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.

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or seasonal print newsletter, First News.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 3 | Church Office Closed
July 6 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | PW Handiwork Drop-in
July 26 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Celebration of the Lord's Supper
August 1-2 | NaCoMe All Church Retreat
August 10 | 5:30 p.m. | Back to School Worship
August 15 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Inquirers Class
August 30 | Kickoff Sunday

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

August 16 | Confirmation Kickoff Ice Cream Social

MEN

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July 16, Aug. 13 | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Summer Breakfast
Speaker Series

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Thursdays, Sept. 3–Oct. 29 (except Sept. 17) | 5:30–8:00 p.m.
| Pickleball

YOUTH

July 1 | 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Youth Float the Harpeth
July 13–16 | Middle School Mission Trip
July 24 | All Day | Dollywood
August 16 | 9:45 a.m. | Annual Youth Parent Meeting
August 23 | 4:00 p.m. | Crud Day

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