



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

July 5, 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

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you there. Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there. Christ, who indwells in you, has something He wants to do through you, wherever you are. Believe this, and go in His grace, and love and power.

—Richard C. Halverson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare for the Common Man
Aaron Copland

WELCOME

Dr. Darren Kennedy (8:30)

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: Let us sing to the LORD a new song; Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Let us sing to the LORD, and bless his name; Let us tell of his salvation from day to day.

All: Let us declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

All: Yes, let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

*OPENING HYMN 331

God of Our Fathers
NATIONAL HYMN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST LESSON | Romans 8:31-39 (page 944)

Thomas Byrd (8:30)
Finn Perkin (11:00)

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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. In his name we pray...

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns
DIADEMATA

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Heidelberg Catechism* Q: 26, 28

What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?

That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

How does the knowledge of God’s creation and providence help us?

We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God’s hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Rev. Mallory Hammond

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Laura and Samuel Dunn are presenting their son, Cecil Christopher Dunn, for baptism.
Assisting Elder: Scott Standard

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

I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes
DUNDEE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Psalm 121 (page 516)

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? ² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Help of the Helpless

Dr. Ryan Moore

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

He, Watching Over Israel
Felix Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, he will quicken thee. He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.

*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

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 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
ST. ANNE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Battle Hymn of the Republic
William Steffe | arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: his truth is marching on. Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on! I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps; they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read his righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps, his day is marching on! In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me: as he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free, while God is marching on. Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on! Amen!

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata for America
Brenda Portman

** Those who are able, please stand.*

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*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Ariana Corbin, DM – *Organist and Assistant Choral Director*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Jeff Bailey and Preston Bailey, trumpet
Josh Hickman, timpani
Acolytes – Everett Hill, Lylah Hill

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Kathryn Hardison and her father, Robert Eugene Hardison Jr., by their 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, 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.

Parking Lot Paving — Several campus parking areas are scheduled for seal-coating this summer. The work will include seal-coating, re-stripping parking spaces, and painting crosswalks, speed bumps, directional arrows, and handicapped parking symbols. Each area will require only two consecutive days of blocked access, and we ask everyone to follow directional signs while the work is underway.

July 13–14 | Front of the Sanctuary and Cheek House, including the Franklin Pike driveway.

July 15–16 | Oak Hill School main entrance, circle drive, and west parking lot.

July 20–21 | South parking lot between the church offices and Tyne Blvd., including the Tyne Blvd. entrance.

August 10–11 | Parking lot area near Oak Hill School's north porch.

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.

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.

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 a closing worship service on Sunday morning. 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.

Prayer Requests and Prayer Team — First Presbyterian Church is renewing the ministry of the Email Prayer Team. Members of the Prayer Team receive immediate prayer concerns by email and are asked to pray faithfully for those needs. If you have an immediate prayer concern for yourself or for someone who has given permission for the request to be shared with the Prayer Team, please contact Sandra Randleman at srandleman@fpcnashville.org.

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 register, 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 28 | 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 | 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

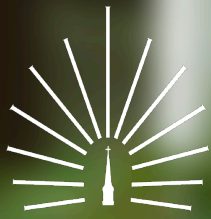
YTD AT **MAY 31, 2026**

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.



Kickoff SUNDAY

at FPC

August 30 | 9:30 a.m. Front Porch

Our celebration kicks off outside the Sanctuary between morning worship services with fun for all ages.

Kickoff Sunday is your opportunity to gather for fellowship and discover new ways to grow and serve at FPC this fall—through small groups, Sunday School classes, service opportunities, and more. Join the whole church family as we reconnect after a busy summer!

Join us for 8:30 or 11:00 worship service, and the 9:30 Kickoff Festival

SAVE THE DATES: Wednesday Night Program

On Wednesdays from Sep. 16–Nov. 18, we will be holding Wednesday night fellowship sessions. Dinner will be held from 5:00–6:00 pm. in Courtenay Hall. At 6:00 p.m., youth and children will break off for individualized programming, while adults continue in Courtney Hall focusing on the theme *The Gospel Story in Story*. The sessions will be focused on helping all of us grow in our understanding and participation in God's redemptive story of grace and hope.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 6, Aug. 3 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | PW Handiwork Drop-in
July 6, 20, 27 | 7:00 p.m. | College Bible Study
July 13–Aug. 11 | Parking Lot Paving
July 19 | 10:00–10:30 a.m. | Nashville Fellows Host Home Interest Meeting
July 26, Aug. 30 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Aug. 1–2 | NaCoMe All Church Retreat
Aug. 10 | 5:30 p.m. | Back to School Worship
Aug. 15 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Inquirers Class
Aug. 23 | 9:45 a.m. | New Members Joining Day
Aug. 30 | Kickoff Sunday / Missions Fair

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Aug. 16 | Confirmation Kickoff Ice Cream Social

MEN

July 7 | 12:00 p.m. | First Tuesday Men's Lunch: Edley's 12 South
July 16, Aug. 13 | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Summer Breakfast Speaker Series
Aug. 4 | 12:00 p.m. | First Tuesday Men's Lunch

FIRST FRIENDS

July 21 | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club
Aug. 18 | 9:00 a.m. | Day Trip: Bell Buckle Antique Museum

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July 7 | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Rockin' the Ridge at Men of Valor
July 14 | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project
Aug. 16 | 4:30–6:30 p.m. | Matthew 25 Meal
Nov. 7–13 | Dominican Republic Medical Mission Trip
Second Tuesdays | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project

RECREATION

July 12, 19, 26 | 2:30–4:30 p.m. | Pool Fellowship & Open Swim
Thursdays, Sept. 3–Oct. 29 (except Sept. 17) | 5:30–8:00 p.m. | Pickleball

YOUTH

July 8, 22, 29 | Youth Summer Dinners
July 13–16 | Middle School Mission Trip
July 24 | All Day | Dollywood
Aug. 16 | 9:45 a.m. | Annual Youth Parent Meeting
Aug. 23 | 4:00 p.m. | Crud Day
Aug. 30 | 6:00 p.m. | Small Group Kickoff (Kiddie Pool Kickball)

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