



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

SEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

*July 12, 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

*We are all strangers in a strange land, longing for home, but not quite knowing what or where home is. We glimpse it sometimes in our dreams, or as we turn a corner, and suddenly there is a strange, sweet familiarity that vanishes almost as soon as it comes.*

—Madeline L’Engle

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## VOLUNTARY

*II. Adagio from Organ Sonata in F minor, Op.65 No. 1*  
Felix Mendelssohn

## WELCOME

## 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 | Psalm 100

Dr. Ryan Moore (8:30)  
Adrian Taylor (11:00)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

**All: Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his.**

Leader: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**All: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

## \*OPENING HYMN 667

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
LAUDES DOMINI

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)  
Dr. Sandra Randleman (11:00)

## FIRST LESSON | John 14:1-6 (page 901)

Donna Robers (8:30)  
Milly Hininger (11:00)

<sup>1</sup> “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Darren Kennedy (8:30)  
Rev. Sara Hill (11:00)

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*A moment for silent confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
AZMON

**The name of Jesus charms our fears,  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life, and health, and peace.**

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Heidelberg Catechism Q.1

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

*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

### PRESENTATION OF CHILD (8:30)

LeeAnn and Bennett Cain are presenting their daughter, Mary Collier Elise Cain, for baptism.

Assisting Elder: Tom Stumb

### PRESENTATION OF CHILD (11:00)

Easton Walker Branch Howard is presenting himself for baptism.

Assisting Elder: Bill Oldacre

Olivia and Miller Fitts are presenting their son, Reynolds Oliver Fitts, for baptism.

Assisting Elder: Bill Oldacre

## 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.*

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HYMN OF PREPARATION 630

*Fairest Lord Jesus*  
CRUSADER'S HYMN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Psalm 122 (page 517)

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" <sup>2</sup> Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! <sup>3</sup> Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, <sup>4</sup> to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David. <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you! <sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" <sup>8</sup> For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" <sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**The House of the Lord**

Rev. Gage Arnold

*"Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" — Psalm 122:7*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

*How Shall I Sing That Majesty?*  
J. R. Daniels

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire? Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heav'nly choir. Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high; ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I? Thy brightness unto them appears; whilst I thy footsteps trace; a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face. They sing because thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heav'n is but once begun, there alleluias be. Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire; then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir. I shall, I fear be dark and cold, with all my fire and light; yet when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite. How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep! Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep. Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere; thy time is now and evermore, thy place is ev'rywhere.

*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 804

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*  
MARION

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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## CHORAL RESPONSE

*I Will Lift Mine Eyes*  
Jake Runestad

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this day forth for evermore.

## \*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*IV. Allegro assai vivace* from *Organ Sonata in F minor, Op 65 No. 1*  
Felix Mendelssohn

*\* 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*  
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*  
Ariana Corbin, DM – *Organist and Assistant Choral Director*  
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*  
*Acolytes* – Brooks Ward, Watts Ward, Powell Byram, Sam Byram

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God, in celebration of the marriage of Mary Caroline Funk and Christopher Jennings Osgood, and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. James Marion Brakefield, Mrs. Robert Edward Funk Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Erwin “Burl” Reeves Jennings, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ward Osgood.

## SUPPORTING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## WELCOME ARIANA CORBIN



Dr. Ariana Corbin serves as Organist and Assistant Choral Director at First Presbyterian Church. In this role, she serves as the primary accompanist for worship services and directs both the Sanctuary Singers and the Choristers. She works alongside Dr. Raphael Bundage, Rhonda Swanson, and Maggie Martinez to support the music ministry of the church. Originally from the Detroit suburbs, Ariana began studying piano at age five and has spent her life serving the church through music. She earned a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from the University of Michigan and continued her studies in piano, harpsichord, and organ at Florida State University. Throughout her career, she has served congregations in a variety of denominations as a worship leader, pianist, organist, and music director. Most recently, she served as Organ Scholar at Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., where she played for major worship and civic services, including the State Funeral of President Jimmy Carter. Ariana is excited to contribute to the musical life of FPC and hopes to help deepen worship and strengthen the church’s spiritual community through music. She is also a lifelong cat lover and proud cat mom to Sophie and Mia.

### 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://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-striping 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 20–21 | South parking lot between the church offices and Tyne Blvd., including the Tyne Blvd. entrance.

July 22–23 | Oak Hill School main entrance, circle drive, and west parking lot.

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](mailto: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](https://fpcnashville.org/cob).

**Nashville Fellows Host-Home Interest Meeting | Sunday, 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. Register online at [fpcnashville.org/nacome](https://fpcnashville.org/nacome) by July 23.

#### 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](https://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.

**Day Trip: Bell Buckle Antique Trip and Lunch | August 18 | 9:00 a.m.** — This trip will be an adventure to the town of Bell Buckle, Tennessee. This quaint town is about 57 miles from us and is known for its Victorian architecture, its numerous antique shops and Southern hospitality. We will have the entire day to shop at such stores as Daffodilly Design, Doodle Bug, Bluebird Antiques, Hilltop Antiques, and so much more. Check them out online. We will find time to eat at the well-known Bell Buckle Cafe. Join us on the church bus or meet us in Bell Buckle. We will depart the church at 9:00 a.m. on Aug. 18 and get back by 3:00 p.m.

## MISSIONS

For more information about mission opportunities, contact Adrian Taylor at [ataylor@fpcnashville.org](mailto:ataylor@fpcnashville.org) or visit [fpcnashville.org/missions](http://fpcnashville.org/missions).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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.

**First Tuesday Men's Lunch with Darren | Aug. 4 | 12:00 p.m. | Waldo's Belle Meade, 5316 Harding Pike** — 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.

**Tuesday Men's Bible Study | 7:00 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. No registration is needed. Questions? Contact Sandra Randleman at [srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto: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 starting Sep. 3 for 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](mailto:recreation@fpcnashville.org).

## 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.

## STAY CONNECTED

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

**O**ur 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 Courtenay 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 13–Aug. 11 | Parking Lot Paving  
July 13, 20, 27 | 7:00 p.m. | College Bible Study  
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. 3 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | PW Handiwork Drop-in  
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 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

## MISSIONS

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 13–16 | Middle School Mission Trip  
July 15, 22, 29 | Youth Summer Dinners  
July 24 | All Day | Dollywood  
Aug. 16 | 9:45 a.m. | Annual Youth Parent Meeting  
Aug. 23 | 4:00 p.m. | Crud Day

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