



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 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

Heaven and earth are only three feet apart, but in thin spaces, the distance is even smaller.

—Celtic saying

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

II. Adagio e mesto from *Sonata in D Major, Wq 70/5*
Carl Phillipp Emmanuel Bach

WELCOME

Dr. Darren Kennedy

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

Rev. Mallory Hammond (8:30)
Adrian Taylor (11:00)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God!

All: The skies above proclaim God's handiwork.

Leader: The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,

All: The night reveals God's knowledge without a word,

Leader: And yet their voice does go out through all the earth.

All: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory. Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
ST. ANNE

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST LESSON | Philippians 3:8-14 (page 981)

Hawkins Russell (8:30)
Liam Burton (11:00)

⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Rev. Gage Arnold (11:00)

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. We have longed for idols that do not have any worth. We have thirsted after things that will never satisfy us. 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

To God Be The Glory
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!***

**Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain***

*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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. Ryan Moore

PRESENTATION OF CHILD (8:30)

Alex and Hannah McDonald Apple are presenting their daughter, Reese Antoinette Apple, for baptism.
Assisting Elder: Rick Gernert

PRESENTATION OF CHILD (11:00)

David and Margo Kaestner Lombardi are presenting their daughter, Savannah Alice Lombardi, for baptism.
Assisting Elder: Gray Thornburg

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 735

I Need Thee Every Hour
NEED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Psalm 19 (page 456)

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. ² Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. ³ There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. ⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. ¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Thirsting for God

Rev. Sara Hill

*More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb. — Psalm 19:10*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

This Is My Father's World
Elaine Hagenberg

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears, all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world. I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas his hand the wonders wrought. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world, he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass. He speaks to me everywhere. This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world, the battle is not done. Jesus who died will be satisfied and heaven and earth be one.

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. Sandra Randleman

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 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!
ASSURANCE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Alla Breve in D Major, BWV 589
Johann Sebastian Bach

** Those who are able, please stand.*

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*
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*
Ali Gooding Hoffman, violin
Acolytes – Corinne Kaufman, Thomas Kaufman, Caroline Cahill, Elyse Cahill

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God, in celebration of the marriage of Kathryn Miller Stumb and Rowland Mason Anthony and in loving memory of James Milton Denton, Paul Rust Stumb, Rowland Andrew Radford, and John Wooldridge Anthony.

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 several consecutive days of blocked access, and we ask everyone to follow directional signs while the work is underway.

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.

Nashville Fellows Host-Home Interest Meeting | Today | 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.

Kindergarten Mom’s Night | Thursday, Aug. 6 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Home of Katie Pickel — Join us for Kindergarten Mom’s Night as we provide support, encouragement, and practical tools for parents preparing to send their children to kindergarten. The evening will include helpful talks from church staff and parents who have been through this milestone, along with time to connect with other kindergarten moms, ask questions, and receive encouragement as you begin this exciting new chapter.

Back-to-School Worship & Dinner | Monday, Aug. 10 | 5:30-7:00 p.m. | First Presbyterian Columbarium — Begin the new school year with worship, prayer, blessing, and fellowship. Following a short, interactive worship service for all ages, enjoy a cookout on the front porch of Cheek House. Students are invited to bring their school bags for a backpack blessing, and we’ll be collecting school supplies for two mission partners: Legacy Mission Village and Preston Taylor Ministries. In the event of rain, worship will be held in the Sanctuary. Registration is not required but is appreciated for planning purposes.

Young Children & Worship Graduation | Sunday, Aug. 23 |

During Both Services — We will celebrate our rising first graders as they complete their Young Children & Worship (YC&W) journey during the last 15 minutes of both YC&W gatherings at 8:30 and 11:00 services. Children will receive a worship journal and personalized certificate, enjoy a special snack, and be encouraged by YC&W volunteers as we mark this important milestone together.

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 | Tuesday, 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 | Aug. 18 | 9:00

a.m.–3:00 p.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 or visit 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 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

Men's Workouts | Fridays | 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 | 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.

Men's Summer Breakfast Speaker Series: Rev. Allan Poole |

Thursday, Aug. 13 | 7:00–8:00 a.m. | Courtenay Hall — This summer we will gather monthly for a men's breakfast and speaker series. Allan Poole will be speaking on the gifts of living in Christian fellowship. Breakfast will be served as we spend time together in conversation and reflection to begin the day.

RECREATION

Pool Fellowship & Open Swim | Sundays | July 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.

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.



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 Courtenay Hall focusing on the theme “The Gospel Story in Story.” The dinner and conversation 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

Through Aug. 11 | Parking Lot Paving
July 19 | 10:00–10:30 a.m. | Nashville Fellows Host Home Interest Meeting
July 20, 27 | 7:00 p.m. | College Bible Study
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 & Dinner
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
Sep. 7 | Office Closed for Labor Day
Sep. 13 | Fall COBs begin
Sep. 16 | 5:00 p.m. Dinner; 6:00 p.m. Classes | Wednesday Night Fellowship Begins

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Aug. 6 | Kindergarten Mom’s Night
Aug. 16 | Confirmation Kickoff Ice Cream Social
Sep. 13 | CM Grade-Level Sunday School Classes Begin
Sep. 20 | 9:45–10:45 a.m. | Singing the Faith Milestone (Age 2–3, Nursery Lobby)

MEN

Aug. 4 | 12:00 p.m. | First Tuesday Men’s Lunch: Waldo’s, Belle Meade
Aug. 13 | 7:00 a.m. | Men’s Summer Breakfast Speaker Series
Sep. 1 | 12:00 p.m. | First Tuesday Men’s Lunch with Darren: Five Guys Burgers, Brentwood

FIRST FRIENDS

July 21 | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club: Favorites
Aug. 18 | 9:00 a.m. | Day Trip: Bell Buckle Antique Museum
Sep. 15 | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club: *Wild Thing*
Sep. 17 | 12:00 p.m. | Luncheon and Speaker Series

MISSIONS

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 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 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
Sep. 13 | Youth Small Groups Begin
Sep. 13, 20, 27 | 9:45 a.m. | Youth Follow Me

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