



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church *of* Nashville

ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 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

To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God.

—William Temple

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on "St. Columba"
Healey Willan

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

Dr. Sandra Randleman

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Oh sing to the Lord a new song;

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

Leader: Tell of his salvation from day to day.

All: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

*OPENING HYMN

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord
Timothy Dudley-Smith | DARWALL'S 148TH

**Come, let us praise the LORD, with joy our God acclaim,
his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name.**

Lift high your songs before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.

**Our God of matchless worth, our King beyond compare,
the deepest bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care.**

He all decrees, who by his hand prepared the land and formed the seas.

In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess;

the great Creator, he, the LORD our Righteousness.

He reigns unseen: his flock he feeds and gently leads in pastures green.

Come, hear his voice today, receive what love imparts;

his holy will obey and harden not your hearts.

His ways are best and lead at last, all troubles past, to perfect rest.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Mallory Hammond (8:30)

FIRST LESSON | Romans 10:5-15 (page 946)

Charles Barrett (8:30)
Andrew Triggs (11:00)

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Gage Arnold

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. 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 | 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 (11:00)

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Crawford and Katherine Standard are presenting their daughter, Sophie Wilder Standard, for baptism.

Assisting Elder: Dr. 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 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
ST. COLUMBA

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Psalm 95 (page 499)

¹ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³ For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, ⁹ when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. ¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.” ¹¹ Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The King Above All

Dr. Ryan Moore

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! —Psalm 95:6

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Let the People Praise Thee, O God
William Mathias

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the lights of his countenance, and be merciful unto us. That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad. 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.

*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

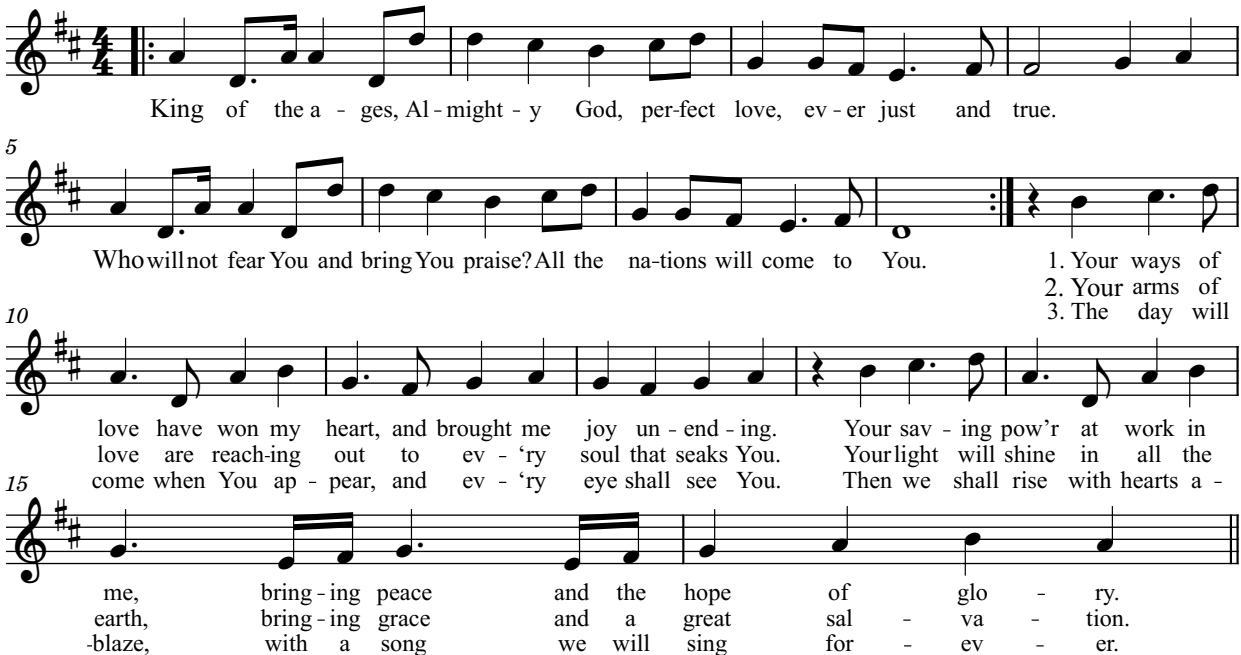
Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)

Rev. Sara Hill (11:00)

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

King of the Ages
Stuart Townend



King of the a - ges, Al - might - y God, per - fect love, ev - er just and true.

5 Who will not fear You and bring You praise? All the na - tions will come to You. 1. Your ways of
2. Your arms of
3. The day will

10 love have won my heart, and brought me joy un - end - ing. Your sav - ing pow'r at work in
love are reach - ing out to ev - 'ry soul that seeks You. Your light will shine in all the
15 come when You ap - pear, and ev - 'ry eye shall see You. Then we shall rise with hearts a -

me, bring - ing peace and the hope of glo - ry.
earth, bring - ing grace and a great sal - va - tion.
- blaze, with a song we will sing for - ev - er.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

God of Grace
Paul Manz

* Those who are able, please stand.

SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of
William Shidaker 'Bill' Wire II, who died July 19.

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*
Sara Hill, MDiv – *Parish Associate for Congregational Care*
Darren Kennedy, PhD – *Associate Pastor for Discipleship*
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 – Christopher Douse, Robert Douse, Lila Bess Vargas, Livia Vargas

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph J. Wimberly III and Lynda J. Wimberly by John, Tori, Elle, Sloane, and Lillian Wimberly.

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.

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COVER IMAGE: Simon Denis, *View on the Quirinal Hill*, Rome, 1800, oil on canvas, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

Back-to-School Worship and Dinner | Tomorrow, 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. In the event of rain, worship will be held in the Sanctuary. Registration is not required but is appreciated for planning purposes. Register at fpcnashville.org/school.

Inquirers Class | Saturday, Aug. 15 | 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — If you have a friend or family member interested in joining this outpost of Christ's kingdom, invite them to our next Inquirers Class. Led by Dr. Ryan Moore, it's also a good opportunity to meet newcomers at the church, pastors, and staff. To register or learn more, click the button below or contact Julia Wilk (jwilk@fpcnashville.org or 615-473-8742).

Confirmation Ice Cream Social | Sunday, Aug. 16 | 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. | Home of Melissa and Walt Burton — Rising sixth graders and their families are encouraged to join us on Sunday, Aug. 16, at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Melissa and Walt Burton as we kick off the Confirmation year. This will be a fun and informal time to meet one another, hear what to expect in the months ahead, and enjoy a sweet treat together as we begin this important journey of faith. To RSVP or for more information, contact Katie Higgins at khiggins@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.

Day Trip: Bell Buckle Antique Trip and Lunch | Tuesday, 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 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.

Day Trip: Nashville Ballet Dress Rehearsal and Lunch | Thursday, Aug. 20 | 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. — A special behind-the-scenes look at Nashville Ballet Company rehearsals for Studio A. We will travel by church bus and will depart at 9:45 a.m. The rehearsal viewing will be followed by a Dutch-treat lunch at Buttermilk Ranch Restaurant. We will return to the church by 2:00 p.m. Participants will also receive a voucher for a complimentary ticket to a performance. Contact Sally Ostheimer for more information.

MISSIONS

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

School Supply Drive | Collecting through tomorrow, Aug. 10 — Join our congregation in helping two of our Kingdom Partners provide school supplies for the kids they serve! We will be collecting school supplies via drop box in the church lobby or Narthex for Legacy Mission Village and Preston Taylor Ministries through Aug. 10, and at the Back to School worship service. Desired supplies include: binders, notebooks, folders, pencils, pens, and loose-leaf paper. To see the full list of supplies, visit fpcnashville.org/itemlist.

Sunday Night Dinner at Matthew 25 | Aug. 16, Oct. 18, Dec. 20 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. — Serve alongside your church family at Matthew 25, a Christ-centered residential facility for men recovering from poverty, addiction, and homelessness. Come spend a Sunday evening in service and fellowship — older children welcome if accompanied by a parent! Sign up online or contact Adrian Taylor for more info.

MEN

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.

First Tuesday Men's Lunch with Darren | Sept. 1 | 12:00 p.m. | Five Guys Burgers, 330 Franklin Rd. in Brentwood — 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.

RECREATION

Calling all Soccer Saints | Dates from Aug. 14 to Oct. 24 — We want to welcome and love the soccer families as they play, cheer, and coach on the FPC campus. Would you help us create a warm and welcoming atmosphere by volunteering as a Soccer Saint at one of our welcome tents on Saturday mornings during soccer season? Whether you are young, old, or in between, it's a great way to serve God's people and spread joy. Your ministry of presence will be a blessing to our community. Sign up online today at fpcnashville.org/soccer under the soccer saints volunteer sign up tab. All questions can be directed to our inbox at recreation@fpcnashville.org

YTD AT **JUNE 30, 2026**

Actual \$2,434,189

Budget \$2,317,354

Variance \$116,835

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: STEP RIGHT UP!

Sunday, Aug. 30 | 9:30 a.m. | Front Porch

Our celebration kicks off outside the Sanctuary between morning worship services with a State Fair-themed morning of fun for all ages! Worship services will feature special music, followed by a festival outside with fair games, special prizes, delicious food, and plenty of opportunities for fellowship. Kickoff Sunday is your opportunity to gather with the whole church family and discover new ways to grow and serve at FPC this fall—through small groups, Sunday School classes, service opportunities, and more. Come reconnect after a busy summer and celebrate the start of a new season together!

MISSION FAIR

As a part of the morning's festivities, explore the Missions Fair to meet some of our mission partners. ThriftSmart will also have a donation truck on site—bring gently used clothes to share. For every pound donated, ThriftSmart will provide \$1 in gift cards to bless another mission partner.

BLUE RIBBON CONTESTS: FLOWER ARRANGING & PIE BAKING

Entries due Friday or Saturday, Aug. 28-29 | 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Kickoff Sunday is going full State Fair, and we're looking for our best bakers and flower arrangers! Enter the Flower Arranging and/or Pie Baking Contest and share your gifts with the church family. Bring your best homemade pie to be judged and enjoyed by the congregation after judging, or create your best fresh-flower arrangement, displayed in a clear glass jar no larger than 20 inches tall and 20 inches wide. All entries must be dropped off August 28 or 29, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Through Aug. 11 | Parking Lot Paving
 Aug. 15 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Inquirers Class
 Aug. 23 | 9:45 a.m. | New Members Joining Day
 Aug. 30 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 Aug. 30 | Kickoff Sunday Festival and 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. 16 | 3:00–4:30 p.m. | Confirmation Kickoff Ice Cream Social
 Aug. 23 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | YC&W Graduation
 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

Fridays Through Aug. 28 | 6:00 a.m. | Men's Track Workouts
 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
 Tuesdays | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study

FIRST FRIENDS

Aug. 18 | 9:00 a.m. | Day Trip: Bell Buckle Antique Museum
 Aug. 20 | 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | Day Trip: Nashville Ballet
 Sep. 15 | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club: *Wild Thing*
 Sep. 17 | 12:00 p.m. | Luncheon and Speaker Series

MISSIONS

Aug. 16, Oct. 18 | 4:30–6:30 p.m. | Matthew 25 Meal
 Aug. 30 | 9:30 a.m. | Missions Fair @ Kickoff Sunday
 Sep. 2 | 12:00–5:00 p.m. | Blood Drive
 Oct. 10, 17; Nov. 7, 14 | Habitat Build
 Nov. 7–13 | Dominican Republic Medical Mission Trip
 Second Tuesdays | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project

RECREATION

Aug 22.–Oct 24 | Fall Soccer Season
 Thursdays, Sept. 3–Oct. 29 (except Sept. 17) | 5:30–8:00 p.m. | Pickleball

YOUTH

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 | 9:45 a.m. | Youth Follow Me