



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 2025
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

A king who dies on a cross must be the king of a rather strange kingdom. Only those who understand the profound paradox of the cross can also understand the whole meaning of Jesus' assertion: my kingdom is not of this world.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Aria
Charles Callahan

WELCOME

Dr. Ryan Moore

MINUTE FOR MISSION | Habitat for Humanity

Rev. Kevin Roberts & Michael Hindman

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

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

Leader: The eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,

All: On those who hope in his steadfast love.

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord;

All: He is our help and our shield.

Leader: Our hearts are glad in Him, because we trust in his holy name.

All: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

All: He is our help and our shield.

*OPENING HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation
FOUNDATION

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O LORD GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
AZMON

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

*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

‡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 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 12:32-40 (page 871)

³² “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ³⁵ “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Fear Not, Little Flock

Gage Arnold

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
—Luke 12:34

OFFERTORY

My God, My Portion, and My Love
arr. Mack Wilberg

My God, my portion, and my love, my everlasting all, I’ve none but thee in heav’n above, or on this earthly ball. What empty things are all the skies, and this inferior clod! There’s nothing here deserves my joys, there’s nothing like my God. In vain the bright, the burning sun, scatters his feeble light; ’tis thy sweet beams create my noon; if thou withdraw, ’tis night. Let all that dwell above the sky, and air, and earth, and seas, conspire to lift thy glories high and speak thine endless praise. The whole creation, join in one, to bless the sacred name, of Him that, sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb!

*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.*

COMMISSIONING OF RWANDA MISSION TRIP (8:30)

Sara Hill
Michael Hindman
Bob LaGrone
Ebralie Mwizerwa

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 819

Be Still, My Soul
FINLANDIA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior
ST. LEONARDS

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling all I do and say. May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only thro' his pow'r. May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing. May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win; and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Voluntary on Lift High the Cross
Craig Phillips

** Those who are able, please stand.*

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COVER IMAGE: Beham, Hans Sebald. *Christ as the Good Shepherd*. Woodcut in Betbüchlein [Little Prayer Book] by Martin Luther. Nuremberg, 1522—In this simple and elegant woodcut by Hans Sebald Beham, Christ is depicted as the Good Shepherd, gently bearing a sheep on his shoulders. Originally printed in Martin Luther's Little Prayer Book, the image would have served as a daily visual comfort for believers. The sheep, cradled in Christ's arms, reminds us of Luke 12:32—"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." In a world of uncertainty, this image speaks quietly of Jesus' steady care and watchfulness over his flock. We are never out of his reach.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
Sara Hill, MDiv – *Parish Associate*
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
Adrian Taylor, MDiv – *Director of Missions*
Gage Arnold, MDiv – *Director of Youth Programming*
Mallory Hammond, MDiv – *Director of Ministry with Children & Their Families*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Joseph Fala, MM – *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Acolytes – Ella Hancock and Mattie Grace Pearson, Lila Bess Vargas and Livia Vargas

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 34th wedding anniversary of David and Melanie Dunn and the July 12 wedding of Alex and Stephanie (Stevie) Dunn.

Flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ellen Howell Henderson Seeley by Warren Seeley and 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 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 and special events or view past services, visit youtube.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofnashville.

Children of all ages are invited to worship alongside their families, and worship activity bags are provided at each entrance to the Sanctuary. Children ages 4-6 are invited.

Join us downstairs in Courtenay Hall between services for coffee and doughnuts.

Young Children & Worship following the Blessing of the Young Disciples. Parents pick up their child after worship at Grundy Hall, located in the Children’s Ministry Wing. Following 8:30 a.m. worship, children of all ages are invited to stay for the Education Hour. Check-in and pickup for Nursery–Kindergarten is located in the Children’s Ministry lobby, while Elementary is located in Oak Hill C-Wing. **Nursery care** for children ages 0–3 is available from 8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. The **Mother and Infant Quiet Room** is located in the Nursery Wing.

INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE CONNECTED?

If you are new to our community, we would love to get to know you and welcome you personally into the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a guest or a longtime member, fill out the Connect Card to get more involved, update your contact information, or sign up for church communications. Drop your completed Connect Card in the offering plate so we can follow up!

Back to School Worship & Cookout | Monday, August 11 | 5:30 p.m. | Stanford Chapel and Cheek House—As a new school year begins, let's gather to center our hearts on Christ. This special worship service and cookout is a time to pray over students, teachers, and families—asking God to pour out grace, wisdom, and courage through Jesus Christ. Come join us in the Stanford Chapel for worship, stay for food and fellowship, and step into the school year rooted in God's love and strength.

Sanctuary Choir Retreat | August 16 | 10:00–12:00 p.m. | Choir Room—A special choir retreat for new and current singers will be held and led by Dr. Raphael Bundage. Participants will learn content for sanctuary choir.

Confirmation Kickoff | Sunday, August 17 | 3:00 p.m. | Moore Home—Rising sixth graders and their families are encouraged to join us at Pastor Ryan's house as we kick off the upcoming 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. For any questions, contact Mallory Hammond at mhammond@fpcnashville.org

First Friends Book Review | Thursdays, August 28–September 25 | 3:00 p.m. | Vance Hall—FPC will host a five-week book discussion on *Conscious Living, Conscious Aging* by Ron Pevny, exploring what it means to embrace retirement and later life with intentionality and purpose. For more information, contact Sally Ostheimer at sostheimer@fpcnashville.org.

Soccer Saints | Saturdays, August 16, 23, September 6, 13, 20, 27—Help us welcome soccer families as they play, cheer, and coach on the FPC campus on Saturday mornings. Volunteers serve at one of our three welcome tables, greeting families, handing out treats to players, and answering questions. 25 percent of the guest children at this year's VBS came through FPC soccer referrals. Volunteer slots are open between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the following game days: August 9, 16, 23, September 6, 13, 20, and 27.

Congregational Care in Sandra's Absence—If you have a congregational care need—such as a hospitalization, surgery, or personal crisis—please contact Charlotte Schierbaum, Congregational Care Ministry Assistant, at cschierbaum@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9527. Charlotte is coordinating all care concerns and will confidentially share them with Senior Pastor Ryan Moore and Parish Associates Dr. John Musgrave and Rev. Sara Hill to ensure you are supported with prayer and presence.

Young Adult Summer Sunday School | Sundays through August 31 | 9:45 a.m. | Bookstore Room—If you're a college student or in your 20s or 30s, early in your career, and in a season before kids, this class is for you. Join us in the old bookstore room for relaxed, fun, and real conversations about faith and life.

MISSIONS

Rwanda Missions Trip—From August 13-22, a small team from FPC will be traveling to Kigali, Rwanda to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Kanombe Parish Church, which FPC contributed funds to build. The trip will consist of worship and fellowship with the congregation and church leaders. Please be in prayer for our team as they travel, and for Kanombe Parish Church as they celebrate this milestone. FPC team members include: Sara Hill, Michael Hindman, Bob LaGrone, and Ebralie Mwizerwa.

Fall Habitat for Humanity Build | September 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, and October 4-5—This fall, our church is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to help build a home and build community. With over 170 volunteer spots for both construction and lunch crews, there's a place for everyone to serve. Register at fpcnashville.org/habitat.

Service Project with Nueva Vida | Tuesday, August 12 | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Food Project—Looking for a meaningful way to serve? Join us as we pack and distribute food to our neighbors in need. Whether you're sorting items, stocking shelves, or offering a warm smile, your time makes a real impact. No experience necessary—just a willing heart! We are looking for up to five volunteers for August 12. Sign up online or by contacting Adrian Taylor at ataylor@fpcnashville.org.

One-Day Inquirers Class | Saturday, August 16 | 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, visit fpcnashville.org/inquirers or contact Julia Wilk at jwilk@fpcnashville.org or at 615-473-8742.



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GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

YTD AT JUNE 30, 2025

Actual \$2,310,595

Budget \$2,479,700

*Variance (\$169,105)**

As part of our commitment to transparency and to deepen our shared understanding of church finances, the Finance Committee is now providing monthly updates on giving. From January through June, year-to-date contributions were \$169,105 below our budgeted goal. While we planned for a seasonal dip in giving, contributions are currently tracking below even those adjusted summer expectations.



CHORAL *Opportunities*

DO YOU FEEL *called* TO
SHARE YOUR VOICE IN *song*?

*We are glad to announce a multitude of
ways to participate in our choir!*

Sanctuary Singers (new!) is an intergenerational choir for teens and adults that begins rehearsals September 10. This Community of Belonging (COB) meets Wednesdays from 6:45-7:45 p.m. and sings in select 11:00 a.m. services throughout the year. It's teaching-focused and friendly for amateur singers. Led by Joey Fala.

Sanctuary Choir is our adult choir that sings the traditional choral repertoire and includes many professional musicians and anyone is welcome to join. It rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45 p.m. and sings weekly at both services. A special choir retreat for new and current singers will be held Saturday, August 16, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Led by Dr. Raphael Bundage.

Choristers is for students in 4th through 12th grade and meets either Mondays from 4:15-5:15 p.m. or Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00 p.m. This teaching-focused group follows the academic calendar and sings in worship once or twice a month. Led by Joey Fala.

Children's Choir for ages 4 through 6th grade will meet as a part of Children's Sunday School from 9:45-10:45 a.m., beginning in September. Children learn basic musical skills through fun, simple songs and help lead worship during the semester. Led by Kevin Salter.

Women's Chorale will rehearse September 14, 21, and 28 from 9:45-10:00 a.m. and will sing more advanced music on September 28 in worship. With only two rehearsals, it's best for confident singers. Led by Dr. Raphael Bundage.

Men's Chorale will return in 2026.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 11 | 5:30 p.m. | Back to School Worship and Cookout
Aug. 16 | 9:00 a.m. | Inquirers Class
Aug. 16 | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Choir Retreat
Aug. 24 | FPC Welcomes Nashville Fellows
Sept. 1 | Office Closed for Labor Day
Sept 3 | 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. | Blood Drive
Sept. 3, 10 | 4:00-5:45 p.m. | Choral Scholar Auditions
Sept. 7 | 9:30 a.m. | Kickoff Sunday
Sept. 14 | 9:45 a.m. | New Members Joining Day
Sept. 14 | Children & Youth return to grade-level SS format
Sept. 14, 21, 28 | 9:45-10:00 a.m. | Women's Chorale Rehearsals
Sept. 14 | 3:00 p.m. | Ordination Service for Mallory Hammond
Sept. 22 | 9:30 a.m. | FF Woodworking Workshop with Julia Wilk - Making Charcuterie Boards
Sept. 25 | Dinner (5:30) and Choral Vesper Service (6:30)
Sept. 28 | 11:00 a.m. | Women's Chorale Sings

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Aug. 17 | 3:00 p.m. | Rising 6th Grade Confirmation Ice Cream Social
Aug. 25 | Early Preschool First Day of School
Sept. 4 | 6:30 p.m. | EP Parent Open House
Sept. 21 | 9:45-10:45 a.m. | Singing the Faith Milestone (Age 2-3)
Sept. 27 | 5:00-8:00 p.m. | Parents Night Out
Sept. 28 | 9:45 a.m. | Missions Milestone (4th-5th Grade)

YOUTH

Aug. 16 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Youth Confirmation Class
Aug. 17 | 9:45 a.m. | Youth Parent Meeting
Aug. 24 | 9:45 a.m. | Youth Small Group Leader Training
Aug. 24 | 4:00-5:30 p.m. | Crud Day
Sept. 7 | 6:00 p.m. | Youth Small Group Kickoff
Sept. 14, 21, 28 | 9:45 a.m. | Follow Me Sunday School Series for 7th Graders & Parents

FIRST FRIENDS

Aug. 28 | 3:00 p.m. | Book Review: *Conscious Living, Conscious Aging* (Thursdays through September 25)
Sept. 18 | 12:00 p.m. | First Friends Lunch & Speaker Series

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Sept. 9 | 11:00 a.m. | PW Fall Gathering
Sept. 24 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | PW Spiritual Gifts Class

MISSIONS

Aug. 12, Sept. 9 | 4:30-7:30 p.m. | Service Project with Nueva Vida
Aug. 13-21 | Rwanda Mission Trip
Sept. 3 | 12:00-5:00 p.m. | Blood Drive
Sept. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, & Oct. 4-5 | Habitat for Humanity Build

RECREATION

Wednesdays | 5:30-8:00 p.m. | Pickleball