
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church of Nashville

August 11, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.

Back to School Worship Service

WORDS OF PREPARATION

We are never so safe as when we are following the Shepherd.
— Charles Spurgeon

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Mallory Hammond

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord that will I seek after:

**All: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

*HYMN

This Little Light of Mine
LISTENER KIDS

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus is the Light, I'm gonna let him shine, (3x)
Let him shine, let him shine, let him shine.**

**I will stomp my feet, and I will clap my hands and shout, shout!
I will run around and I'll jump off the ground and shout, shout!
I will stomp my feet, and I will clap my hands and shout, shout!
I will run around, I'll jump off the ground and shout, shout!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gage Arnold

**God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*PASSING THE PEACE

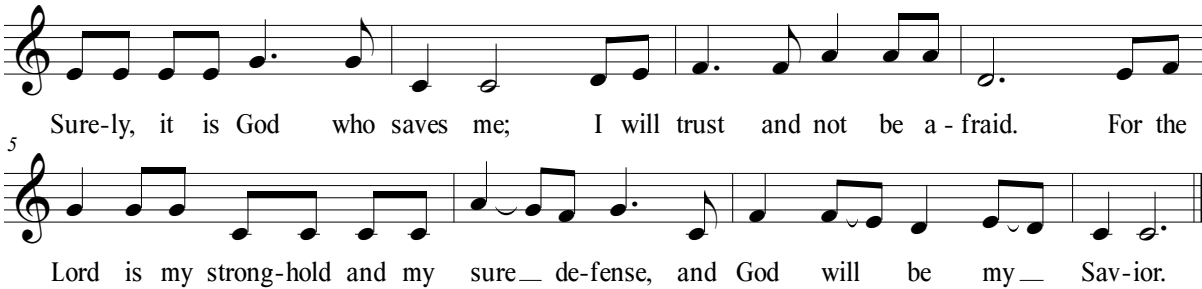
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you,

All: And also with you.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me
FIRST SONG

Refrain:



Congregation is invited to sing the refrain after each verse.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation
and on that day you shall say, “Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God’s name.” **Refrain.**

Make God’s deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that the Lord is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for God has done great things and this is known in all the world. **Refrain.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion; ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. **Refrain.**

SCRIPTURE READING | Psalm 23:1-3 (page 458)

Elizabeth Grace McInteer

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Follow the Shepherd

HYMN

He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands

He’s got the whole world in his hands (4x)

He’s got you and me, brother, in his hands (3x)

He’s got the whole world in his hands

He’s got you and me, sister, in his hands (3x)

He’s got the whole world in his hands

He’s got everybody here in his hands (3x)

He’s got the whole world in his hands

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

When invited, children, families, and teachers—please come forward with your backpack or tag. Form a line, receive a blessing at an open station, and return to your seat afterward.

*HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Sandra McCracken

Refrain:

**All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flow'r that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings. *Refrain***

**The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one. *Refrain***

**He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. *Refrain***

THE LORDS PRAYER

Jeb Burton and Libby Burton

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.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, They are weak but He is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

** Those who are able, please stand.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
Gage Arnold, MDiv – *Director of Youth Programming*
Mallory Hammond, MDiv – *Director of Ministry with Children & Their Families*
Joseph Fala, MM – *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*
Stephen King – *Musician*



Milestones Dates

We're thrilled to relaunch our Milestone Ministry, a series of intentional gatherings that celebrate spiritual growth and help families live out faith at home.

2-3 year olds

September 21 | Singing the Faith Milestone

4 year olds

April 12 | Bible Milestone

Kindergarten

October 26 | Baptism Remembered Milestone

1st Grade

November 16 | Sanctuary Scavenger Hunt and Communion Milestone

2nd Grade

January 25 | Prayer Milestone

3rd grade

April 12 | Bible Milestone

4th-5th grade

September 28 | Mission Milestone
April 19 | Mission Milestone

6th grade

April 26 | Confirmation Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS

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