



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

TWELFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

*August 16, 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

*Today must be worth living if tomorrow is worth trusting. The promise that we too, like the glorified “Man of Sorrows” (Isa. 53:3), shall be relieved of sin’s burden, released from death’s fear, have the tears of pain and loneliness wiped from our eyes, must change the way we deal with guilt and fear and suffering today.*

—Alan E. Lewis

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## VOLUNTARY

*Andante Tranquillo* from *Sonata in A Major, Op. 65 No. 3*  
Felix Mendelssohn

## WELCOME

## INTROIT

*O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips*  
Richard Webster

O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Sandra Randleman

Leader: From the deepest places in our lives, we call out to you, O God.

**All: Lord, hear our voices. Listen to our prayers.**

Leader: We come carrying burdens, regrets, worries, and hopes.

**All: Yet we come trusting in your mercy and love.**

Leader: We wait for the Lord.

**All: We wait with hope, trusting God’s promises.**

Leader: People of God, put your hope in the Lord.

**All: For the Lord’s love never runs out, and God’s power to redeem never fails.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who hears our cries, meets us in the depths, and leads us into the light.

**All: We come with hope and gratitude. Let us worship God!**

## \*OPENING HYMN 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*  
LOBE DEN HERREN

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Gage Arnold

## FIRST LESSON | Philippians 2:5-11 (NRSV)

Tom Harrington (8:30)  
Savannah Van Pernis (11:00)

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Ryan Moore

## 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 and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

*A moment for silent confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

*Glory Be to the Father*  
GLORIA PATRI

**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, amen.**

### \*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

Re. Mallory Hammond (8:30)

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

### PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Mary Fowler and Andrew Triggs are presenting their daughter, Caroline Elizabeth Triggs, for baptism.  
Assisting Elder: Waymon Tipton

### 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 791

*For You, My God, I Wait*  
SPRINGTIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Psalm 130 (page 518)

Pulpit: <sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

Lectern: <sup>2</sup> O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

Pulpit: <sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand?

Lectern: <sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Pulpit: <sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

Lectern: <sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

Pulpit: <sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

Lectern: <sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**Hope in the Lord**

Dr. Darren Kennedy

*My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.—Psalm 130:6*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

*“Kyrie” from Requiem, Op. 9*  
Maurice Duruflé

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*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

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 829

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*  
OLIVET

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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## 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 pow'r 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 through 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

*Con moto maestoso* from *Sonata in A Major, Op. 65 No. 3*  
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*  
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* – Lauren Pitman, Ryan Pitman, Evelyn Ison, Georgia Moore

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God, in celebration of the marriage of McCallie Ruffin and Will Peffen, and in loving memory of Carolyn and Joe Sides, Jill Ruffin, Ann and Harry Peffen, and Owen Drey.

## 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](http://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](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.

## STAY CONNECTED

*Stay informed about FPC by:  
reading our weekly email, **Parish News**,  
or seasonal print newsletter, **First News**.*

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*or update your subscriptions at:*  
**[fpcnashville.org/my-subscriptions](https://fpcnashville.org/my-subscriptions)**.



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## CHILDREN

**Confirmation Ice Cream Social | Today, 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 today, 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. For more information, contact Katie Higgins at [khiggins@fpcnashville.org](mailto:khiggins@fpcnashville.org).

## 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](http://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.

**Tour of Belmont Mansion and Belmont University | Thursday, Sept. 10 | 9:45 a.m.–3:00 p.m.** — Join First Friends for a day of history, fellowship and exploration! We'll tour Belmont Mansion with Curator Jerry Trescott, learning about its architecture, collections and the lives of the people who lived and worked there. After lunch at The Cookery, we'll tour featured areas of Belmont University, including the Fisher Center. Cost is \$30, plus lunch. Come enjoy a fun and fascinating day with us! Register online at [fpcnashville.org/first-friends](http://fpcnashville.org/first-friends).

## 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).*

**Sunday Night Dinner at Matthew 25 | Today | 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.

## SAVE THE DATE: Habitat Build | Saturdays, Oct. 10, 17, Nov.

**7, 14** — Come join your FPC family to help build a home for another family! Youth aged 16 and up and any adults can participate over four Saturdays this fall. Pick a day to help and grab your friends and family to join in on a fun way to serve! Light breakfast and lunch included. Registration opens on Aug. 30 at [fpcnashville.org/habitat](http://fpcnashville.org/habitat).

**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. Register at [fpcnashville.org/missions](http://fpcnashville.org/missions).

## 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.

### Men's Breakfast Speaker Series: Admiral Jerry Breast |

#### Thursday, Sept. 24 | 7:00–8:00 a.m. | Courtenay Hall

All men are invited to attend our monthly men's breakfast and speaker series. 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 up 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](http://fpcnashville.org/soccer) under the soccer saints volunteer sign up tab. All questions can be directed to our inbox at [recreation@fpcnashville.org](mailto:recreation@fpcnashville.org)

YTD AT **JULY 31, 2026**  
**Actual** \$2,719,354  
**Budget** \$ 2,634,760  
 Variance \$84,594

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

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  
 Sept. 7 | Office Closed for Labor Day  
 Sept. 13 | Fall COBs begin  
 Sept. 16 | 5:00 p.m. Dinner; 6:00 p.m. Classes | Wednesday Night Fellowship Begins

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Today | 3:00–4:30 p.m. | Confirmation Kickoff Ice Cream Social  
 Aug. 23 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | YC&W Graduation  
 Sept. 13 | CM Grade-Level Sunday School Classes Begin  
 Sept. 20 | 9:45–10:45 a.m. | Singing the Faith Milestone (Age 2–3, Nursery Lobby)

### MEN

Sept. 1 | 12:00 p.m. | First Tuesday Men's Lunch with Darren: Five Guys Burgers, Brentwood  
 Sept. 24 | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Breakfast Speaker Series  
 Tuesdays | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study  
 Fridays Through Aug. 28 | 6:00 a.m. | Men's Track Workouts

### FIRST FRIENDS

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

### MISSIONS

Today | 5:00–6:30 p.m. | Matthew 25 Meal  
 Aug. 30 | 9:30 a.m. | Missions Fair @ Kickoff Sunday  
 Sept. 2 | 12:00–5:00 p.m. | Blood Drive  
 Oct. 10, 17; Nov. 7, 14 | Habitat Build  
 Oct. 18 | 5:00–6:30 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

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

### YOUTH

Today | 9:45 a.m. | Annual Youth Parent Meeting  
 Aug. 23 | 4:00 p.m. | Crud Day  
 Sept. 13 | Youth Small Groups Begin  
 Sept. 13, 20 | 9:45 a.m. | Youth Follow Me