



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 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

“Moses spent forty years in Egypt learning something, then he spent forty years in the desert learning to be nothing, and then spent the last forty years of his life proving God to be everything. This is a good way of describing what the Christian life is all about. Some of us do not prove God to be everything because we’ve never learned that we are nothing. When we come to that point, we are ready to have God work through us as he did with Moses.”

—James Montgomery Boice

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Rigaudon
André Campra

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. Darren Kennedy

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

All: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God’s presence with singing!

All: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: The Lord’s name be praised!

*OPENING HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
ELLACOMBE

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

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

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 32:1-6 (page 462)

Julia Kaufman (8:30)
Hudson Harris (11:00)

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ² Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. ⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Sandra Randleman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we often resist the difficult paths before us. We seek comfort instead of trust, answers instead of faith, and certainty instead of dependence on you. In times of sorrow or struggle, we lose sight of your presence and your goodness. Too often, we try to carry our burdens alone rather than bringing them to you. Forgive us, Lord, and remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. Meet us in our weakness, strengthen us by your grace, and teach us to trust you even when we cannot understand your ways, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
HYMN TO JOY

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

*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

Rev. Gage Arnold

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
Robinson | Thompson | Farren

**What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Saviour, he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: My sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Exodus 2:1-10 (page 45)

¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. ⁴ And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. ⁵ Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Prince of Egypt

Dr. Ryan Moore

She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."—Exodus 2:10

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

I Was Glad When They Said Unto me
Hubert H. Parry

I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord." Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*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.*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Sara Hill

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing ...

Sanctus and Benedictus from St. Anne's Mass
James MacMillan

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, O blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

All: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forevermore. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion at First Presbyterian Church is offered to all baptized Christians and will be served today by intinction. When your row is called, come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and receive both elements together. The cup is juice and the bread is gluten free.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Sacred Feast
Healey Willan

O Sacred Feast, where in Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed in us, our souls filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

COMMUNION HYMN

We Will Feast in the House of Zion
McCracken | Moore

Refrain:

***We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together. We will feast and weep no more.***

**We will not be burned by the fire; he is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood; upheld, protected, gathered up. *Refrain***

**In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength. *Refrain***

**Every vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom. *Refrain***

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 450

Be Thou My Vision
SLANE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Grand Chœur Dialogué
Eugène Gigout

** 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*
Sara Hill, MDiv – *Parish Associate for Congregational Care*
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Ariana Corbin, DM – *Organist and Assistant Choral Director*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Stephen King, Guitar
Jeff Bailey and Preston Bailey, Trumpet
Jennifer Kummer, French Horn
Prentiss Hobbs, Trombone
Neil Konouchi, Tuba
Josh Hickman, Timpani
Acolytes – Julianna Mapangala, Kennedy Swafford, Lila Bess Vargas, Livia Vargas

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in honor of the youth of the church by Community of Belonging group #10: Amy, Beth, Carey, Cathryn, Cathy, Cecil, Donna, Elizabeth, Ellie, Felice, Leah, Mary, Mary Ellen, Missy, Nancy, Nell Ann, and Sarah.

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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.

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.

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Discipleship OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Grow in faith and friendship through weekly classes during the 9:45 a.m. Education Hour (unless otherwise noted). Questions about finding the class that's right for you? Contact Julia Wilk at jwilk@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9509.

Bible & Coffee Class | Jones Session Room (MW-203)

Gather for a Bible-centered class with fellowship, love, and laughter as we explore how God's Word guides our daily walk with Christ. Most attendees are in their late 50s-70s; adults of any life stage are welcome. Led by Marty and Betty Dickens, the class will study "Priorities in Life," and Colossians this fall.

Cornerstone Class | Vance Hall (MW-222)

Explore Scripture and deepen your relationship with Jesus and others through teaching and discussion. Led by Ben Merrill, John Hollins, Chris Kirkland, Darryl Thompson, and Julia Wilk, the class will read *The Dangerous Act of Loving Your Neighbor* by Mark Labberton this fall. Adults of any life stage are welcome; most attendees are parents of young adults.

Current Issues | L-200

Explore current events and consider our Christian response through lively, respectful discussion. Led by Sally Ostheimer, the class welcomes a variety of viewpoints and typically includes an article to read before class.

Discipleship Class | Witherspoon Room (CC-130)

Led by David Goodcase, this class takes an in-depth approach to studying books of the Bible and building a strong foundation in Scripture. Most attendees are retired and committed to attending weekly.

Fellowship Class | Memorial Library

The Fellowship Class, frequently taught by Dr. Ryan Moore, provides a space to connect and gain insight from Scripture. This class is intended to be "come and go as you are able," and serves as a welcoming place for anyone looking to plug in.

Good News Class | L-207

Join Rev. Dr. John Musgrave for Scripture study through lecture and discussion. This fall, the class will explore Paul's Epistle to the Romans, and its influence on Christian theology and faith. As the class moves through the letter, it will reflect on how theologians such as Origen, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther, and Karl Barth have interpreted Romans.

June Ramsey Class | Cheek House Living Room (CH-101)

Learn from guest scholars as they explore theology, Scripture, Christian ethics, and worship through presentations and discussion. The class occasionally studies books selected by the group.

Life Together Class | L-203

The Life Together class is designed for people who want to explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus in our families, our workplaces, and our communities. Philip Leach and James Sidney lead the class. Most attendees are in their 30s and 40s; however, adults of all ages are welcome!

Logos Class | Stanford Chapel

The Logos Class is a lecture-oriented class combining Bible study, theology, and discussion. Logos offers members significant opportunities for serious, scholarly reflection, learning, and growth in faith. The format allows for fruitful engagement anytime you can attend.

(New!) Men's Sunday School | MW-227

This fall, FPC is launching a new Sunday School class specifically for men. Led by an intergenerational team of church leaders, the class will focus on the Bible's big picture and how it can transform our lives. The intergenerational leadership team includes Lonnie Stout, Tom Stumb, John Eason, Tom Smith, Emmett Russell, and Steele Yancey. MW-227 is a newly-constructed room in the Ministry Wing located near the pulpit door of the Sanctuary.

(New!) Theology for Life | L-201

Theology for Life is open to all ages and takes a deeper dive into Scripture through primarily lecture-based teaching and occasional discussion. Led by Nathon Brandon, the class will explore Isaiah's Servant Songs and how they point to Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

Young Adults | Cheek House Breakfast Room (CH-104)

If you're in your 20s or 30s, single, married, with or without kids, this class is for you. Join us in the Cheek House Breakfast Room for relaxed fun and real conversations about faith and life. Adrian Taylor and Sarah Fala lead the class.

MEN'S

First Tuesday Men's Lunches with Darren | 12:00 p.m.

Sept. 1 | Five Guys Burgers, Brentwood (330 Franklin Rd)
Oct. 6 | Greenery Co., Hillsboro Village (1705 21st Ave S)

Men's Breakfast Series | 7:00 a.m. | Courtenay Hall

Sept. 24 | Admiral Jerry Breast
Oct. 15 | Scholar Leaders: Christopher Hays & Medhat Fayeze
Nov. 12 | Emmett Russell

Men's Workouts | Fridays | 6:00 a.m. | Track & 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Sept. 16–Nov. 18 | 5:00–6:00 p.m. Dinner; 6:00–7:00 p.m. Programming | Courtenay Hall — Join us Wednesday evenings this fall as we explore how the Gospel story is reflected through art, storytelling, and creative expression. Dinner is served from 5:00–6:00 p.m., followed by teaching and conversation led by Dr. Darren Kennedy, with occasional guest speakers. Dinner is \$10 per person, with a \$30 maximum per family. Children's programming drop-off begins at 5:45 p.m., with pickup by 7:15 p.m. The playground will also be open during dinner with parent supervision.

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study Kickoff | Tuesday, Sept. 8 | 9:30 a.m. Coffee; 10:00 a.m. Bible Study | Cheek House and Stanford Chapel — Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will kick off the 2026-2027 year, beginning a monthly study of N.T. Wright's *Acts for Everyone*. Wright's study explores early Christian fervor in spreading Jesus' message globally. The morning will begin with coffee and fellowship in the Cheek House at 9:30 a.m., followed by Bible Study with Dr. Randleman in the Stanford Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Small group discussions will begin at 10:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Bible Study meets the second Tuesday of each month, Sept.–May. All women of every age and life stage are invited to join for discussion and fellowship. *Please note that the time and format have changed from what was previously published.*

Women's Bible Study | Mondays, Sept. 14–Nov. 16 | 9:30–11:00 a.m. | Jones Session Room — Join us as we explore Paul's letter to the Philippians, and discover what it means to have joy in every circumstance, cultivate the mind of Christ, find true contentment, and live with confidence in the gospel. In this intergenerational study, we'll gather as a large group and then break into smaller discussion groups. Cost is \$10 for a study guide. Registration is required; childcare available by registration. Questions? Contact Ellie Richmond at erichmond@fpcnashville.org or call 615-298-9509. Register at fpcnashville.org/adults.

MIDWEEK LUNCH & STUDY

Wednesdays | begins Sept. 16 | 11:30 a.m. | Session Room — All are invited to a weekly Bible study and lunch with Dr. Ryan Moore. On Wednesdays this fall, we will gather in the Session Room to study the gospel message in Ephesians. Lunch is provided; donation requested.

SMALL GROUPS & BIBLE STUDIES

The small group environment is a great place to plug in, meet new people, or go deeper and explore questions. Most groups begin the week of Sept. 13, and run for eight weeks through Nov. 22. Sign up at fpcnashville.org/smallgroups, or if you need help finding the right group, please reach out to Ellie Richmond at erichmond@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9570.

(New!) High School Parents

Sundays | (bi-weekly) 6:00 p.m. | Rotating Homes

Sheppard/Chestnut

Sundays | 6:30 p.m. | Green Hills

Hindman/Stringham

Sundays | 6:30 p.m. | Belle Meade/Brentwood

Young Adult Suppers

Sundays | (bi-weekly) 6:30 p.m. | Rotating Homes

Pickel (Women)

Mondays | 1:00 p.m. | West Meade

Randleman/Puryear/Raymond

Mondays | 5:00 p.m. | Green Hills

(New Day!) Davis/Bellardo (Women)

Mondays | (bi-weekly) 6:45 p.m. | Oak Hill

Men's Bible Study (Randleman)

Tuesdays | 7:00 a.m. | Vance Hall

The Crestmoor

Tuesdays | 7:30 p.m. | 12th Floor of The Crestmoor

Arnold (Men 30s-40s)

Wednesdays | 6:00 a.m. | Vance Hall

Dowdle/Pace (Women)

Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m. | Green Hills

Sauer

Thursdays | 9:30 a.m. | Vance Hall + Zoom

First Friends is a dynamic ministry that caters to the needs of adults in the later stages of life, including those who are almost-retired, just-retired, and considerably retired. This fall is packed with opportunities for a wide variety of interests. For more information, contact Sally Ostheimer at sostheimer@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9551. Register online at fpcnashville.org/first-friends.

Tour of Belmont Mansion and Belmont University | Thursday, Sept. 10 | 9:45 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Book Club: *Notorious in Nashville* | Tuesday, Sept. 15 | 2:30 p.m. | Memorial Library

Luncheon and Speaker Series: Clint Holloway on Collectibles | Thursday, Sept. 17 | 12:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall

Day Trip to Nissan Plant Tour | Tuesday, Sept. 22 | 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Nashville Ballet Rehearsal and Lunch: Giselle | Sept. 24 | 9:45 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Parthenon Tour | Tuesday, Oct. 6 | 9:45 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Day Trip to Huntsville Space and Rocket Center | Thursday, Oct. 8 | 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Luncheon and Speaker Series: Artificial Intelligence Made Simple | Thursday, Oct. 15 | 12:00 p.m.

Book Club: *Wild Thing* | Tuesday, Oct. 20 | 2:30 p.m. | Memorial Library

Surviving Partners Luncheon | Thursday, Oct. 22 | 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall

Children & Families BIRTH–6TH GRADE

This fall brings exciting changes to Children's Ministry! All ages are moving into the Children's Wing, where we can't wait to fill the halls with joy and laughter. Every part of Children's Ministry is designed to nurture young disciples, from Sunday morning worship and Bible storytelling, to hands-on service and playful fellowship. Whether rocking babies in the nursery, acting out Scripture in elementary classes, or gathering for big family events, our goal is to help kids know God's love, experience Christian community, and put faith into action.

For all the details, find the 2026–27 Children's Ministry brochure at Kickoff Sunday to see all the ways to connect

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Pop-Up Sunday | Sept. 13 | 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship | Sept. 16–Nov. 18

5:00 p.m. Dinner & Open Playground | 5:45 p.m. Dropoff Opens | 6:00–7:00 p.m. Children's Programming | 7:15 p.m. Pickup Closes

Singing the Faith Milestone: Ages 2–3 | Sunday, Sept. 20 | 9:45 a.m. | Nursery Lobby

Fall Big Questions Milestone: 4th–5th Grade | Sunday, Sept. 27 | 9:45 a.m. | Courtenay Hall

Sanctuary Tour & Communion Milestone: 1st Grade | Sunday, Oct. 4 | 9:45 a.m. | Sanctuary

New Baby Reception | Sunday, Oct. 4 | 4:00 p.m. | Grundy Hall

Fall Fest & Trunk or Treat | **Sunday, Oct. 25** | 3:30–5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary Parking Lot

Christmas Pageant Speaking Part and Solo Tryouts | Sunday, Nov. 1 | 12:15–1:30 p.m. | Courtenay Hall

Baptism Remembered Milestone: Kindergarten | Sunday, Oct. 11 | 9:45 a.m. | Sanctuary

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals | Sundays, Nov. 8, Dec 6, 13 | 12:15–1:30 p.m. | Courtenay Hall and Sanctuary

Youth & Families 7TH–12TH GRADE

Wednesday Night Youth Semester Kickoff: Kiddie Pool Kickball | **Sept. 9** | **6:00 p.m.** | **Tyne Soccer Fields** — This fall we will kickoff our Wednesday Night Youth programming with a ton of fun to get in the rhythm of meeting. Join us for a game of Kiddie Pool Kickball on the Tyne Soccer Fields.

Wednesday Night Youth | **Sept. 16–Nov. 18** | **6:00–7:30 p.m.** | **Stanford Chapel** — 7th–12th graders begin with food, games, and fellowship at 6:00 p.m., followed by worship, large-group games, and a lesson at 6:30 p.m. The evening concludes with grade- and gender-based small groups led by young adult leaders from 7:00–7:30 p.m.

7th Graders & Parents Sunday School Class | **Sept. 13, 20** | **9:45 a.m.** | **The Gathering Lounge** — Every day technology pushes us to follow influencers, trends, and voices that promise happiness—but often leave us empty. Jesus offers something better: an invitation to follow him. The Follow Me Class for seventh graders and their parents will explore how our use of technology shapes our hearts.

9th Graders & Parents Sunday School Class | **Sept. 27, Oct. 4** | **The Gathering Lounge** — The Good Book Class for ninth graders and their parents is designed to help families build the skills and habits needed to make Bible study a lifelong practice that not only informs the mind but also transforms the heart.

Fall Retreat (7th & 8th Grade) Oct. 24–25 | **NaCoMe** — Middle schoolers will head to NaCoMe where we'll play tons of games, sing loud in worship, enjoy a bonfire with lots of s'mores, hear from God's word, and enjoy time in God's creation deepening friendships with one another.

Summer 2027 Trips | Save \$200 by Oct. 31! — Make plans for an unforgettable summer! Registration is now open for three opportunities for students to serve, grow, and explore: the Yosemite Pilgrimage Trip for graduated seniors (June 7–11), the ASP Mission Trip for rising 9th–12th graders (June 20–26), and Project Sweat for rising 7th–9th graders (July 12–15). Sign up and pay in full by October 31 to save \$200 on each trip!

For all the details, find the 2026–27 Youth brochure at Kickoff Sunday to see all the ways to connect

Missions

UPCOMING WAYS TO SERVE

Participating in God's mission is a natural outworking of our growth as disciples of Jesus. If we confess that "Jesus is Lord," we are also called to ask what life under his lordship looks like here and now—in our neighborhoods, our city, and our world. As we live under Christ's reign, FPC becomes an outpost of his kingdom that bears witness to what is true, good, and beautiful in the life God intends for his world.

This fall, we invite you to join us in loving our neighbors in tangible ways, both near and far. Whether serving alongside a local mission partner, supporting a ministry overseas, or faithfully praying for those engaged in gospel ministry around the world, there is a place for each of us to participate. Together, may we follow Christ into lives of generous, sacrificial service for the sake of the gospel and the good of our neighbors.

KINGDOM PARTNERS

These gospel-centered organizations are fully aligned with FPC's mission to make Christ known. They invite deep, ongoing relationships through hands-on participation and discipleship. Partners include: Begin Anew, Eli's House, Legacy Mission Village, Matthew 25, Men of Valor, Nueva Vida, Preston Taylor Ministries, and Siloam Health. Meet these partners today at the Kickoff Sunday celebration.

HERITAGE PARTNERS

These long-term relationships reflect FPC's history of working for the common good in Nashville. These relationships honor our heritage and continue to make a meaningful impact today. Partners include: Martha O'Bryan Center, Hospitality House, and Alive Hospice.

PROJECT PARTNERS

These partners invite FPC into one-time, short-term, or recurring projects that meet the needs of our community in varied ways. Partners include: Habitat for Humanity, Rise Against Hunger, United4Hope (Overton High School), Room in the Inn, and various food, clothing, and blood drives.

BASECAMP PARTNERS

These partners share FPC's campus and/or use our spaces to serve the needs of those in our community. Our partnership with these organizations reflects FPC's desire to use our basecamp for the common good. Partners include: Oak Hill School, From Within Counseling, the American Red Cross, Scouts, and YoungLife.

NATIONAL & WORLD PARTNERS

Our National & World Partners are: The Outreach Foundation, Andrews United Memorial Church (Jamaica), Stu Ross (Kenya), Mantanzas Evangelical Seminary (Cuba), Valentin Reformed Presbyterian Church (Cuba), Ndera Community School (Rwanda), Kicukiro Sunday School (Rwanda), Son Servants, Children's Nutrition Program (Haiti), and Solid Rock (Dominican Republic).

To register for any of the opportunities below, visit fpcnashville.org/missions, or contact missions@fpcnashville.org for more information

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Blood Drive | Sept. 2 | 12:00–5:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall — Someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds due to an accident, disaster, or illness. Roll up your sleeves to help save lives in your community by giving the gift of life by donating blood at our next blood drive.

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.

Dominican Republic Medical Mission Drive | Sept. 13–27 — Help support FPC's medical mission to the Dominican Republic this November by donating supplies in honor of the late Dr. Jim Cato, whose longstanding service to this mission made a lasting impact. Needed: Tylenol/acetaminophen (325 mg), ibuprofen (200 mg), infant/children's acetaminophen, adult and children's vitamins, saline nasal spray, Tums, and travel-size hygiene products. Please check expiration dates: All medications and supplies must expire after April 2027. Drop off donations at the Hospitality Center front desk or in the Narthex on Sundays.

Habitat Build | 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. Register at fpcnashville.org/habitat.

Sunday Night Dinner at Matthew 25 | Oct. 18, Dec. 13 | 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!



MISSIONS SURVEY

Our Missions Council is seeking to better understand how members of our congregation are currently serving in missions at FPC, where they feel called to become involved, and how our Missions Ministry can help connect people with meaningful opportunities to love and serve our neighbors. scan the QR code to take our brief survey.

RECREATION

Calling all Soccer Saints | Saturdays through 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 at fpcnashville.org/soccer under the soccer saints volunteer sign up tab. Questions? Contact recreation@fpcnashville.org.

Fall Pickleball | Thursdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17 | 5:00–7:00 p.m. | Enrichment Center — Join us Thursday evenings (except Sept. 17, 24, Nov. 12, 26) for friendly competition! We warm up at 5:00 p.m. in the Enrichment Center, and play until 7:00 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. *Please note that the time and dates have changed from what was previously published.*

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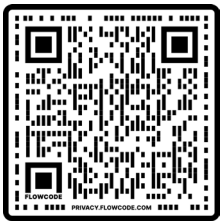
Do you feel called to share your voice in song? This fall, singers of all ages and experience levels are invited to join one of our many choirs and ensembles at First Presbyterian Church. For more information or to sign up, visit fpcnashville.org/music.

Sanctuary Singers is an intergenerational choir for teens and adults that meets Wednesdays from 7:00–8:00 p.m., and sings select worship services throughout the year. It's teaching-focused and friendly for amateur singers. Led by Ariana Corbin.

Sanctuary Choir is our adult choir that sings the traditional choral repertoire, 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. Led by Dr. Raphael Bundage.

Chorister Program is for students grades 4-10, and meets Wednesdays from 4:30–5:15 p.m. This teaching-focused group follows the academic calendar and sings in worship 1–2 times a month. Led by Ariana Corbin.

CLASS OF 2029 OFFICER NOMINEES



Each year, the Officer Nominating Committee faithfully and prayerfully chooses nominees to serve as Elders and Deacons at First Presbyterian Church and is proud to present the slate for the Class of 2029. We will vote to approve the nominees at a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 13, at the conclusion of both worship services. If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact any member of the Officer Nominating Committee: Tricia Carswell (Chair), John Atchley, Jr., Jean Campbell, Les Coble, Sr., Amy Colton, Will Hannon, Blewett McInteer, Ryan Moore (Staff Liaison). Find bios of the nominees at fpcnashville.org/nominees, or by scanning the QR code.

Deacon Candidates are John Atkins, Todd Counter, Jerry Crook, Scott Dalton, Drew Danieley, ML Davis, Brenda Dowdle*, Betsy Funk, Harold Harr, Roxanne Hill, Chuck Hoepfner, Chris Holstein, Chase Manning, Ebralie Mwizerwa, Alison Pettus, Mary Prevost, Reggie Ramsey, Jr., Robert Rolfe Jr., Kelly Shirley*, Missy Sidney, Lisa Swain, and John Thomas. *Completing an unfulfilled term.

Elder Candidates are Beth Alexander, Denise Bellardo, Doug Brandon, Tom Harrington, Trevor Howell, Chris Kirkland, Austin McMullen, Felice Oldacre, Emmett Russell IV, Tricia Scott, Waymon Tipton, and David Wiley III.