
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church of Nashville

September 7, 2025 | 6:30 p.m.

Sullivan Gardens & Columbarium Rededication

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Adagio from Concerto for flute and harp
W. A. Mozart

INTROIT

Finish then Thy New Creation
HYFRYDOL

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be: Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder love and praise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Ryan Moore

Pastor: This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

All: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Pastor: Jesus declares, "I am the resurrection and the life."

All: "The one who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25)

Pastor: So come, let us stand in honor,

All: And let us worship God.

*HYMN

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
RESIGNATION

**My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath, drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God, attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.**

PRAYER

Rev. Sara Hill

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, the heavens cannot contain your glory. Yet you have come to be with us in Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are present with us now in the risen Christ. We dedicate this columbarium to your honor and glory. We thank you for all the gifts that have come together in this building, the craft and art of many hands, contributions of resources and material, labors of love and commitment. Bless the work of our hands, O God, that this place may offer welcome and peace to many people and that all who seek you here may know your presence in their lives. By your grace and according to your will, may the Gospel of Jesus Christ be truly proclaimed that the body of Christ may be nurtured and comforted here, strengthened for Christ's service in the world.

All: Amen.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Bill Oldacre, Frank Wilson

ANTHEM

In Heavenly Love Abiding
arr. David Cherwien

In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear; and safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here: the storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid, but God is round about me, and can I be dismayed? Wherever he may guide me, no want shall turn me back; my wisdom ever waketh, his sight is never dim, he knows the way he taketh, and I will walk with him. Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen; bright skies will soon be o'er me, where darkest clouds have been. My hope I cannot measure, the path to life is free; my savior has my treasure, and he will walk with me.

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

Dr. John Musgrave

Pastor: Eternal God, we rededicate this columbarium to your glory in joyful celebration of the lives of your people who, at the end of their earthly lives, find their rest in you. May their witness continue in this place, encouraging those who follow, that all may come at last to the home prepared by Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

All: Give us your peace in Christ Jesus, that we may live for him untroubled and unafraid.

Pastor: Trusting in Jesus Christ, we rededicate this columbarium in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

All: As we rededicate this place, O God, we rededicate our lives to the service of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

REDEDICATION

Lynn Lassiter Kendrick

Leader: God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father which are in heaven:

All: To you we rededicate this place of eternal rest.

Leader: Lord Jesus, Son of God, Savior of the world, Head of the Body which is the Church:

All: To you we rededicate this place of eternal rest.

Leader: Spirit of God, given to be our abiding teacher, sanctifier, and comforter; Lord and Giver of Life:

All: To you we rededicate this place of eternal rest. Amen.

HYMN

Abide with Me
EVENTIDE

**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see. O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

A WITNESS TO RESURRECTION HOPE

Pastor: Christ alone is worthy of the name above all names.

All: Every knee will bow and every tongue proclaim the rightness of his reign.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, now let your resurrection at last be worked through all the fabric of creation, till every square inch of this world is bathed in your holy light, consecrated forever as your own. Till every sorrow we've sustained is redeemed, restored, renamed; till ones we've loved and lost and grieved are joined to us again; till all the brokenness that breaks our world is by your word made whole.

All: You have made all things well, O Lord of Life!

Pastor: O King of Creation! O Christ who conquered death!

All: You have made all things new!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

HEBREWS 2:14-15

Lip Davis III

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

ISAIAH 25:7-8A

Nan Russell

On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces...In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

1 PETER 1:3

Jody Holland

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

REVELATION 1:18

Charlotte Ann Edwards

"I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."

*CLOSING HYMN

For All the Saints
SINE NOMINE

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro from Concerto for flute and harp
W. A. Mozart

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Sara Hill, MDiv – *Parish Associate*
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
Joseph Fala, MM – *Organist & Assistant Director of Music*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Lynn Lassiter Kendrick – *Clerk of Session*
Vonda Darr – *Harp*
Deanna Hahn Little – *Flute*

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

ALL CHURCH

Sept. 14 | 3:00 p.m. | Ordination Service for Mallory Hammond
Sept. 24 | 6:00–8:00 p.m. | Spiritual Gifts Class (Option 1)
Sept. 25 | Dinner (5:30) and Choral Vesper Service (6:30)
Oct. 5 | 12:00–2:00 p.m. | Spiritual Gifts Class (Option 2)
Oct. 25 | 9:00 a.m. | Inquirers Class
Oct. 26 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Reformation Day Worship
Oct. 26 | 3:30–5:00 p.m. | Fall Festival Trunk or Treat

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Sept. 21 | 9:45–10:45 a.m. | Singing the Faith Milestone (2–3)
Sept. 27 | 5:00–8:00 p.m. | Parents Night Out
Sept. 28 | 9:45 a.m. | Missions Milestone (4th–5th Grade)
Oct. 26 | 9:45 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. Recognition | Baptism Remembered Milestone (Kindergarten)

YOUTH

Sept. 14, 21, 28 | 9:45 a.m. | Follow Me Sunday School Series for 7th Graders & Parents
Oct. 19 | 5:30–7:00 p.m. | Blacklight Dodgeball
Oct. 25–26 | Fall Overnight

FIRST FRIENDS

Sept. 11 | 3:00 p.m. | Book Review: *Conscious Living, Conscious Aging* (Thursdays through September 25)
Sept. 18 | 12:00 p.m. | Lunch & Speaker Series
Sept. 22 | 9:30 a.m. | Woodworking Workshop with Julia Wilk – Making Charcuterie Boards
Oct. 9 | 11:30 a.m. | New Beginnings Fall Lunch for Widows
Oct. 10 | Men's Trip to Lane Auto Museum and Lunch
Oct. 13 | Day Trip to Dickson and Lyles
Oct. 16 | 12:00 p.m. | Lunch and Speaker Series
Oct. 30 | Nashville Ballet Viewing of Nutcracker Rehearsal

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Sept. 9 | 11:00 a.m. | PW Fall Gathering
Oct. 14 | PW Circles Begin

MISSIONS

Sept. 9, Oct. 14 | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project
Sept. 13–14, 20–21, 27–28, & Oct. 4–5 | Habitat Build

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