



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

October 4, 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

The church is the place in the world where the coming kingdom is already beginning to happen.

—Thomas C. Oden

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

O Sacrum Convivium
Naji Hakim

WELCOME

Dr. Darren Kennedy

INTROIT

Tell Out My Soul
WOODLANDS

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord: unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Sandra Randleman

Leader: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

All: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O LORD, and shall glorify your name.

Leader: For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among the peoples.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

*OPENING HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
CWM RHONDDA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Rev. Gage Arnold (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | John 6:25-40 (page 891)

Carly Symington (8:30)
Phil Leach (11:00)

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶

But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Adrian Taylor (8:30)

Rev. Sara Hill (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, you require us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before you. We confess that we have not loved you or our neighbor in this way. We repent of this and seek your forgiveness. Grant that your Holy Spirit drives us to seek these things through Jesus Christ...

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

Zulu/Xhosa:

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.

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The choir will sing once through in Zulu; the congregation will join in singing the English verses.

*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. Mallory Hammond

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Jesus Loves Me!

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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Exodus 16:1-8 (page 58)

¹ They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸ And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Bread of Heaven

Dr. Ryan Moore

“Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.” —Exodus 16:9

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing from *Five Mystical Songs*
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King. The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly: The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King. The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out: but above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.

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

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 What Their Joy
Healey Willan

O what their joy and their glory must be, those endless sabbaths the blessed ones see! Crown for the valiant, to weary ones rest; God shall be all, and in all ever blest. Truly Jerusalem name we that shore, vision of peace, that brings joy evermore! Wish and fulfilment can severed be ne'er, nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer. There, where no troubles distraction can bring, we the sweet anthems of Sion shall sing, while for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise thy blessed people eternally raise. Low before him with our praises we fall, of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all: Of whom, the Father; and in whom, the Son; through whom, the Spirit, with them ever One. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Speak, O Lord
Gettv | Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-cieve the food of Your ho - ly word.
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fash-ion us in Your like - ness, that the Test our thoughts and our at - ti-tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - je - stic love and au - thor - i - ty. grace we'll stand on Your prom - i - ses; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry. Words of pow'r that can ne - ver fail; Let their truth pre-vail o - ver un - be-lief. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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 321

The Church's One Foundation
AURELIA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

I Will Lift Mine Eyes
Jake Runestad

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this day forth for evermore.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Mo Java
Lalo Davila

** Those who are able, please stand.*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Lillian and Harold Harris, and Polly and James Rees Pickel, by Haden and Jimmy Pickel, all their children and their grandchildren, Jack, Christian, Mary Haden, Lillian, and Jonah.

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 – Elaine Morgan, Jack Morgan, Sam Byram, Jonah Moore
Percussion – Brian Mueller, Joseph Flores, James Orme, Paul West

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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** for children ages 0-3 is available from 8:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., and there is a Mother and Infant Quiet Room in the Nursery Wing. **Children ages 4-6** are invited to **Young Children & Worship** following the Blessing of the Young Disciples. Older children remain in worship, where activity bags are available at each Sanctuary entrance. Parents pick up younger children after worship in room CW 110, located in the Children's Ministry Wing. Following 8:30 a.m. worship, children of all ages are invited to come for the Education Hour. Check-in and pickup for **Nursery– 5th Grade** is in the Children's Ministry lobby. **6th Grade Confirmation Class** check-in is outside Grundy Hall.

Wednesday Night Fellowship | Through 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 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 for children with parent supervision. Enter through the Hospitality Center or Children's Wing portico doors. Register online at fpcnashville.org/wnf.

CHILDREN

Sanctuary Tour & Communion Milestone: 1st Grade | Today | 9:45 a.m. | Sanctuary — On World Communion Sunday, first graders and their grownups are invited to the Sanctuary Tour and Communion Milestone during the education hour.

New Baby Reception | Today | 4:00 p.m. | Grundy Hall — If your family has welcomed a new baby recently, join us to meet other families, make new connections, and build bonds within our church community.

FIRST FRIENDS

Gatherings for adults, retired and not-so-retired! Register online or contact Sally Ostheimer (sostheimer@fpcnashville.org). For more information, visit fpcnashville.org/first-friends.

Day Trip to Huntsville Space and Rocket Center | Thursday, Oct. 8 | 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. — Join us for a day exploring the history and future of space exploration at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Physicist Dr. Rick Chappel, who has shared his NASA experience with us before, will serve as our dedicated tour guide. We'll enjoy two special tour experiences and lunch on site. The church bus seats 14; others may drive separately. Cost: \$25, paid in advance.

Luncheon and Speaker Series: Artificial Intelligence Made Simple | Thursday, Oct. 15 | 12:00 p.m. — Robert Catalano, AI Enablement Senior Consultant with SM Advisors, will offer a clear, jargon-free introduction to artificial intelligence. Enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by our own Chef Kim Rogers for \$10 per person.

Please register in advance; online registration and payment are preferred. Credit cards are also accepted at the luncheon.

WOMEN

Presbyterian Women Handiwork Drop-In | Monday, Oct. 5 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Memorial Library — Bring your current handiwork project and we will enjoy Christian fellowship, build community, and work on our respective crafts.

Intergenerational Women's Bible Study | Mondays through 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.

PW October Bible Study | Tuesday, Oct. 13 | 9:30 Coffee; 10:00 a.m. Study | Cheek House & Stanford Chapel — Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will gather Tuesday, Oct. 13, continuing a year-long monthly study of N.T. Wright's *Acts for Everyone* taught by Dr. Sandra Randleman.

MEN

First Tuesday Men's Lunch with Darren | Oct. 6 | 12:00 p.m. | Greenery Co., Hillsboro Village (1705 21st Ave S) — Join us for a relaxed lunch gathering on the first Tuesday of each month at locations around town.

Men's Breakfast Speaker Series: Christopher Hays and Medhat Fayeze | Thursday, Oct. 15 | 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.

MISSIONS

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. Register at fpcnashville.org/habitat.

Sunday Night Dinner at Matthew 25 | Oct. 11 | 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! Register at fpnashville.org/missions.

Jamaica Mission Trip | Register by Nov. 1 — Join FPC for our annual mission trip to Mandeville, Jamaica, from Jan. 30–Feb. 5, 2027. This trip will include the dental clinic, construction, and education. Cost is \$1,000 per person, excluding airfare. Questions? Contact Adrian Taylor or J.T. Martin at jt.martin@cbre.com. Deadline to Register is Nov. 1

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Empty Nest, Full Heart: Embracing the Next Chapter | Sunday, Nov. 1 | 5:00 p.m. | Wagster Home — For many parents, an empty nest brings a mix of emotions—and an opportunity to discover what's next. Join fellow FPC empty nesters at the home of Elizabeth and John Wagster for an honest and encouraging conversation about navigating this new chapter. Annette Rogers-Vaughn and Bruce Rogers-Vaughn of The Pastoral Center for Healing will explore this significant life transition and offer insights for navigating and embracing this new chapter with purpose and confidence. Light refreshments served. Register online at fpcnashville.org/emptynest.

Stephen Ministry Training — Stephen Ministry Leaders are offering a training class to those interested in becoming a qualified Stephen Minister beginning in late Jan. 2027 – Mar. 2027. Stephen Ministers receive fifty hours of excellent training to be a confidential, compassionate caregiver to someone going through a challenging time. The fifty hours of training is conducted by Sandra Randleman and other Stephen Ministry Leaders, consists of distinctively Christian caring skills, and focuses on God as the one who cures. These classes are designed to prepare you to function effectively in a variety of supportive roles. The training classes meet on Tuesday, late afternoons or evenings. After you complete your training, you will meet twice monthly with Stephen Ministers for support, continuing education and fellowship. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org.

Need a Stephen Minister? — In a one-on-one caring relationship, people who are hurting receive support and love with a Stephen Minister. They have the gifts of compassion, listening, and prayer. They are equipped to enter into caring and confidential relationships with persons going through a difficult time such as illness, loss of a loved one, divorce, or job loss. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. If you feel a need in your life that could be met by the Christian caring of a supportive Stephen Minister, please contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesdays | 11:30 a.m. | Midweek Lunch & Study

Oct. 25 | Reformation Day Worship

Oct. 25 | 3:30–5:00 p.m. | Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

WOMEN

Mondays through Nov. 16 | 9:30–11:00 a.m. | Intergenerational Women's Bible Study

Oct. 5 | 9:00 a.m. | Presbyterian Women Handiwork Drop-In

Oct. 13 | 9:30 a.m. Coffee; 10:00 Bible Study | PW Acts Study

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Today | 4:00 p.m. | New Baby Reception

Today | 4:30 p.m. | Confirmation Party

MEN

Oct. 6 | 12:00 p.m. | First Tuesday Men's Lunch with Darren

Oct. 15 | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Breakfast Speaker Series

Tuesdays | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study

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

FIRST FRIENDS

Oct. 8 | 7:30 a.m. | Day Trip: Huntsville Space Museum

Oct. 15 | 12:00 p.m. | Luncheon and Speaker Series: Artificial Intelligence

Oct. 20 | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club: *Wild Thing*

Oct. 22 | 11:30 a.m. | Surviving Partners Lunch

Oct. 27 | 12:00 p.m. | FF & OHS Kindergartners Game Day

MISSIONS

Second Tuesdays | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project

Oct. 10, 17; Nov. 7, 14 | Habitat Build

Oct. 11 | 5:00–6:30 p.m. | Matthew 25 Meal

Nov. 7–13 | Medical Mission Trip

RECREATION

Through Oct. 24 | Fall Soccer Season

Thursdays through Nov. 26 | 5:30–8:00 p.m. | Pickleball

YOUTH

Today | 9:45 a.m. | 9th Grade Family SS Series: Bible Study

Oct. 24–25 | Youth Fall Overnighter at NaCoMe

Oct. 25 | 12:00 p.m. | Senior Youth Sunday Planning Luncheon

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

YTD AT **AUG. 31, 2026**

Actual \$3,055,878

Budget \$2,931,066

Variance \$124,812

We are especially thankful to report that 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.