

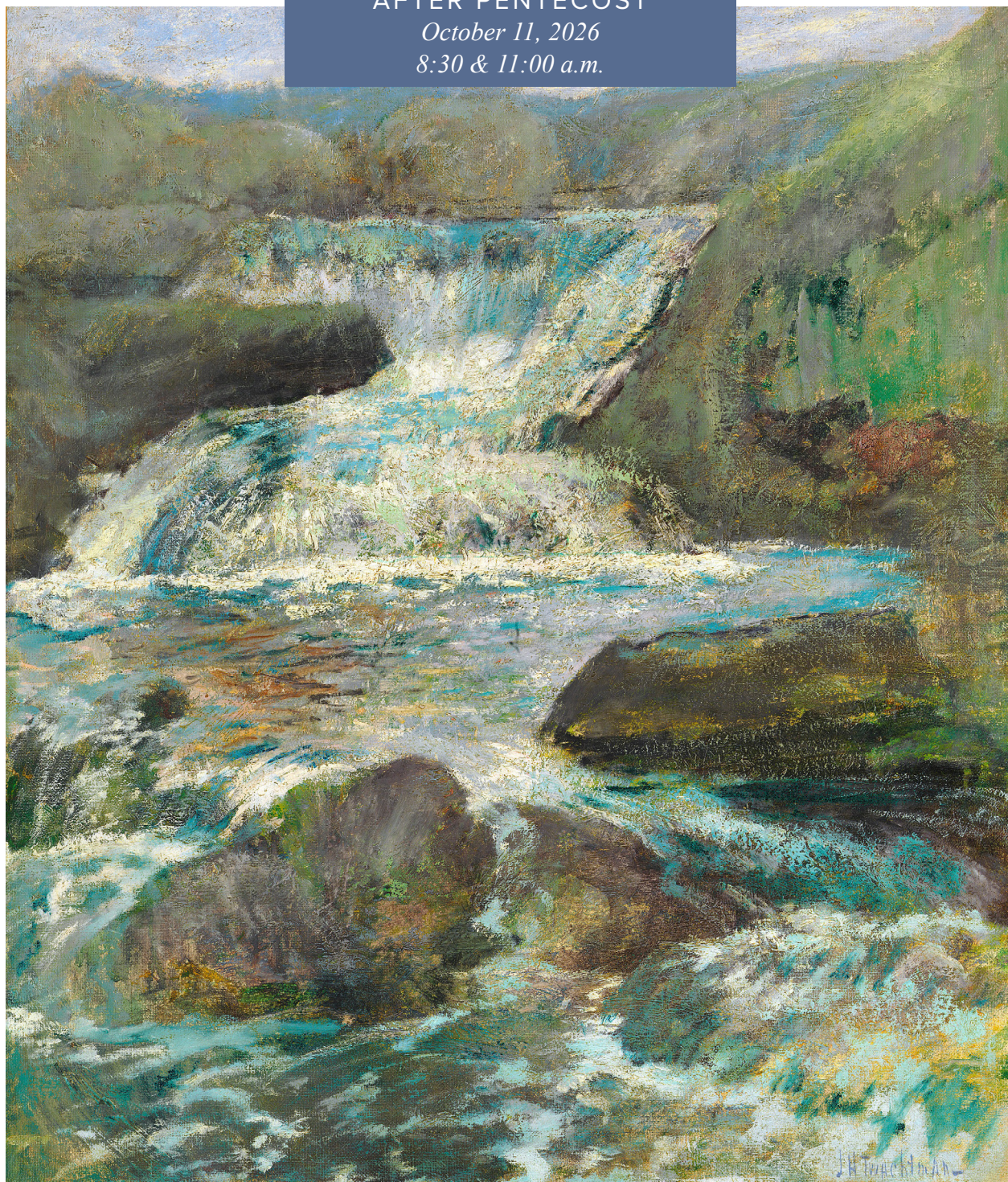


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 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

God's leading does not always move directly toward oases.

—Terence Fretheim

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Deep River
Gerald Near

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION | Oak Hill School

Hart Roper, Head of School

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. John Musgrave (8:30)
Adrian Taylor (11:00)

Leader: It is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

All: I will tell of your name to all; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.

Leader: God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

All: My heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Leader: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory! Amen!

*OPENING HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
CORONATION

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST LESSON | John 7:37-39 (page 893)

Luke Callison (8:30)
Walter Petree (11:00)

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Darren Kennedy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, I confess today my deep tendency to pretend and perform. Rather than resting in the righteousness of Christ, I try to earn your favor through what I do. And when I fail to live up to your standard, I hide and pretend rather than running to the cross of Christ. In this pattern of pride and unbelief, I am weary. And so I come to you, knowing that I do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with my weakness. I have one who was tempted in every way, yet without sin. So let me draw near to the throne of grace with confidence, that I may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Strengthen me by your Spirit to live in the good of the gospel, today and always...

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF 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

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
AZMON

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.**

*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.*

ANTHEM (11:00)

Lord, You Are Near Me
Mark Patterson

Lord, you are near me; I will not fear. You walk beside me, it's your voice I hear. Darkness may cover me, but soon your light appears, and I know, dear Lord, you are near me. Lord, you are near me; leading each day. Teach me to follow, show me the way. Lord, help me trust in you, keep me close, I pray. Help me know, dear Lord, you are near me. When I sleep, when I wake, night and day you are near me. When I cry, when I pray, Lord, I know you will hear me. Lord, you are near me; I will not fear. You walk beside me, it's your voice I hear. Darkness may cover me, but soon your light appears, and I know, dear Lord, you are near me.

‡BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN

Austin and Mary Keith Jackson Robbins are presenting their children, Margaret Darden Robbins and Charles Hays Robbins, for baptism.

Assisting Elder: John Burch

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
Stuart Townend

(1.)How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure that
(2.)Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
(3.)I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But
He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why
great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But
wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

SCRIPTURE READING | Exodus 17:1-7 (page 59)

Jeb Burton (8:30)
Henry Campbell (11:00)

¹ All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴ So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking

with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

God in the Dock

Dr. Ryan Moore

For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. —1 Corinthians 10:4

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

The Call of Wisdom
Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy; walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger. I am here; I am with you. I have called: do you hear me? I am here; I am with you. Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value, jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting. I am here; I am with you. I have called: do you hear me? Here, I am with you. Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love; those who seek me find their answer. I am here; I am with you. I have called: do you hear me? Here, I am with you. God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal. Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages. I am here; I am with you. I have called: do you hear me? Here, I am with you.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Sandra Randleman

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 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
HYMN TO JOY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Impromptu in F Major, Op. 78 No. 1
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

** Those who are able, please stand.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
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 – Christopher Douse, Robert Douse, Evelyn Ison, Adah McInteer
Treble FX (OHS 5th/6th grade choir) | Susan Draper – *Director*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the partnership between First Presbyterian Church and Oak Hill School.

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.

Midweek Lunch & Study with Ryan Moore | Wednesdays | 11:30 a.m. | Session Room — All are welcome to lunch and study with Ryan Moore on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the Session Room. This fall, the class will be studying Ephesians. Through Ephesians, believers receive deep assurance of God’s grace, a place within his church, and practical guidance for everyday life. A light lunch will be provided each week.

CHILDREN

Fall Fest & Trunk or Treat | Sunday, Oct. 25 | 3:30–5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary Parking Lot — Join us for an afternoon of festive fun for all ages and sweet fellowship. Our Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat, hosted by the Children’s Ministry Committee, will be packed with decorated trunks, candy, games, music, and fellowship. Whether you’re new or a familiar face, this is a great chance to celebrate the season together with church friends and neighbors. Come for the fun—stay for the fellowship! Sign up to volunteer online at fpcnashville.org/fallfest.

YOUTH

Wednesday Night Youth | 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.

Fall Retreat (7th & 8th Grade) Oct. 24–25 | NaCoMe — You know that feeling that comes from breathing in the cool, crisp fall air on a late October day? Well, come plan to retreat away with all your FPC Nashville middle school friends this fall for a weekend in the woods at 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. Register online at fpcnashville.org/youth.

Youth 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 Oct. 31 to save \$200 on each trip!

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.

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.

Book Club: *Wild Thing* | Tuesday, Oct. 20 | 2:30 p.m. | Memorial Library — October's selection explores the life of post-impressionist artist Paul Gauguin, following his journey from a privileged childhood in Peru, and a career as a Paris stockbroker to the South Seas, where he became a celebrated artist.

Surviving Partners Luncheon | Thursday, Oct. 22 | 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall — Widows and widowers are invited to share a meal, build friendships and find encouragement with others who understand the journey of loss and healing. Our ministers will be seated at each table and look forward to sharing this time with you. Come with a friend or on your own. Donations to help cover the cost of lunch are appreciated. Register online at fpcnashville.org/first-friends.

WOMEN

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

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.

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.

MISSIONS

Habitat Build | Saturdays, Oct. 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 | 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! Register at fpcnashville.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.

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.

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

Nov. 1 | All Saints Day Worship

Nov. 1 | 12:00 p.m. | All Saints Lunch following Worship

Nov. 1 | 9:45 a.m. | New Members Joining Day

Nov. 1 | 3:00 p.m. | Ariana Corbin Concert

Nov. 1 | 5:00 p.m. | Empty Nest, Full Heart: Embracing the Next Chapter

Nov. 5 | 11:30 a.m. | Congregational Care Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

WOMEN

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

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

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

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Nov. 1 | 12:15–1:30 p.m. | Christmas Pageant Tryouts

Nov. 8 | 9:45 a.m. | Baptism Remembered Milestone

Nov. 8 | 12:15–1:30 p.m. | Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

MEN

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

Nov. 3 | 12:00 p.m. | First Tuesday Men's Lunch (Arnold's Country Kitchen)

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

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

FIRST FRIENDS

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

Oct. 29 | 10:00 a.m. | Medicare Confidence 2027: Navigate with Clarity

Nov. 3 | 10:30 a.m. | Self-Defense Workshop

MISSIONS

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

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

Nov. 7–13 | Dominican Republic Mission Trip

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

RECREATION

Through Oct. 24 | Fall Soccer Season

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

YOUTH

Oct. 24–25 | Youth Fall Overnighter at NaCoMe

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

Nov. 8 | 9:45 a.m. | Prayer Partner Breakfast

Nov. 8 | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Parents in Prayer

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