

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

October 12, 2025 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WORDS OF PREPARATION

What must you do to be saved? Nothing. The “doing” part was Jesus’ contribution to salvation. All that’s left for us is to believe that he really pulled it off on our behalf.

—Scott Hoezee

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Pastorale
Herbert Sumsion

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION | Oak Hill School

Hart Roper, Head of School

INTROIT

Come Ye that Love the Lord
arr. Alice Parker

Come, ye that love the Lord, and let your love be known; join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but favorites of the heav’nly King may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Rev. Sara Hill (11:00)

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord.

All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

*OPENING HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
HYMN TO JOY

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Mallory Hammond

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Adrian Taylor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 634

To God Be the Glory
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*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

‡*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 (8:30)

Before the Throne of God Above
Vikki Cook

**Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in Heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
For God the just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.**

**Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.**

ANTHEM (11:00)

We Fall Down
Chris Tomlin | arr. Lloyd Larson

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus. The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus. And we cry “Holy, holy, holy” is the Lamb. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Acts 16:25-34 (page 925)

Bentley Flanagin (8:30)
Lauren Pitman (11:00)

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the

night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. ³⁴ Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Good News for All

Dr. Ryan Moore

“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” —Acts 16:30

OFFERTORY (8:30)

O God, Beyond All Praising
Richard Proulx

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end; we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word; we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die; its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown; though small in mortal stature, to heaven’s garden grown; for Christ the Man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory! Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; and whether tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we will triumph through sorrows and bless you still, to marvel at beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

OFFERTORY (11:00)

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Philip Stopford

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord: thou my great Father, and I thy true son, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my armor and be thou my might: Thou my soul’s shelter and thou my high tower, raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power. Riches I heed not, or man’s empty praise, thou mine inheritance, through all my days: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, high king of heaven, my treasure thou art. High king of heaven when the battle is done, grant heaven’s joy to me, O bright heaven’s sun: Christ of my own heart whatever befalls, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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

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

And Can It Be
SWEET HOUR

**And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died Jesus for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?
He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;
emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
'tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed thee.
No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold, I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold, I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in A
David N. Johnson

** Those who are able, please stand.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*

Mallory Hammond, MDiv – *Parish Associate, Director of Ministry to Children and Their Families*

Sara Hill, MDiv – *Parish Associate*

John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*

Adrian Taylor, MDiv – *Director of Missions Ministry*

Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*

Joseph Fala, MM – *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*

Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*

Stephen King – *Guitar and Vocals*

Acolytes – Worthen Scott and Watts Ward, Christopher Douse and Robert Douse

Treble FX (OHS 5th/6th grade choir)

FPC Sanctuary Singers

FPC Choristers

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Elizabeth Hodge Curtis and Brendan William Bossidy and in loving memory of Thomas Hodge, Margaret Waller Hodge, Jean and Bud Curtis, and Nancy Jo and Larry Bossidy.

Wreaths on the front doors are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the partnership between First Presbyterian Church and Oak Hill School.

SUPPORTING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

You can make a gift or fulfill a pledge payment by placing your gift in the offering plate, texting “GIVE” to 707-475-3005, donating online at fpcnashville.org, or scan the QR code.



WELCOME

First Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. Since 1814 First Presbyterian has sought to be faithful in service to Jesus Christ and the common good. We are rooted in the Reformed, orthodox, and evangelical traditions of the larger church. If you do not have a church home, we would love to welcome you!

Hearing Assistance App Directions

Join 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 and special events or view past services, visit youtube.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofnashville.

Mahjong Interest—Mahjong is a tile-based game enjoyed around the world for more than a century. Whether you're an experienced player or a beginner, young adult or senior, all adults are welcome for fun, fellowship, and friendly competition! Sally Ostheimer and Julia Wilk are organizing introductory classes later this fall and hope to establish regular play times at the church. To express your interest, please contact Sally Ostheimer at sostheimer@fpcnashville.org or 615-298-9551. Please note: the time and location has not yet been determined and was incorrectly published in the previous issue of Parish News.

PW October Circles | Tuesday, Oct. 14—Presbyterian Women Circles meet this Tuesday at various times and locations. This year's study is *The Good and Beautiful Life* by James Bryan Smith. Learn more at fpcnashville.org/pw.

Vesper Service for All Saints | Wednesday, Oct. 29 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary—Each year, we gather to give thanks for the lives of the Christian saints who have gone before us. During this worship service, we give glory to God for the faithful lives of believers in this and every age and give special mention of church members we have lost since October 2024. Prior to the service, we will gather at 5:30 p.m. in Courtenay Hall for dinner. Register for dinner at fpcnashville.org/all-saints-supper.

Veterans Breakfast | Tuesday, Nov. 11 | 8:00–9:30 a.m. | Courtenay Lounge—All current and retired veterans are invited to join us on Tuesday, November 11, as we honor your service to America with a drop-in breakfast and salute. Breakfast will be served in Courtenay Hall from 8:00-9:30 a.m. Join us for fellowship and good food. Hosted by First Friends. Please register online at fpcnashville.org/events for planning purposes.

Thanksgiving Week at FPC | Monday, Nov. 24 | Beginning at 3:30 p.m.—Mark your calendar for a special evening of fellowship, service, and worship! We'll start with a Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event (3:30 p.m.), share a family-friendly “crockpotluck” dinner together (5:30 p.m.), and then gather for a Vesper Service of Thanksgiving in the Chapel (6:30 p.m.). Registration and more details at fpcnashville.org/events.

The Manna Freezer Is Open | Courtenay Hall-Choir Room Stairwell—The Manna Freezer is stocked with soups, cookies, and homemade bread. Church members are invited to pick up items to deliver to those who are ill, recovering from surgery, grieving a loss, or experiencing financial stress. Share the bounty! To contribute or learn more, contact Denise Bellardo (balletdenise@icloud.com).

MISSIONS

Room In The Inn | Wednesdays, Nov. 5–March 26 | 5:00 p.m. | Room at the Inn—Every Wednesday, November through March, First Presbyterian Church houses homeless men through Room in the Inn. There are a number of volunteer opportunities available: overnight hosts, van drivers, breakfast donors, lunch donors, and laundry volunteers. Sign up online at fpcnashville.org/missions to serve on site.

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

YTD AT AUG. 31, 2025

Actual \$2,889,990

Budget \$3,248,000

Variance (\$358,010)

While giving to date is below our projections, expenses have also been lower than expected, so our financial position remains stable. Many households choose to make their full pledge later in the year, and we have \$1.8 million in pledges yet to be received. We invite everyone to prayerfully consider the timing of your 2025 pledge and how you might participate in supporting our shared mission.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 25** | 9:00–1:00 p.m. | One Day 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
Oct. 29 | Dinner (5:30) and All Saints Vesper Service (6:30)
Nov. 2 | 11:00 a.m. | New Members Joining Day
Nov. 2 | 12:15–1:30 p.m. | Christmas Pageant Tryouts & Lunch
Nov. 9 | 12:15–1:30 p.m. | Christmas Pageant Rehearsal & Lunch
Nov. 10 | 7:00 p.m. | Organ Recital, Joey Fala (Nashville AGO)

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- Oct. 26** | 9:45 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. | Recognition; Baptism Remembered
Milestone (Kindergarten)

YOUTH

- Oct. 25-26** | Middle School Fall Overnight
Nov. 2 | 9:45 a.m. | Prayer Partner Breakfast
Nov. 8 | 9:00 a.m. | Youth Serve Saturday

FIRST FRIENDS

- Oct. 13** | 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | Day Trip to Dickson and Lyles
Oct. 16 | 12:00 p.m. | Luncheon & Speaker Series: Cybersecurity 101
Oct. 21 | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club: *A Walk in The Park*
Oct. 27 | 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. | Goodwill Industries Tour & Lunch

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- Oct. 14** | Circles Begin
Nov. 3 | PW Handiwork Drop-in

MISSIONS

- Oct. 12** | 4:30–6:30 p.m. | Serving Meals at Matthew 25
Oct. 14 | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project

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