FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church *of* Nashville

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
October 18, 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

[Presbyterians] have never thought of loving God as just an emotional experience.
We also love God by devoting ourselves to conforming to God's law,
since God's law reveals the good that Christ frees us to do. —Craig Barnes

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY — *Andante*, Basil Harwood

WELCOME — Rev. Mallory Hammond

MINUTE FOR MISSION | Stewardship — Donna Dalton

INTROIT — *Praise Him! Praise Him!* Joyful Song

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer! Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim! Hail him! Hail him! highest archangels in glory, strength and honor give to his holy name! Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children; in his arms he carries them all day long: Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness! Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song!

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Gage Arnold (8:30), Adrian Taylor (11:00)

Leader: Following the exodus from Egypt, God called the people to the mountain and made them a treasured possession, a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation.
All: We come to worship the God who saves, calls, and claims us as his own.
Leader: In Jesus Christ, the living stone, God is building us together into a spiritual house.
All: Therefore, we come to offer ourselves in praise, thanksgiving, and service.
Leader: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people.
All: Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.
Leader: Come, let us proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
All: Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 645 — *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*, Mit Freuden Zart

*PRAYER OF ADORATION — Dr. Sandra Randleman

FIRST LESSON | 1 Peter 2:4-10 (NRSV) — Steve Richmond (8:30), Patricia Heim (11:00)

4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 5 like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." 7 This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," 8 and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes

them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. [9] But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. [10] Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, you have called us to be your treasured people, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Yet we confess that we often forget whose we are. We hear your call but hesitate to trust your promises. We receive your grace but fail to live in grateful obedience. You have delivered us from bondage and carried us, as on eagles' wings, yet we complain when the journey is difficult. Forgive us, O God. Renew in us the desire to serve you faithfully. Shape us into a people who reflect your holiness, proclaim your mercy, and bear witness to your love in the world. By your Spirit, help us to trust your promises and live as your people.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 634

To God Be the Glory
To God Be the Glory

**To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:
***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!***

**Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.** *Refrain*

*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.

ANTHEM (8:30)

Brethren We Have Met to Worship
Holy Manna | arr. Randolph Currie

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God; will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down. Brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around. Brethren, we shall join and help you like Moses' sister aided him. Yes, we'll help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin! Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found. Sisters, pray and holy manna will be showered all around. Let us love our God supremely. Let us love each other too; let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new: then he'll call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down; Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

ANTHEM (11:00)

How Shall I Sing That Majesty?
arr. J. R. Daniels

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire? Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heav'nly choir. Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high; ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I? Thy brightness unto them appears; whilst I thy footsteps trace, a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face. They sing because thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heav'n is but once begun, there alleluias be. Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire; then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir. I shall, I fear be dark and cold, with all my fire and light; yet, when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite. How great a being, Lord, is thine which doth all beings keep! Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep. Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere; thy time is now and evermore, thy place is ev'rywhere.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Exodus 19:1-9 (page 60)

[1] On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came
into the wilderness of Sinai. [2] They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and
they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, [3] while Moses went up to
God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and
tell the people of Israel: [4] 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on
eagles' wings and brought you to myself. [5] Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my
covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; [6] and you shall
be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people
of Israel." [7] So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the
Lord had commanded him. [8] All the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken
we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord. [9] And the Lord said to Moses,
"Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may
also believe you forever."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Covenant and Calling Dr. Darren Kennedy
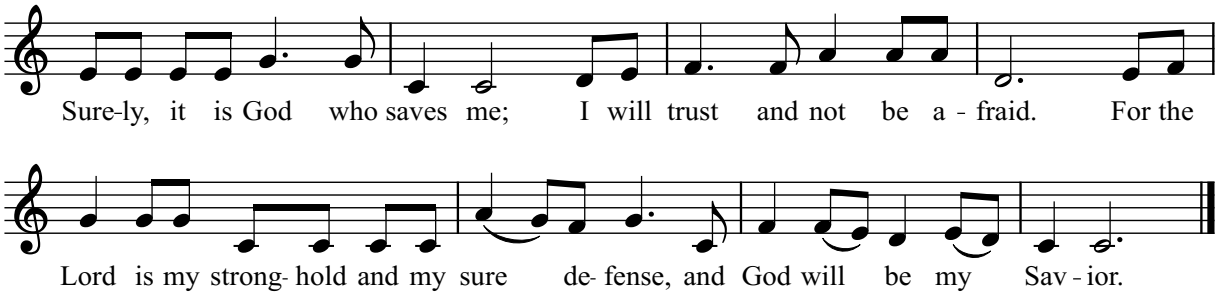
...you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. —Exodus 19:5–6

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me
First Song

Congregation will join on the refrain:



Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation
and on that day you shall say,
"Give thanks to the Lord
and call upon God's name." *Refrain*

Make God's deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that the Lord is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord,
for God has done great things
and this is known in all the world. *Refrain*

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion;
ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain*

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 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Bradbury

*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

Praeludium in F
Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

* *Those who are able, please stand.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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 – Kasen Bede, Collins Barrett, John Barrett
Sanctuary Singers

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harriet Husband Stevenson by John, Tori, Elle, Sloane, and Lillian Wimberly.

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 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. and will feature meatloaf. The evening's theme is drama, including a dramatic reading of Thornton Wilder, followed by teaching and conversation led by Darren Kennedy. 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.

All Saints Luncheon | Nov. 1 | 12:00 p.m. | Courtenay Hall —Enjoy lunch together after worshiping at All Saints' Sunday Morning Worship in the Sanctuary. A lunch will be served; donations are welcome. For luncheon preparation, please RSVP at fpcnashville.org/all-saints.

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.

Lost and Found — Have you misplaced something at church? Please check the lost-and-found dresser in the Hospitality Center. Items considered valuable are stored in a safe. To inquire about a lost valuable, please contact Jennifer Richmond at the Hospitality Desk.

CHILDREN & 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!

MEN & 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.

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.

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.

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.

MISSIONS

Habitat Build–Volunteers Needed | Saturdays, Nov. 7 and 14 — Come join your FPC family to help build a home for another family! Youth aged 16 and up and any adults can participate on 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.

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.



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 Fest & 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.

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

YTD AT **SEP. 30, 2026**
Actual $3,400,407
Budget $3,257,964
Variance $142,443

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.

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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 | 3:00 p.m. | Ariana Corbin Concert
Nov. 1 | 5:00 p.m. | Empty Nest, Full Heart: Embracing the Next Chapter

WOMEN

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

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. 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
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. 19 | 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