



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

October 19, 2025
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 man who is truly meek is the man who is amazed that God and man can think of him as well as they do and treat him as well as they do.

—Martyn Lloyd-Jones

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Tranquilly
C. Hubert H. Parry

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION | Room In The Inn

Emmett Russell

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

Adrian Taylor (8:30)
Gage Arnold (11:00)

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;

All: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

All: Let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

All: And let us exalt his name together!

*OPENING HYMN 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Mallory Hammond

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 37:1-11 (page 466)

Mary Raymond (8:30)
Dawn Vargas (11:00)

¹ Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! ² For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. ³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

⁴ Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. ⁶ He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who

prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! ⁸ Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. ⁹ For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. ¹⁰ In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. ¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.

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

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Charles and Sharon Bobofuh are presenting their daughter, Kaia-Amari Lohnyi Bobofuh, for baptism.
Assisting Elder: Sharon Schweinhart

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Here Is Love
CYMRAEG



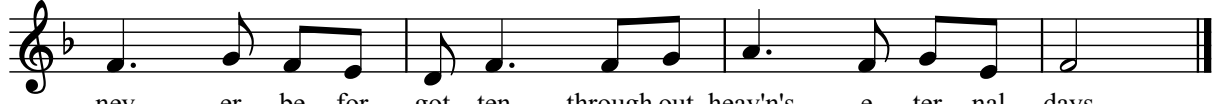
1. Here is love, vast as the o-cean, lov - ing - kind - ness as the flood, when the
2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion foun-tains o - pened deep and wide; through the
3. In thy truth thou dost di - rect me by thy Spir - it through thy Word; and thy



Prince of Life, our Ran-som, shed for us his pre-cious blood. Who his
flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a vast and gra-cious tide. Grace and
grace my need is meet-ing as I trust in thee, my Lord. Of thy



love will not re - mem-ber? Who can cease to sing his praise? He can
love, like might-y riv - ers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove, and heav'n's
full - ness thou art pour-ing thy great love and pow'r on me with - out



nev - er be for - got - ten through-out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.
peace and per - fect jus - tice kissed a guilt - y world in love.
mea - sure, full and bound-less, draw-ing out my heart to thee.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 5:1-5 (page 809)

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Kingdom Inheritance

Dr. Ryan Moore

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” —Matthew 5:5

OFFERTORY

Come to the Water
arr. Lynda Hasseler

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light, come to the Lord.

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
SOLID ROCK

**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain:

***On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.***

**When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. *(Refrain)***

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. *(Refrain)***

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. *(Refrain)***

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter Lutkin

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Alla Marcia
John Ireland

** 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*
Gage Arnold, MDiv – *Director of Youth Programming*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Joseph Fala, MM – *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Holly Wiper, *Soprano*; Grace Shuley, *Alto*; Javi Castro, *Tenor*; Conner Nace, *Bass*
Acolytes – Graham Swafford and Kennedy Swafford, Lila Bess Vargas and Livia Vargas

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Diana and DeWitt C. Thompson III and of their daughter, Mary Rebecca Cherry.

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.

Sunday Morning for Families

On Sunday mornings, children are welcome in worship alongside their families. **Nursery** care is available for ages 0–3 in the Nursery Wing from 8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m., with a Mother and Infant Quiet Room nearby. **Children ages 4–6** are invited, following the Blessing of the Young Disciples, to Young Children & Worship (Pickup in Room CW 110 after the service). **Older children** remain in worship, where activity bags are available at each Sanctuary entrance. At 9:45 a.m., children of all ages are invited to the Education Hour. Nursery through 3rd grade gather in the Children’s Ministry lobby for check-in and pickup. Preteens (4th–5th grade) check in outside Room CC 131, while 6th graders in Confirmation gather outside Room E201 in the Oak Hill C-Wing.

One Day Inquirers Class | Saturday, Oct. 25 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.—Whether you are new to the Christian faith, seeking, questioning, or if you desire to become a member – you are invited to participate in our Inquirers Class. Led by Dr. Ryan Moore, it’s also a good opportunity to meet other newcomers to the church, as well as pastors and staff. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. Register online at fpcnashville.org/events.

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat | Sunday, Oct. 26 | 3:30–5:00 p.m.—Pull out your costumes, gather the family, and join us for an afternoon of festive fun and sweet fellowship! Our Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat will be packed with decorated trunks, candy galore, games, music, and all the cozy community fellowship you love. 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 at fpcnashville.org/fallfest.

All Saints Dinner and Vespers | Wednesday, Oct. 29 | 5:30–6:30 p.m.—Each year, we gather on All Saints’ Day 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 6:30 p.m. service in the sanctuary, we will gather at 5:30 p.m. in Courtenay Hall for dinner. Dinner will cost \$10 per person, with a maximum of \$20 per family. Please register for dinner online in advance at fpcnashville.org/allsaints.

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.

Christmas Pageant Speaking Parts Tryouts | Sunday, Nov. 2 | 12:15–1:30 p.m.—Children and youth will lead us to the manger during the 4:00 p.m. Journey to Bethlehem Christmas Eve service. Tryouts for speaking parts will be held on November 2. All participants—whether speaking or non-speaking—must register online at fpcnashville.org/christmaspageant. Contact Mallory Hammond at mhammond@fpcnashville.org for more info.

Veterans Breakfast | Tuesday, Nov. 11 | 8:00–9:30 a.m. | Courtenay Lounge—All current and retired veterans are invited to join us 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. 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.

MISSIONS

Room In The Inn | Wednesdays, Nov. 5–March 26 | 5:00 p.m.—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.

Blood Drive | Wednesday, Nov. 12 | 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds due to an accident, disaster, or illness. Roll up your sleeves to help save lives in your community by giving the gift of life by donating blood at our next blood drive. Register online at fpcnashville.org/missions. Contact Adrian Taylor at ataylor@fpcnashville.org for more information.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing | Monday, Nov. 24 | 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—Join us as we package 20,000 meals in just two hours! This fast-paced, family-friendly event assembles rice, soy, vegetables, and a vitamin mix into meals sent worldwide to support school feeding programs and crisis relief. Sign up for a two-hour shift, or help with set-up and clean-up. Stay afterwards for the Thanksgiving Crockpotluck dinner and worship service.

Jamaica Mission Trip | Saturday, Feb. 7–Feb. 14—Join trip leader J.T. Martin for our church’s Jamaica mission trip. This trip will include our annual dental clinic, construction, and education. Registration closes Dec. 1. Register at fpcnashville.org/jamaica Contact Adrian Taylor at ataylor@fpcnashville.org or J.T. Martin at jt.martin@cbre.com for more info.

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

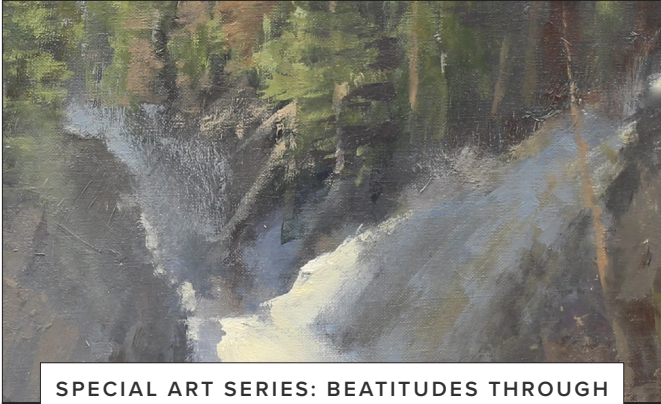
YTD AT **SEP. 30, 2025**

Actual \$3,212,462

Budget \$3,578,600

Variance (\$366,138)

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 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.



**SPECIAL ART SERIES: BEATITUDES THROUGH
THE ART OF ROGER DALE BROWN**

ABOUT THE ARTIST: Roger Dale Brown, a Tennessee native, has spent his life studying and capturing the beauty of nature, history, and culture through painting, earning Master Status with Oil Painters of America, the American Impressionist Society, and the American Society of Marine Artists. A celebrated teacher and juror, he has led workshops across the United States and abroad while continuing to create art that reflects the Impressionist belief that painting from life is essential. Roger and his wife, Beverly Ford Evans, were married by Sandra Randleman in 2014 and began attending First Presbyterian that same year; together they formally joined in 2022. For this series on the Beatitudes, Roger has prayerfully paired his own artwork with each passage, inviting us to engage both heart and senses as we worship the living God together.

COVER IMAGE: Roger Dale Brown, *Secluded*. Oil on canvas, 24 × 18 in.—“To be meek is to be gentle, not arrogant, humbling yourself before God, relinquishing your will unto His. God is the ultimate decision maker and vindicator. I chose this painting because when standing in front of God’s magnificent creations, I am humbled and reminded of His omnipotence. My troubles and the troubles of the world seem lifted as I surrender them to Him.”—RDB



STAY CONNECTED

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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)
- Nov. 11** | 8:00 a.m. | Veterans Breakfast
- Nov. 16** | 12:15–1:30 p.m. | Christmas Pageant Rehearsal & Lunch
- Nov. 23** | 9:30 a.m. | Thanksgiving Breakfast

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- Oct. 26** | 9:45 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. | Recognition; Baptism
Remembered Milestone (Kindergarten)
- Nov. 16** | 9:45 a.m. | Sanctuary Tour and Communion
Milestone (1st Grade)
- Nov. 23** | 5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m. | Advent Wreath Workshop

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
- Nov. 23** | 3:00 p.m. | Turkey Bowl

FIRST FRIENDS

- 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
- Oct. 30** | 9:30–1:45 p.m. | Nashville Ballet Viewing of
Nutcracker Rehearsal
- Nov. 18** | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club: *The Serviceberry*
- Nov. 20** | 12:00 pm | Lunch and Speaker Series: Dr. Joe
Hamilton’s Career

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
- Nov. 12** | 11:00–5:00 p.m. | Blood Drive
- Nov. 18** | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project