



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 26, 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

Let no day slip over without some comfort received from the Word of God.

—John Knox

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Allegro from Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 in F Major, BWV 1046
J.S. Bach

WELCOME

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

Rev. Sara Hill

Pastor: Let the people renew their strength; let them approach, let us together draw near.

All: Restore us to yourself, O LORD that we may be restored!

Pastor: “Return to me,” says the LORD of hosts, “and I will return to you,” says the LORD of hosts.

All: For in you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

Pastor: Give thanks to our God always because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ. Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Christian, come to his throne and worship the King!

*OPENING HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
EIN’ FESTE BURG

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Adrian Taylor

FIRST LESSON | Jeremiah 2:12-13 (page 628); Isaiah 55:2-3 (page 615)

Sarah Ward (8:30)
Attie Stanley (11:00)

¹²Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, ¹³for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. John Musgrave

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

All People That on Earth Do Dwell
OLD HUNDRETH

**Because the LORD our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.**

**Praise, God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Belgic Confession, Article 27

We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church—a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers, awaiting their entire salvation in Jesus Christ, being washed by his blood, and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit. This church has existed from the beginning of the world and will last until the end, as appears from the fact that Christ is eternal King who cannot be without subjects. And this holy church is preserved by God against the rage of the whole world, even though for a time it may appear very small to human eyes—as though it were snuffed out. And so this holy church is not confined, bound or limited to a certain place or certain people. But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world, though still joined and united in heart and will, in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith.

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

‡During the 8:30 and 11:00 services, PreK and Kindergarten children (ages 4–6) are invited to join Young Children & Worship.

BAPTISM REMEMBRANCE (11:00)

HYMN OF PREPARATION 643

Now Thank We All Our God
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 5:1-6 (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. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Kingdom Satisfaction

Dr. Ryan Moore

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” —Matthew 5:6

OFFERTORY

Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild, BWV 79
J.S. Bach

Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild,
The Lord God is our sun and our shield,
Der Herr gibt Gnade und Ehre,
He bestows mercy and honour,

Er wird kein Gutes mangeln lassen den Frommen.
And withholds no good thing from those who walk in righteousness.

*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.*

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Pastor: Hear our prayers, dear Christ: For those who have gone before us, wrapped in your grace.

All: Glory to your Name!

Pastor: For those who have nourished us, encouraged us, and prayed for us.

All: Glory to your Name!

Pastor: For the promises anchored deep in the Gospel.

All: Glory to your Name!

Pastor: For the good news of resurrection.

All: Glory to your Name!

Pastor: For all the saints, who from their labors rest.

All: Glory to your Name!

IN MEMORIAM

First Presbyterian Church Members Who Have Died in the Past Year

October 2024

Rebecca Freeman
Nancy Boyd Johnson
Jennie Faye Frye Clements
William Turner Bryant
Amelia Spickard Watson
Felicia Carson Gates

November 2024

Mary Ann Pollard Houghland
Don Graves Holt
Robert Eugene 'Bob' Hardison Jr.
Douglas Carlton 'Doug' Altenbern Sr.

December 2024

Gayle Tipton Welch
Lyman Oscar 'Buzz' Heidtke Jr.
Harry G. Nichol Jr.
Susan Sharpe Wall

January 2025

Janis Rogers Spivey

February 2025

James Robert 'Jim' Cato
Marylee Appleby Booth
James William 'Bill' Blevins
John 'Robley' Caldwell Jr.

March 2025
Marjorie Ann O'Neal Miller
Victor 'Jacque' Voegeli III
Jean McElvey Banner
Judith Brandon 'Judy' Thomas
Mary Lou Wiley Fite
Daisy Mae Pass King
Henry 'Rodes' Hart Sr.

April 2025
Roberta Alexandra 'Lexie' Osgood
Ann Brinton Hutton
Helen Katherine Fritzeen Holland

May 2025
Emmett 'Trey' Russell III
Robert Baxter 'Bob' Jackson Sr.

June 2025
Patricia Ann Martin Nichol
Dean Sherwood Gillespie Reeves

July 2025
Hugh Catron Gracey Jr.
Evelyn 'Carney' Overall Farris
David Lynn McFadden
Faye Jewell Chiles

August 2025
Harry Sharp Hassall

October 2025
Raymond Trask 'Chip' Throckmorton

Moment of silence.

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 326

For All the Saints
SINE NOMINE

*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

Postlude on Sine Nomine
Paul Leddington Wright

** Those who are able, please stand.*

REFORMATION SUNDAY

It all started on All Saints' Eve, 1517, when Martin Luther publicly objected to the way preacher Johann Tetzel was selling indulgences. These were documents prepared by the church and bought by individuals either for themselves or on behalf of the death that would release them from punishment due to their sins. Martin Luther, in his reading of Paul's letter to the Romans, came to recover the doctrine of justification—that it is by grace alone, through faith alone, that we are saved from our sins. In that same spirit of faith and gratitude, we also take this day to remember the saints of our congregation who we have lost in the past year and a half.

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*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Violins: David Davidson, David Angell, Alison Hoffman
Viola – Betsy Lamb
Cello – Kevin Bate
String Bass – Quentin Fowers
Oboes – Somerlie DePasquale, Luke Simonson
Bassoon – Gil Perel
French Horns – Anna Spina, Hunter Sholar
Timpani – Joshua Hickman
Bagpiper – Cooper Lloyd
Acolytes – Kasen Bede and Jay Ekiss, Johnny Corn and Lamar Stanley

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Susan Eason by their family.

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.

MUSIC NOTES: Today’s Anthem—“Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild” (God the Lord is Sun and Shield) Bach’s Cantata, *Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild* (BWV 79) premiered in Leipzig on Reformation Day (October 31), 1725. Appropriate for such a major festival day, Bach wrote a work that is full of momentum and magnificence. Celebrated conductor John Eliot Gardner describes this opening chorus as “a ceremonial procession” with its insistent drumbeat representing “the hammering of Luther’s theses.” The cantata is based on Psalm 84:11. | Hymn arrangements for the opening and closing hymns are by Peter Rogahn and used by permission. | *For All the Saints* - SINE NOMINE Paul Leddington Wright - Music - ©2017 Concordia Publishing House All rights reserved. OneLicense.net License #A-714895.

ALL SAINTS | WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29

Dinner | 5:30 p.m.—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 cost is \$10 per person, or \$20 per family. *Please register for dinner online in advance at fpcnashville.org/allsaints.*

Vesper Service | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary—Each year, we gather on All Saints' Day to give thanks for the lives of the Christian saints who have gone before us and give special mention of church members we have lost since October 2024.

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat | Today | 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!

Kindergarten Here We Come | Monday, Oct. 27 | 12:00 p.m.—Is your preschooler getting ready for kindergarten? Join us for this informative panel designed especially for parents of children who will start kindergarten next academic year. Representatives from Crieve Hall Elementary, Oak Hill School, Franklin Road Academy, Linden Waldorf, New Song Christian Academy, and Harding Academy will share what kindergarten teachers look for as children enter school—socially, emotionally, and academically. You'll also get a peek at what a typical kindergarten day looks like and have time to ask your own questions. Hosted by the Children's Ministry and the Early Preschool. Light sandwiches will be provided. Email cgoode@fpcnashville.org or visit fpcnashville.org/events for more info.

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.

Early Preschool Prospective Families Tour | Nov. 4, 5 | Various Sign-up Times—The Early Preschool is hosting a Prospective Families Tour on November 4 and November 5 for families interested in learning more about the Early Preschool Program. Sign up for a tour time slot at fpcnashville.org/ministry/ep, or email Candyee Goode at cgoode@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.

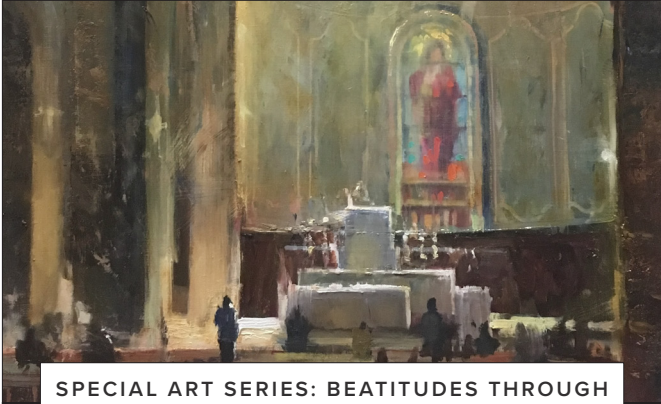
MISSIONS

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. Sign up online at fpcnashville.org/missions to serve on site. Contact Adrian Taylor at ataylor@fpcnashville.org for more info on how to support this mission.

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 | Feb. 7–14, 2026 | Registration Closes Dec. 1—Join trip leader J.T. Martin for our church's Jamaica mission trip. This trip will include our annual dental clinic, construction, and education. Register by December 1 at fpcnashville.org/jamaica. For more information, contact Adrian Taylor at ataylor@fpcnashville.org or J.T. Martin at jt.martin@cbre.com.



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, *Reflecting*. Oil on canvas, 36 × 24 in.—“We know that following Christ will bring opposition from the world. Jesus told us he would bring division. He also told us we will be blessed because of our suffering and the faithful will endure and receive their reward in heaven. I chose this painting because when I am in church with other believers I feel like I am home and safe. I can only imagine what heaven will be like.” –RDB

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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. 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

- 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. 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

- 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. 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

- Nov. 3** | PW Handiwork Drop-in

MISSIONS

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



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