



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

November 2, 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

Are not you amazed sometimes that you should have so much as a hope, that, poor and needy as you are, the Lord thinks of you? But let not all you feel discourage you; for if our Physician is almighty, our disease cannot be desperate; and if he casts none out who come to him, why should you fear? Our sins are many—but his mercies are more. Our sins are great—but his righteousness is greater. We are weak—but he is power.

—John Newton (1725-1807)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on SLANE
Healey Willan

WELCOME

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)
Rev. Mallory Hammond (11:00)

Leader: O Lord, open thou our lips.

All: And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Leader: Praise ye the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised!

*OPENING HYMN 620

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven
LAUDA ANIMA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 55:7-13 (page 615)

Karen Douse (8:30)
Attie Stanley (11:00)

⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which

I sent it. ¹² “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION (8:30)

Grace
Mark Hayes

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound; that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed! Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already safely come; this grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home, I shall go home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the glorious sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun.

CALL TO CONFESSION (11:00)

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Gage Arnold (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | William Wilberforce (1759-1833)

Dear God, I cast myself at the foot of the cross, bewailing my exceeding sinfulness. I plead your precious promises, and earnestly pray to you to shed abroad in my heart more love, more humility, more faith, more hope, more peace, more joy and mercy; in short, to fill me with all the fullness of God, and make me worthy to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in eternity. Amen.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 581

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

Rev. Sara Hill

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

(8:30) Chris and Polly Douse are presenting their daughter, Lillian Edith Douse, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Steve Douse.

(11:00) John Culling and Laura Barrier Slaughter are presenting their daughter, Katherine Culling Slaughter, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Rick Gernert.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION

His Mercy Is More
Matt Boswell & Matt Papa



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om - ni - scient, all know - ing, he
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is
3. What rich - es of kind - ness he la - vished on us. His blood was the pay - ment, his



counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore.
call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our
life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford.



sins they are ma - ny, his mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, his mer - cy is more. —



Stron - ger than dark - ness, new ev' - ry morn; our sins they are ma - ny, his mer - cy is more.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 5:1-7 (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. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Kingdom Mercy

Dr. Ryan Moore

"Thus says the LORD of hosts; Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another." —Zechariah 7:9

OFFERTORY

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Calvin Hampton

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways, and leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand insight of all my foes doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head, the sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be my abode and all thy works my praise. There would I find a settled rest, where others go and come; no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

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.

INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

Julia Wilk

J.S. Bolton
Katie and Nick Gomes

Ashley and Aaron Odom
Pamela and Hugh Sloan

Charlotte and Allen Schierbaum
Ellen Wootton

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 463

How Firm a Foundation
FOUNDATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

I Will Lift Mine Eyes
Jake Runestad

The Lord will keep our going out and your coming in from this day forth for evermore.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fantasia in G major, BWV 572
J. S. Bach

** 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*
Stephen King – *Guitar & Vocals*
Ashley Odom, *Violin*
Choristers and Sanctuary Singers; Joey Fala, Director
Greg Thomas, *Tenor; Ryan Bede, Baritone*
Acolytes – Corinne Kaufman and Kate Richardson, Caroline Cahill and Elyse Cahill

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Gilliland by Beth and Allison Gilliland.

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 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.

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

COVER IMAGE: Roger Dale Brown, *Winter Colors*. Oil on canvas, 30 × 30 in.—“This verse is one of my favorites. It brings me peace knowing that God shows so much mercy with His forgiveness, compassion, and love. His mercies are abundant, and this verse sets a powerful example for us to follow. When I came upon this place, I felt overwhelmed by the amount of beauty in one small spot in a creek. It was abundant with its charms as God’s mercy is abundant to us.” –RDB

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.

Advent Greenery Dedications | Submissions due by Dec. 14—Memorialize or honor loved ones with a contribution to the Christmas Greenery Fund. Your donation helps purchase the décor beautifying our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. Dedications will be printed in the December 21 bulletin. To submit a dedication, visit fpcnashville.org/christmas-flowers. Last day to submit a dedication is December 14, 2025.

2026 Flower Slots Open—What is more hopeful than a gorgeous flower arrangement in worship as the snow falls outside in January and February? If you are interested in giving flowers for morning worship in honor or memory of a loved one, we have new dates for 2026 available. Check out your options online at fpcnashville.org/flowers. A birthdate or anniversary, new baby, or favorite time of year can all be great times to give.

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 learn how you can support this mission or visit fpcnashville.org/riti for more information.

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.

Rwanda Mission Trip Presentation | Sunday, Nov. 16 | 10:00 a.m. | Stanford Chapel—The Rwanda Mission team will be giving a presentation during the Sunday School hour in the Logos class on Sunday, November 16. All adult Sunday School classes are invited to attend to learn more about the recent Rwanda Missions Trip and its impact.

Warm Coats, Toys & Formula for Kids | Collecting Nov. 9-Dec. 10.—We are collecting warm coats (sizes infant through adult large, new with tags), toys or books for children (infant through high school), and baby formula for infants. All donations will be distributed to Preston Taylor Ministries, Hope Clinic, Safe Haven, Legacy Mission Village, and Eli’s House. Questions? Contact Adrian Taylor at ataylor@fpcnashville.org.

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.

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.



We are launching our 2026 Stewardship Campaign, and the church needs your support to carry out its mission and ministry!

You may already give faithfully to the church—and we are deeply grateful. But did you know that submitting a pledge (an estimate of giving) provides essential information that helps our leaders faithfully plan for the year ahead?

Each year, our Finance/Generosity Committee and staff prayerfully prepare a pledge goal that informs our operating budget. The 2026 Stewardship Campaign goal is \$5,200,000, which represents approximately 53 percent of the total expenses needed to operate in 2026.

Your pledge directly supports our worship, discipleship, mission partners, ministries, and daily operations. It helps ensure we remain a strong witness to the blessings we receive in Christ Jesus. As you consider your pledge, we invite you to pray about the difference your commitment makes in preparing our church for a vibrant year of shared ministry.

Please submit your pledge by Sunday, November 23, so that our Session can faithfully approve the 2026 budget. Thank you for your continued faithfulness to First Presbyterian Church. Together, may we know Christ and make Christ known.

Pledge online at fpcnashville.org/stewardship

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- Nov. 24** | 5:30 p.m. | Dinner before Thanksgiving Vesper
- Nov. 24** | 6:30 p.m. | Thanksgiving Vesper Service
- Nov. 30** | 5:00 p.m. | Christmas Ceilidh & Tree Lighting
- Dec. 3, 10, 17** | 6:30 p.m. | Advent Vespers
- Dec. 7** | 12:15–1:30 p.m. | Christmas Pageant Rehearsal & Lunch

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 & Communion Milestone (1st Grade)
- Nov. 23** | 5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m. | Advent Wreath Workshop
- Dec. 5** | 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. | Parents Night Out

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
- Dec. 6, 13, 20** | 8:00 a.m. | Youth Basketball Game Days
- Dec. 7** | 9:45 a.m. | Youth SS Christmas White Elephant

FIRST FRIENDS

- Nov. 18** | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club: *The Serviceberry*
- Nov. 20** | 12:00 pm | Lunch & Speaker Series: Dr. Joe Hamilton's Career
- Dec. 12** | 10:00 a.m. | Christmas Tour of Governor's Mansion

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- Nov. 3** | PW Handiwork Drop-in
- Dec. 1** | PW Handiwork Drop-in
- Dec. 9** | 10:30 a.m. | Christmas Gathering

MISSIONS

- Nov. 12** | 11:00–5:00 p.m. | Blood Drive
- Nov. 18** | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project
- Nov. 24** | 3:30–5:30 p.m. | Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing

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