



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

November 9, 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

In the Beatitudes Jesus gives us a glimpse of the kingdom of heaven and those who would enter it. How could Jesus preach on this kingdom? "Because he is the kingdom of God. He is a living, breathing, tangible, touchable, real-life expression and embodiment of the kingdom."

—Bryan Smith

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir
Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

Dr. Ryan Moore

INTROIT

Oh Lord Open Thou Our Lips
Richard Webster

O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mallory Hammond

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

All: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob, who executed justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

Leader: The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down.

All: The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow. The Lord will reign forever. Come, let us worship the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
MIT FREUDEN ZART

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Adrian Taylor (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | Psalm 24 (page 458)

Elaine Morgan (8:30)
Tom Swain (11:00)

¹ The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, ² for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. ³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. ⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. ⁷ Lift your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gage Arnold (8:30)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves and clamor after privilege and honor.
Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze because we do not believe we have anything to give.
You have given us the best gift of all: freedom from all that harms us and the way to abundant life.
Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our lovesick hearts, that we may live faithfully for you.**

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

(8:30) Jennifer Sarah Bolton and Charles Bush are presenting their daughter, Bolton Elizabeth Bush, for baptism.
Assisting Elder: Eric Osborne

(11:00) Elizabeth and Warren Beck are presenting their daughter, Millie Coverdale Beck, for baptism.
Assisting Elder: Becky Campbell

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

HYMN OF PREPARATION 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See
OPEN MY EYES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 5:1-8 (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. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Kingdom Vision

Rev. Sara Hill

OFFERTORY

You Lord are Both Lamb and Shepherd
CHRISTUS PARADOX | Alfred Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword bringer of the way you took and gave. You the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier's toss, you, the everlasting instant; you, who are both gift and cost. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our death and our life. Alleluia, praise to you, who are our death and our life.

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 spcnashville.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

God of Our Fathers
NATIONAL HYMN

**God of our Fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Mind of Christ
ST. LEONARDS

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say. May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only thro' his pow'r. May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing. May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win; and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in F major, BWV 540
J. S. Bach

** Those who are able, please stand.*

SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of

Alice Ann Floyd Barge, who died November 2.

Terri Downing Trichel, who died November 4.

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*
Acolytes – Jack Morgan and Watts Ward; Evelyn Ison and Georgia Moore

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Lori Gregg and John Edward Noel, and in loving memory of Andromedia and John H. Noel, Jr.

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](https://www.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

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, *Spanish Church*. Oil on canvas, 30 × 20 in.—“When I contemplate this verse, my first thoughts are of having a pure relationship with God with no ulterior motive. When I paint a picture or even writing these descriptions, I have to ask, “Am I elevating myself or does the glory go to God?” This painting is of a historic church in Ecuador. When I stepped through the door, into the sanctuary, it hit me how quiet it was. Everyone was silent, praying with no interruptions and no other reason but to be with God.” –RDB

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.

Advent Wreath Workshop | Nov. 23 | 5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m. | Courtenay Hall—Join us as we prepare for Advent with dinner, singing, and crafting live Advent wreaths. Families will create their own wreaths and learn how to observe the Advent season at home. Friendly for children of all ages: tots and teens included! The \$25 cost offsets the cost of wreath supplies. Hosted by the Children’s Ministry and Worship Flower Committee, registration is requested to ensure enough supplies are available. Register today at fpcnashville.com/wreathworkshop

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—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.

Women’s Christmas Gathering: How Great Our Joy! | Tuesday, Dec. 9 | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary—All women are invited to a special program, How Great Our Joy!, a celebration of music and drama to begin the Advent season. Soprano Rebekah Howell brings her dynamic artistry to the role of Mary. She is accompanied by Amy Tate Williams and joined by FPC soloists and members of the FPC Women’s Chorale under the direction of Raphael Bundage. Enjoy beautiful music, Christmas carols, and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Christ’s coming. Lunch (\$20) will follow in Courtenay Hall.

MISSIONS

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. Sign up on our website at fpcnashville.org/missions, or in person in Courtenay Hall in between services.

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 are invited to attend to learn more about the recent Rwanda Missions Trip and its impact.

Warm Coats, Toys & Baby Formula | 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 at fpcnashville.org/missions. Stay afterwards for the Thanksgiving Crockpotluck dinner and worship service.

Jamaica Relief | Collecting Funds through Sunday, November 23—Hurricane Melissa has caused significant damage in Jamaica, including in the parish where our longtime mission partners serve. We are grateful to share that they are safe and that no lives were lost, but the community has sustained substantial losses. Our church is uniquely positioned to collect funds and purchase items requested by our partner, Rev. Khereen Wilson Bailey. We will receive contributions for this effort through Sunday, November 23, and then make a coordinated purchase and delivery of what is most needed. Please note “Jamaica Relief” on your donation.

Jamaica Mission Trip | Feb. 7–14, 2026 | Registration Closes Dec. 1—Join trip leader J.T. Martin for our church’s Jamaica mission trip. Register by December 1 at fpcnashville.org/jamaica. For more information, contact 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.



Our 2026 Stewardship Campaign is underway, and your pledges are essential in helping our Finance and Budget Committees plan for the year ahead. Building our church's annual budget is a complex process, so we'd like to offer some clarity by addressing common questions and misunderstandings.

Did You Know?

- The Finance/Budget Committee is not allowed to build a 2026 budget based on what was pledged or given in previous years. They can only budget for 2026 based on pledges.
- Past/current 2025 pledges don't carry forward into 2026. Each household must pledge every year for it to be counted in the budget.
- For planning purposes, pledges are treated differently than contributions. We are grateful for the many ways you contribute throughout the year! For budget purposes, any contributions: one-time or regular donations, automated giving through banks, stock transfers, etc. are considered contributions. Any of your donations made during 2025 are different than a pledge for 2026. So, even if you've given recently (Thank you!), our finance leaders cannot include that 2025 contribution in the 2026 budget planning process. It must be an annual pledge for 2026 to be included in our budget.

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.



Online Giving

Scan here or go to fpcnashville.org/stewardship to make a pledge.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 Vespers
Nov. 24 | 6:30 p.m. | Thanksgiving Vesper Service
Nov. 30 | 5:00 p.m. | Christmas Ceilidh & Tree Lighting
Dec. 3 | 5:30 p.m. | Dinner Before Advent Vespers
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. 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. 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

- Dec. 1** | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | 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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