FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church *of* Nashville

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
November 15, 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

"Or perhaps we may put it more shortly still: If work is to find its right place in the world, is the duty of the Church to see to it that the work serves God, and that the worker serves the work." —Dorothy Sayers

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY — *Adagio* from *Sonata in F minor, Op. 65 No. 1*, Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

INTROIT — *O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips*, Richard Webster

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP | based on Psalm 90 — Rev. Mallory Hammond (8:30), Rev. Sara Hill (11:00)

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
All: Before the mountains were brought forth, you formed the earth and the world. We worship you, our eternal and sovereign King.
Leader: Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Establish the work of our hands, O Lord.
All: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us!

*OPENING HYMN 2 — *Come, Thou Almighty King*, Felice De Giardini

*PRAYER OF ADORATION — Dr. Sandra Randleman

FIRST LESSON | 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 (page 959) — Julia Kaufman (8:30), Hudson Harris (11:00)

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one
body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or
free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many.
15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any
less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,"
that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense
of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18 But as it is, God arranged
the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body
be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you,"
nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem

to be weaker are indispensable, [23] and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, [24] which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, [25] that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. [26] If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Dr. Darren Kennedy (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | A Prayer of Richard Baxter

Lord, forgive me my sins of youth and my later sins, the wrongs I have done and the good I have not done, the sins I remember and those I have forgotten, the sins against light and knowledge, against conscience and your law; the sins of thought, words, and action; the sins of daily life and of special occasions; the sins I have worked to hide from others, and the ways I have led others to offend. Forgive me for them all, Lord, for your great mercy's sake...

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30) — Dr. Ryan Moore

PRESENTATION OF CHILD

Katy and Reid Hill are presenting their daughter, Elizabeth Jo Hill, for baptism.
Assisting Elder: Joel Locke

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION 739 (8:30) — *O for a Closer Walk with God*
CAITHNESS

ANTHEM (11:00) — *The Lord My Shepherd Is*
Austin C. Lovelace

The Lord my Shepherd is, I shall be well supplied; since he is mine and I am his, what can I want beside? He leads me to the place where heavenly pasture grows, where living waters gently pass, and full salvation flows. If e'er I go astray, he doth my soul reclaim, and guides me in his own right way, for his most holy name. In sight of all my foes thou dost a table spread; my cup with blessing overflows, and joy exalts my head. The bounties of thy love shall crown my following days; nor from thy house will I remove, nor cease to speak thy praise.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Exodus 35:30–36:5 (page 76)

30 Then Moses said to the people of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur,
of the tribe of Judah; 31 and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge,
and with all craftsmanship, 32 to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, 33 in cutting stones
for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. 34 And he has inspired him to teach, both him and
Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan. 35 He has filled them with skill to do every sort of work done by
an engraver or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, or by
a weaver—by any sort of workman or skilled designer. 1 "Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whom the
LORD has put skill and intelligence to know how to do any work in the construction of the sanctuary shall work in
accordance with all that the LORD has commanded." 2 And Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman
in whose mind the LORD had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work. 3 And they
received from Moses all the contribution that the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary.
They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, 4 so that all the craftsmen who were doing every
sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task that he was doing, 5 and said to Moses, "The people bring
much more than enough for doing the work that the LORD has commanded us to do."

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

SERMON — **The Work of Our Hands** — Rev. Gage Arnold

"And he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship..."
—Exodus 35:31

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

"Rejoice, O Judah" and *"Hallelujah, Amen"* from *Judas Maccabaeus, HWV 63*
G. F. Handel

Rejoice, O Judah, and in songs divine with cherubim and seraphim harmonious join. Hallelujah, amen.

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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Cwm Rhondda

*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

Allegro assai vivace from *Sonata in F minor, Op. 65 No. 1*
Felix Mendelssohn

* *Those who are able, please stand.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
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*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Ariana Corbin, DM – *Organist and Assistant Choral Director*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Acolytes – Jay Ekiss, Worthen Scott, Helen Burkhalter, Collins Leach
Ryan Bede, Baritone
FPC Choristers

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 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.

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

YTD AT **OCT. 31, 2026**

Actual $4,407,956
Budget $3,764,542
Variance $643,414

We are especially thankful to report that giving has remained strong and is currently ahead of budget. 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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Wednesday Night Fellowship | 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. This final week will center around the theme of "Concluding our Series on the Gospel Story in Story." A ham and scalloped potato dinner will be served from 5:00–6:00 p.m., followed by teaching and conversation led by Darren Kennedy. Dinner is $10 per person, with a $30 maximum per family. Enter through the Hospitality Center or Children's Wing Portico doors. Register online at fpcnashville.org/wnf. Youth are invited to Wednesday Night Youth at 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the Stanford Chapel.

Christmas Pageant Sign Ups — Children and youth are invited to participate in our annual Christmas Pageant during the 4:00 p.m. *Journey to Bethlehem* Christmas Eve service! There are opportunities for everyone, including non-speaking roles. Sign up online at fpcnashville.org/pageant by Dec. 8.

Thanksgiving Breakfast | Sunday, Nov. 22 | 9:30 a.m. | Courtenay Hall — Join us between worship services for our annual Thanksgiving Breakfast and a morning of fellowship and gratitude! At 10:00 a.m., Dr. Greg Jones will offer a brief Thanksgiving reflection, accompanied by special music offered by Ashley and Aaron Odom.

Advent Wreath Workshop | Sunday, Nov. 22 | 5:00–6:30 p.m. | Courtenay Hall | $25 per family — Prepare for Advent with an evening of dinner, singing, and hands-on fun as families create their own live Advent wreaths! Along the way, we'll learn about the season of waiting and how to observe Advent together at home. All ages are welcome! The $25 fee helps cover the cost of wreath supplies. Advance registration required to ensure enough supplies. Register at fpcnashville.org/wreath.

Office Closed | Nov. 25-27 — The church offices will be closed Nov. 25-27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

First Friends November Activities — First Friends, a gathering for adults, retired and not-so-retired, has two opportunities to connect this month! Join the Book Club on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 2:30 p.m. to discuss *Be Ready When the Luck Happens*, or come to the Luncheon & Speaker Series on Thursday, Nov. 19, at noon, featuring a program honoring Vietnam veterans. Register online or contact Sally Ostheimer for more information. Visit fpcnashville.org/first-friends.

Christmas Tree Lighting & Vesper Service | Wednesday, Dec. 2 | 5:00 p.m. Dinner; 6:00 Tree Lighting; 6:30 p.m. Vespers — Make plans to join us Wednesday evening for one of FPC's favorite Christmas traditions! We'll kick off the evening with a beef tenderloin dinner and festive activities before gathering outside to light the Christmas tree at 6:00 p.m. Then, join us for the first of our weekly Advent Vespers at 6:30 p.m. Bring the whole family and welcome the Advent season with good food, fellowship, and wonder! Please register for dinner at fpcnashville.org/tree so we can plan for enough tenderloin for everyone. Register for dinner at fpcnashville.org/tree.

Men's Breakfast Series | Thursday, Dec. 10 | 7:00 a.m. | Courtenay Hall — Men are invited to gather monthly for breakfast, fellowship, and special guest speakers. Join us for a delicious breakfast and time together in conversation and reflection to start the day. Register at fpcnashville.org.

MISSIONS

Room In The Inn | Tuesdays | Nov. 17–Feb. 16 — FPC has a long history of loving our city through hosting winter shelter for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. This season, with the Cannon Center under renovation, we will be hosting 10 guests in the Enrichment Center on Tuesdays from mid-November to mid-February. There are a number of volunteer opportunities available; visit fpcnashville.org/missions to find the most current opportunities.

Toy Drive benefitting Preston Taylor Ministries | Nov. 22–Dec. 9 — Help provide gifts for Preston Taylor's Nativity Store, where parents and kids can shop for one another, bringing Christmas joy to families in our community. Items needed include new, unwrapped toys for elementary- and middle-school-aged children, such as games, LEGOs, sports equipment, and stuffed animals. Small gifts for parents are also welcome, including hats, gloves, candles, and self-care items. Bring items by Wednesday, Dec. 9.

PLEDGES REQUESTED BY NOV. 22

Our 2027 Stewardship Campaign is underway, and we are already more than 66% of the way toward our $5 million goal, with 297 households having made their commitments! Your annual pledge—an estimate of giving— helps our leaders prayerfully plan the operating budget and sustain our worship, discipleship, mission partners, ministries, and daily operations. Please submit your pledge by Sunday, November 22. Thank you for your continued faithfulness.



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$3,346,863
PLEDGED



Monday, Nov. 23

Join us for an afternoon and evening of service, fellowship, and thanksgiving! There are several ways to participate:

Rise Against Hunger
3:30–5:30 p.m. | Enrichment Center
Help package 20,000 meals in just two hours! Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Sign up at fpcnashville.org/missions.

Crock-Pot-Luck Dinner
5:30 p.m. | Cheek House
Bring a favorite dish or crockpot to share and enjoy dinner and fellowship with your church family. Sign up at fpcnashville.org/thanksgiving-dinner.

Vesper Service of Thanksgiving
6:30 p.m. | Chapel
Close the evening with worship as we give thanks for God's many blessings. Communion will be served.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 17 | 5:30–7:00 p.m. | Book Discussion: *Josie*
Nov. 18 | 5:00 p.m. Dinner; 6:00 p.m. Classes | Wednesday Night Fellowship Semester End
Nov. 22 | 9:30 a.m. | Thanksgiving Breakfast
Nov. 22 | 5:00–6:30 p.m. | Advent Wreath Workshop
Nov. 23 | 5:30 p.m. | Thanksgiving Crock-Pot-Luck
Nov. 23 | 6:30 p.m. | Vesper Service of Thanksgiving
Nov. 25-27 | Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 29 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | 1st Sunday of Advent (Communion)
Dec. 2 | 5:00 p.m. | Christmas Dinner
Dec. 2 | 6:00–6:30 p.m. | Christmas Tree Lighting
Dec. 2 | 6:30 p.m. | Advent Vesper Service (Communion)
Dec. 9 | 1:00-3:00 p.m. | Merry Merry Mahjong
Dec. 9, 16 | 5:30 p.m. | Supper before Vesper Service
Dec. 9, 16 | 6:30 p.m. | Advent Vesper Service (Communion)
Dec. 10 | 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | Gift Wrapping Service for Church (Toy donation for Preston Ministries)
Dec. 13 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Christmas Music Sunday

WOMEN

Nov. 16 | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Intergenerational Women's Bible Study
Dec. 7 | 9:00 a.m. | Presbyterian Women Handiwork Drop-In
Dec. 8 | 9:30 a.m. Coffee; 10:00 Study | PW Acts Study

MEN

Dec. 8 | 12:00 p.m. | First Tuesday Men's Lunch (Taziki's Green Hills)
Dec. 10 | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Breakfast: Darren Kennedy
Tuesdays | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study
Fridays | 6:00 a.m. | Men's Track Workouts

FIRST FRIENDS

Nov. 17 | 2:30 p.m. | Book Club: *Be Ready When the Luck Happens*
Nov. 19 | 12:00 p.m. | Lunch & Speaker Series: Veteran Appreciation
Dec. 17 | 12:00 p.m. | Lunch and Speaker Series: Christmas Prelude

MISSIONS

Nov. 22-Dec. 9 | Toy Drive benefitting Preston Taylor Ministries
Nov. 23 | 3:30–5:00 p.m. | Rise Against Hunger
Dec. 13 | 5:00 p.m. | Sunday Night Dinner at Matthew 25
Tuesdays through Feb. 16 (except Dec. 15) | Room In The Inn
Second Tuesdays | 4:30–7:30 p.m. | Nueva Vida Service Project

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Dec. 4 | 5:00–8:00 p.m. | Parents Night Out
Dec. 6, 13 | 12:15–1:30 p.m. | Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

YOUTH

Today | 3:00–4:30 p.m. | Turkey Bowl & Friendsgiving
Dec. 6 | 9:45 a.m. | White-Elephant Christmas Party

RECREATION

Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17 | 5:30–8:00 p.m. | Pickleball