FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church *of* Nashville

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 22, 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

So there is only one faith and one God—the one who makes promises.
—Martin Luther

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY — *Organ Point from Suite for Organ*, David Hurd

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION | Stewardship — Tricia Carswell

INTROIT — *We Gather Together*, Kremser

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

*CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 67:4-6 — Rev. Mallory Hammond (8:30), Adiran Taylor (11:00)

Leader: Let all the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.
All: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Leader: The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our God has blessed us.
All: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the people praise you.

*OPENING HYMN — *The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune*, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

Choir:
Enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? 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.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory ever more. Amen.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Rev. Sara Hill (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | 1 Corinthians 3:10-17 (page 953)

Crea Sielbeck (8:30)
Katie Pickel (11:00)

[10] According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone
else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. [11] For no one can lay a foundation
other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. [12] Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold,
silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— [13] each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will
disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. [14]
If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. [15] If anyone's work is
burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. [16] Do you not know
that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? [17] If anyone destroys God's temple, God will
destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Sandra Randleman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord...

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Now Thank We All our God
Nun Danket Alle Got

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

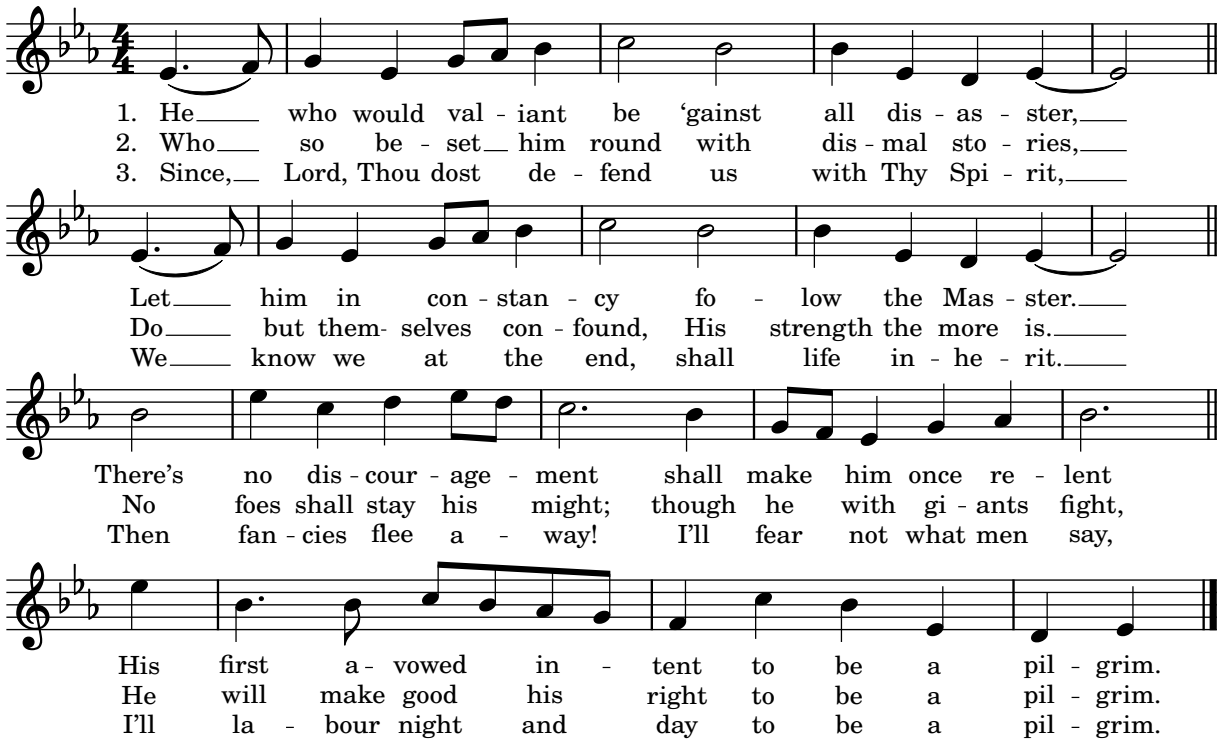
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; 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

HYMN OF PREPARATION

He Who Would Valiant Be
MONKS GATE



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Exodus 40:34-38 (page 80)

34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 35 And Moses
was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the
tabernacle. 36 Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the
people of Israel would set out. 37 But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it
was taken up. 38 For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight
of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

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

SERMON **The Gospel of God's Presence** Dr. Ryan Moore

"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." —John 14:23

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY *How Great Thou Art*
arr. Eric Nelson

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

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 Rev. Gage Arnold

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 *O God, Our Help In Ages Past*
arr. John Rutter

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Choir:
Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Choir:
Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home. Amen.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
arr. Mack Wilburg

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God
J. S. Bach | arr. by Virgil Fox

* *Those who are able, please stand.*

SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of

Glenn Harwell Booth, Jr., who died Oct. 15.

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*
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Parish Associate for Congregational Care*
Adrian Taylor, MDiv – *Director of Missions Ministry*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Ariana Corbin, DM – *Organist and Assistant Choral Director*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Acolytes – James Morrison, Mary Lee Morrison, Jackson Harr, Gabe Shapiro
Jeff Bailey and Preston Bailey, Trumpet
Jennifer Kummer, French Horn
Prentiss Hobbs, Trombone
Neil Konouchi, Tuba
Josh Hickman, Timpani

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard E. Wright III by his loving 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.

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COVER IMAGE: Albert Pinkham Ryder, *Under a Cloud*, ca. 1900, oil on canvas, The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Thanksgiving Breakfast | Today | 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 | Today | 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.

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

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.

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.

Gift Wrapping Service | Thursday, Dec. 10 | Drop Off: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.; Pick Up: 3:00–4:00 p.m. — Let First Friends take some of the holiday wrapping off your to-do list! Bring a toy donation for Preston Taylor Ministries, and our First Friends will wrap five of your gifts for every toy you donate. Drop off your unwrapped gifts between 9:00 a.m. and noon, then pick them up between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. Wrapping will be festive but not fancy! Please register in advance so we know how many gifts we will be wrapping. It's a fun way to check something off your Christmas list while helping make the holidays brighter for one our mission partners!

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. Drop your items in the boxes in the Narthex or Hospitality Center by Wednesday, Dec. 9.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sundays in Advent

Nov. 29 (Communion), Dec. 6, 13, 20 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

During Advent, we reflect on the profound reasons that Jesus came. November 29 marks Communion and the beginning of the Advent journey. December 13 is Christmas Music Sunday, featuring brass, strings, percussion, beloved carols, and festive choral music as we give thanks for God's faithfulness and prepare for Christ's coming.

Christmas Tree Lighting & Vespers

Wednesday, Dec. 2

5:00 p.m. | Dinner
6:00 p.m. | Tree Lighting
6:30 p.m. | Vespers

Make plans to join us on Wednesday evening for one of FPC's favorite Christmas traditions! We'll gather for dinner and festive activities before heading outside to light the Christmas tree together, followed by the first of our weekly Advent Vesper Service. Bring the whole family and kick off the Advent season with food, fellowship, and wonder! Register for dinner at fpcnashville.org/tree.

Christmas Eve Services

Thursday, Dec. 24

2:00 p.m. | Communion
A quiet, traditional service including a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

4:00 p.m. | Journey to Bethlehem Pageant
A lively pageant led by our children and youth. Seating is limited; doors open at 3:15 p.m. following the prior service.

8:00 p.m. | Lessons and Carols
This beloved service features Scripture readings recounting salvation history, with hymns and choral anthems sung in response. The service culminates in the candlelit singing of *Silent Night*.

11:00 p.m. | Communion
Christmas carols, candlelight, and a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

To Know Christ & To Make Him Known
STEWARDSHIP 2027

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Our 2027 Stewardship Campaign is underway, and we are already more than 74% of the way toward our $5 million goal, with 336 households having made their commitments! Your 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 today. Thank you for your continued faithfulness.

$3,771,743
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

Today | 9:30 a.m. | Thanksgiving Breakfast
Today | 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
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
Dec. 17 | 12:00 p.m. | Lunch and Speaker Series: Christmas Prelude

MISSIONS
Today-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
Dec. 6 | 9:45 a.m. | White-Elephant Christmas Party

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

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.