

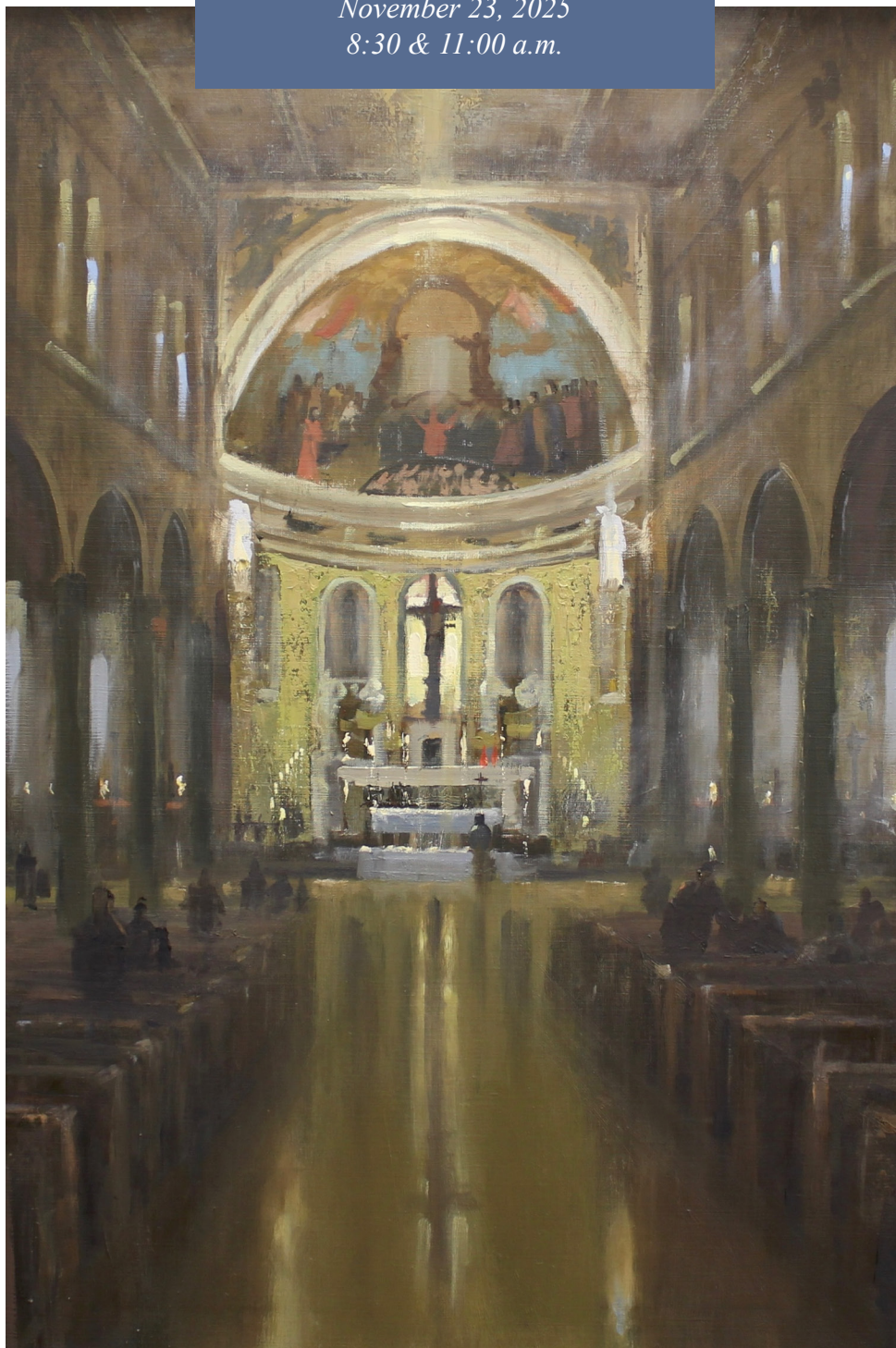


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 23, 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

A church that does not provoke crisis, a gospel that does not disturb, a word of God that does not rankle, a word of God that does not touch the concrete sin of society in which it is being proclaimed—what kind of gospel is that?

—Oscar Romero

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Festival Prelude on "Praise to the Lord"
Niels Gade

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION | Stewardship

The Hannon Family

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

Rev. Sara Hill

Pastor: The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;

All: The LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;

Pastor: Indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

All: Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.

Pastor: Your statues, LORD, stand firm;

All: Holiness adorns your house for endless days.

Pastor: O come, let us worship our King. Let us crown Christ LORD of all!

*OPENING HYMN 185

Crown Him with Many Crowns
DIADEMATA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. John Musgrave (8:30)
Rev. Mallory Hammond (11:00)

¹ The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! ² The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! ⁴ The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵ Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them. ⁷ In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them. ⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. ⁹ Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Adrian Taylor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Speak, O Lord
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re-ceive the food of your ho-ly word.
2. Teach us, Lord, full o-be-di-ence, ho-ly rev-er-ence, true hu-mil-i-ty;
3. Speak, O Lord, and re-new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us:



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash-ion us in your like-ness; that the test our thoughts and our at-ti-tudes in the ra-di-ance of your pur-ri-ty. Cause our truths un-changed from the dawn of time that will e-cho down through e-ter-ni-ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your maj-es-tic love and au-thor-i-ty. grace we'll stand on your prom-is-es, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful-fill in us, all your pur-pose for your glo-ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev-er fail, let their truth pre-vail o-ver un-be-lief.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glo-ry.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 5:1-12 (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. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Kingdom Righteousness

Dr. Ryan Moore

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven... —Matthew 5:12

OFFERTORY

Psalm 150
Cesar Franck

Hallelujah, O praise ye the LORD, in his sanctuary; praise ye the LORD in the firmament of his pow'r. Praise ye him for his mighty acts, praise ye him, praise ye him according to his majesty. Praise ye him with the sound of the trumpet, praise ye him with the psalt'ry and harp. Praise ye him with the timbrel, praise ye him with the dance. Praise him with the organ and stringed instruments. Praise ye him upon the loud cymbals. Praise ye him upon the high-sounding cymbals. Let ev'rything that hath breath, praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

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 643

Now Thank We All Our God
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
arr. Mack Wilberg

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Crown Imperial
William Walton

** Those who are able, please stand.*

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COVER IMAGE: Roger Dale Brown, *Reflecting*. Oil on canvas, 36× 24 in.— Roger Dale Brown, *Sunflowers with Greens*. Oil on canvas, 18 × 24 in.—“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.’ God calls on His followers to make peace in a world that is at conflict. This is what Jesus would do and has done for all of us. One thing that we all can agree on is beauty. We know it when we are in its presence. Like the peacemakers, beauty brings people together. The reason I chose this painting is that flowers, not unlike reconciling, make me think of new beginnings, joy, happiness and a positive outlook to the future.” –RDB

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 for Congregational Care*
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
Adrian Taylor, MDiv – *Director of Missions Ministry*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Joseph Fala, MM – *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Josh Hickman, Timpani
Acolytes – David Pitman and Lauren Pitman, Heuer Ross and Richmond Ross

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Felder Thornhill by Elizabeth and John Wagster.

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.

Thanksgiving Breakfast and Kids Stewardship | Today | 9:30 a.m. | Courtenay Hall— Join us between worship services for our annual Thanksgiving Breakfast for a time of fellowship and encouragement. We will celebrate God’s provision for this outpost of his kingdom with a short program featuring a new Kids Stewardship initiative, an update on the Generosity Campaign, and a look at the financial state of the church.

Advent Wreath Workshop | Today | 5:00–6:30 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. The \$25 cost offsets the cost of wreath supplies.

Congregational Meeting | Nov. 30 | Following Both Services— The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 30, 2025, following the both worship services. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to act on the committee’s recommendation of a candidate for the position of Associate Pastor for Discipleship. To learn more about the nominee, visit fpcnashville.org/darren.

Christmas Ceilidh and Tree Lighting | Sunday, Nov. 30 | 5:00 p.m.— Join us for a festive Ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) and experience the warmth of a traditional Scottish and Irish gathering, complete with music, singing, and dancing. Festivities begin in the Enrichment Center with delicious Christmas Market treats, mulled cider, lively Celtic tunes, and Highland dancing. Then, follow the procession to the front of the Sanctuary for caroling and our beloved annual Christmas tree lighting. Special keepsake ornaments, crafted from the wood of our former tree, will be available for families to take home.

Parents Night Out | Dec. 5 | 5:00–8:00 p.m.—Kids ages 2 years through 6th grade are invited to an evening of fun with movies, games, and dinner. We’ll be serving pizza and fruit for dinner, and if your child has allergies or prefers something else, you’re welcome to let us know or send a packed meal. The evening is \$20 per child and covers three hours of childcare and dinner. Our hope is that this time gives you a chance to recharge. Registration closes Dec. 2.

Advent Greenery Dedications | Submissions due 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.

MISSIONS

Warm Coats, Toys & Baby Formula | Collecting through 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 | 3:30–5:00 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 Mission Trip | Feb. 7–13, 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.



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GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

YTD AT **OCT. 31, 2025**

Actual \$3,711,971

Budget \$4,078,300

Variance (\$366,329)

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.



Musical Christmas Gathering: How Great Our Joy

Tuesday, Dec. 9 | 10:30 a.m.

All are invited to a special Advent program—now called the Musical Christmas Gathering. The program generated so much excitement that the Presbyterian Women team decided to open it to everyone! How Great Our Joy! features soprano Rebekah Howell bringing her dynamic artistry to the role of Mary, accompanied by Amy Tate Williams and joined by FPC soloists and members of the 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.



Giving Thanks
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, Nov. 24

3:30 p.m. | Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing

5:30 p.m. | Crock-pot-luck Dinner

6:30 p.m. | Thanksgiving Vesper Service

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.) in The Cheek House, and then gather for a Vesper Service of Thanksgiving in the Chapel (6:30 p.m.)

Friday, Nov. 28

10:00 a.m. | Thanksgiving Flag Football

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sundays in Advent

Nov. 30 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Communion

Dec. 7 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Dec. 14 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Christmas Music Sunday

Dec. 21 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Brass Ensemble

Advent Vespers & Communion

Wednesdays

Dec. 3 | 5:30 p.m. Dinner | Courtenay Hall

Dec. 3, 10 & 17 | 6:30 p.m. | Stanford Chapel

Join us on Wednesday evenings for worship, hymns, and communion as we watch and wait for the Incarnation.

These services will prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Christ’s birth. On December 3, we will gather before vespers for dinner in Courtenay Hall.

Longest Night Service (New)

Sunday, Dec. 21 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

On the longest night of the year, we gather to remember that even in the darkness, God’s light does not fail. This reflective service offers space for those experiencing grief, loss, or weariness during the holiday season, pointing hearts to the hope of Christ, the true Light of the world.

Christmas Eve | Wednesday, Dec. 24

2:00 p.m. | Communion

A quiet 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 service features Scripture readings recounting salvation history, with hymns and choral anthems sung in response. The service ends in the candlelit singing of Silent Night.

11:00 p.m. | Communion

Welcome Christmas with carols, candlelight, and a celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Christmas Day Worship

Thursday, Dec. 25 | 11:00 a.m. | Stanford Chapel

Happy Birthday, Jesus! Spend an hour worshipping the newborn King with your church family at this informal, relaxed service. We will enjoy some birthday cake and children are welcome to come in pajamas.