OPENING SENTENCES AND WELCOME

Ryan Moore

†VOLUNTARY

Jeanne Demessieux

Adeste Fideles

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GREENSLEEVES

What Child Is This?

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30) Sarah Bird
(11:00) John Musgrave

Leader: The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

People: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

Leader: The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,

People: Making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 147

The First Nowell

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

(8:30) Josh Rodriguez
(11:00) Stuart Gordon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, You who are all-merciful,
take away my sins from me
and enkindle within me the fire of Your Holy Spirit.
Take away this heart of stone from me
and give me a heart of flesh and blood,
a heart to love and adore You,
a heart which may delight in You,
love You, and please You, for Christ’s sake.

(Ambrose of Milan, 4th CE)

(A moment for silent confession.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
**RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE**

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed (traditional)  
Hymnal, page 35

Children are invited to come to the front.

**BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES**

‡ Children who are age 4, 5, or 6 (not in 1st grade) are invited to Young Children and Worship in room CW-110.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

(8:30) Angelina DeVincenzo  
(11:00) Jackson Stone

God, source of all light,  
by Your Word You give light to the soul.  
Pour out upon us  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding  
that, being taught by You in Holy Scripture,  
our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things  
that pertain to life and holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Psalm 147:12–20, page 582

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

**HYMN OF PREPARATION 132**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Matthew 2:1–12, page 2

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

**SERMON**

Ryan Moore

Joy in the Journey

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.”  
Matthew 2:10

**OFFERTORY**

Felix Mendelssohn

Behold a Star from Jacob Shining

Behold a star from Jacob shining,  
and a scepter from Israel rising,  
to reign in glory over the nations,  
like some bright morning star is he,  
the promise of the coming day,  
beyond the night of sorrow.  
Break forth, O Light!  
We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving,  
hail the brightness of Thy rising.

**PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE**

Doxology  
Old Hundredth

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
(debits) Hymnal, page 35

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 136
Go Tell It on the Mountain

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
St. Louis

O Little Town of Bethlehem
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

The congregation will be seated for a moment of silent prayer
after the congregational response.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY
Dietrich Buxtehude
Oh Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

* Those who are able, please stand. † Latecomers may be seated.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE
Ryan Moore, Pastor
Sarah Bird, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Engagement
Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor
John Musgrave, Parish Associate
Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministries
Gracie Brackman, Acolyte
Ingram Link, Cross Bearer
Ada Shapiro, Bible Bearer
Angelina DeVincenzo, Liturgist (8:30)
Jackson Stone, Youth Liturgist (11:00)
Raphael Bundage, Director of Music
Peter Rogahn, Organist
Claire Paschal, Soprano
Emily Stone, Harp

Welcome! — First Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. We are delighted you have chosen to join us. Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, please note your attendance today in the fellowship pad found in your pew.

Guests — Please take a moment to fill out a Connect Card so that we may more personally welcome you into community. We also invite you to visit the Welcome Center in Courtenay Hall for additional information or if you are interested in becoming a member. There, you may visit with one of our greeters. You may also contact the church office at 615-383-1815, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

FLOWERS — Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by Laura and John Hollins Jr. in loving memory of their fathers, John Jordan Hollins Sr. and John Raymond Satterfield.

FELLOWSHIP, COFFEE & DONUTS — Please join us between services downstairs in Courtenay Hall for coffee and donuts.
ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES — Hearing devices, large-print hymnals, large-print bulletins, and large-print Bibles are located in the narthex. If anyone has a need or disability requiring assistance or accommodation for any church activity, please contact the church office at 615-383-1815.

MOTHER AND INFANT QUIET ROOM — If you need a quiet place for nursing or calming your baby, please use the room inside the Nursery Wing.

LIVESTREAM IN COURtenAY hALL — Each of the Sunday morning worship services is streamed live in Courtenay Hall.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? — Prayer request cards can be found in the pews and deposited in the offering plate or the prayer request boxes located in the narthex on the southeast wall and at the Hospitality Center in Courtenay Hall. Church officers meet weekly to lift up prayer requests to God.

SERMONS can be found on our website at fpcnashville.org.

Greet those who worship around you. Be a Worship Friend!

HOLY COMMUNION — Holy Communion will be observed on Sunday, January 19 at all morning services. Prepare your hearts to celebrate this sign of Christ’s love.

THE TABLE — The Table is a relaxed worship service rooted in the Reformed tradition. It meets on Sundays in The Gathering Place at 11:00. All are welcome!

THANK YOU! — Thanks to all who have pledged to the annual stewardship/generosity campaign! Every pledge enables First Presbyterian to continue its ministry in our community and around the world. If you have not yet pledged, you may either fill out a pledge card, go online, or call the finance office. Your participation in this campaign is vital for our congregation to expand its ministry.

EPIPHANY BONFIRE — Join us this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. on the grounds of the church. The bonfire is an all-church event featuring hymn singing, fellowship, the lighting of the bonfire, cookies, and hot chocolate!

ROOTED IN CHRIST: FAMILY PROM — January 11, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in The Gathering Place. Register online.

PASTOR INSTALLATION — Join the FPC community Sunday, January 12, to welcome Pastor Ryan Moore and to celebrate his installation as our Senior Pastor. The installation will be held at the 11:00 A.M. worship service. The Presbyterian Women will host a reception during the Sunday School hour.

COLLEGE DAYS PODCAST FEATURING RYAN MOORE — Check out FPC’s College Ministry’s podcast “College Days” on SoundCloud. Episode 2 of its third season features an interview with Ryan Moore: https://soundcloud.com/user-553125988/college-days-ryan-moore-interview/.

2020 WINTER INQUIRERS’ CLASS — Are you interested in learning more about our church? Have you thought about joining our church family and becoming an active participant in the life and mission of First Pres? Are you just curious about the Presbyterian faith tradition? Then you are welcome to attend our Inquirers’ Class series on January 19 and 26, and
February 2 and 9 during the Sunday School hour from 9:45 to 10:45 A.M. in the Jones Session Room, located on the second floor down the hall from the Sanctuary. If you are interested in uniting with First Presbyterian Church as a member or just wish to learn more about the history and mission of FPC, please join us! Registration is not necessary. For more information, feel free to reach out to Rev. Sarah Bird at 615-298-9518 or sbird@fpcnashville.org.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE ENNEAGRAM CLASS** — Join us for the Introduction to the Enneagram class, starting today in Room L-202 during the Sunday School hour, as we learn more about the Enneagram and what this tool has to teach us about loving God, others, and ourselves well. We will walk through The Enneagram Journey curriculum by Suzanne Stabile during our time together. This Sunday School class is designed for those who don't know anything about the Enneagram, those who have been studying the Enneagram for a while, and everyone in between!

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**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY AND NURSERY**

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**For Children’s Ministry info, contact Deb O’Brien at 615-298-9582 or dobrien@fpcnashville.org.**

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY**

**PRAYING THE PSALMS OF LAMENT AS WE SEEK HEALING** — You are invited to participate in a grief support group offered by Dr. Sandra Randleman that combines prayer with a study of the psalms of lament and to explore how we, like the psalmists, can express our feelings and our petitions for help to God as we place our trust and hope in God and seek healing. The group will meet on Sunday afternoons for four weeks beginning January 19, from 12:00 to 2:00 P.M. Lunch will be available in Courtenay Hall beginning at noon, followed by the support group at 12:45 P.M. in the Memorial Library (Room MW-224). If you have family members, friends, or neighbors who you think would benefit from this group, please invite them
to join us. Questions? Contact Sandra at 615-298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org. Please register online under “Ministries/Care & Support/Grief Support Group” or by contacting Ginny Barber at 615-298-9509 or gbarber@fpcnashville.org.

**Stephen Ministry** — Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care for, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time. If you have the gifts of caring, encouraging, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider becoming a part of this important ministry. Contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org for additional information.

**Mission Spotlight: Children’s Nutrition Program of Haiti** — The Children’s Nutrition Program of Haiti works to fight malnutrition and create sustainable solutions to end poverty in Haiti. For more information, go to www.cnphaiti.org or contact Missions at missions@fpcnashville.org.

**Donations Needed** for the homeless. We will be collecting donations for FPC’s Room In The Inn guests and the Downtown Presbyterian Church clothing closet. Items needed most are new boxer shorts and undershirts (either white or colors); other needs include clean, gently used coats, gloves, belts, hand warmers, backpacks, etc. The donation box is in the Welcome Center.

**We Need Your Help!** — FPC’s Room In The Inn needs overnight hosts for Wednesday nights January through March. There will be two overnight hosts who will be met by the site coordinator to help with serving dinner and to walk you through the process. Arrive by 5:30 P.M. and leave the next morning by 6:00 A.M. Feel free to call with any questions. Sign-up sheets are in Courtenay Hall and online, or contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or missions@fpcnashville.org.

**Mission Trip Financial Assistance** — Financial assistance is available for FPC members to participate in any FPC-sponsored mission trip. Contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org to submit a request.

For more Mission Ministry info, contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or missions@fpcnashville.org.

**Music Ministry**

**Handbell Opportunity** — Are you interested in ringing in the bell choir at First Presbyterian Church? The Chancel Bells hopes to welcome new members in 2020! We are an intermediate-level handbell choir, and we welcome interested ringers of all experience levels. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 4:00 P.M. in the balcony, and we generally ring for worship once a month. If the time is not right for you, make a contact anyway to add your name to the list of possible future ringers. We encourage you to join us! Please contact Organist and Assistant Director of Music Peter Rogahn at 615-298-9538 or progahn@fpcnashville.org.

**Older Adult Ministry**

**Thursday Luncheon & Program** is January 16 at 12:00 P.M. in Courtenay Hall. Buffet is $6. By popular demand, our friend Attorney Bill Carter will return to continue stories of his career as escort of President Kennedy’s casket to working with countless prominent people, including the Rolling Stones, Jimmy Hoffa, Fred Smith, Steve McQueen, Reba McEntire, and currently, the Gaithers. RSVP by January 13.
**The Mission of First Presbyterian Church**
To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love through worship, education, and service.

**BOOK DISCUSSION** is January 23 at 2:00 P.M. in the Memorial Library. We will be reading and discussing Jojo Moyes's *The Giver of Stars*. Set in Kentucky during America’s Great Depression, this is a remarkable story of women’s friendship and determination to make books available during this dark period of our history.

**CHARLESTON, SC** — April 20–25, 6-day tour of Charleston, South Carolina. Contact Brenda Geise at 615-298-9515.

*For First Friends info, contact 615-383-1815.*

**RECREATION MINISTRY**

**FRIDAY PICKLEBALL** — All are welcome to join us for pickleball on Fridays at 3:00 P.M. We will have courts and equipment available in the Enrichment Center.

**OUR EQUINE PROGRAM** is still accepting participants! Adults 18 and up with disabilities, veterans, and service members are eligible for this therapeutic horseback riding program. To apply for the program or for more info, contact Curt Stacy at cstacy@fpcnashville.org.

*For Recreation Ministry info, contact Bryan Miller at bmiller@fpcnashville.org.*

**YOUNG ADULT & COLLEGE MINISTRY**

**COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Class will continue to January 19 in Room L-201.

**ME MORNINGS** — ME Mornings will resume meeting on January 9, 2020.

*For Young Adult Ministry info, contact Josh Rodriguez at 615-298-9598 or jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org.*

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY FOR THESE RETREATS AND TRIPS!**

- **Guys’ St. Louis Retreat** — January 31–February 2
- **Girls’ Beach Retreat** — February 14–17
- **Spring Break Mission Trip to Waco, Texas** — March 14–20
- **High School West Virginia** — May 31–June 5 (Seniors depart May 29.)
- **Junior High Great Escape** — June 7–12
- **Mystery Trip for Graduated Seniors** — June 18–25

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**The Seat at the Table** — Sunday School class for 9th graders and their parents begins on Sunday, January 12, in The Gathering Place with Adam DeVries.

*Every youth is required to have an online release form completed in order to participate in FPC activities! Please check the website, complete the online release form, and email youth@fpcnashville.org with a photo of the front and back of your insurance card. Thank you!*

*For Youth Ministry info, contact 615-298-9570 or youth@fpcnashville.org.*