



THE PROCLAMATION



WELCOME HOME, NOAH REV. DR. JOHN A. HINKLE, JR., SENIOR PASTOR

With the arrival of summer—an annual inevitability less about the rotation of the planet than the rearrangement of our communal habits—comes a subtle but telling recalibration of the church's rhythm. To be precise: this is not a retreat from activity, but a redefinition of its rhythm. Ours is not a congregation that rests so much as one that redirects its energies.

A reading of *The Proclamation* will convince the reader that the next ten weeks (more or less, depending on the caprices of scheduling) will be rich in purpose. Whether it is our youth and families departing for Nicaragua in living out an incarnational service, our middle schoolers rediscovering the dusty, pine-scented holiness of NaCoMe, or our youngest ones swimming through the sacred chaos of Vacation Bible School—there is little doubt that summer at First Presbyterian is less a lull than a different kind of liturgy.

Beginning on Memorial Day Sunday, our summer worship rhythm commenced: Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., worship at 10:15 a.m., followed by that most Presbyterian act of fellowship—the sharing of lemonade and cookies. It is a schedule designed not for ease, but for cohesion, community, and clarity.

And speaking of clarity, allow me to state another development with both candor and gratitude: *The Proclamation* will now appear as a joint June–July publication. We trust our readers will not suffer undue confusion by this change.

Yet the most notable transition, perhaps the one most resonant with the theological cadence of return and renewal, is this: Mr. Noah Rice has been hired as our Director of Music.

When Jocelyn—our gifted and faithful predecessor—shared with me her intention to retire, she was unambiguous about her first recommendation: call Noah. It was not a suggestion made lightly, but one born of conviction and years of watching him grow in skill and stature. Noah first appeared at First Presbyterian as a freshman at Belmont University, a grant singer whose voice revealed not only technical excellence but, more importantly, a genuine desire to dwell among us.

Over the years, Noah's voice has been a steady and sacred presence—from the quiet reverence of funerals to the exuberance of holy days. After graduation, he boarded a ship—quite literally—serving with diligence aboard Holland Cruise Lines. When his contract concluded, he returned to Nashville, not merely to teach and direct, but to reconnect with our congregation that had never stopped listening for his return.

A few years later, he took a post at Downtown Presbyterian as Assistant Director of Music. I told him at the time—and I meant it—"You need to go, in order for you to come back." And so, he did.

Sitting across from him at The Alley, discussing the possibility of his leading our congregation in music, Noah reminded me of those words. His return is not just providential; it is, I dare say, proper. There is no one else I can imagine leading our worship with such integrity, artistry, affection and faithfulness.

Noah is not merely ready—he is eager. And in a world too often marked by restlessness, it is no small thing to see someone choose to come home. **Welcome home, Noah.**

Follow Rev. Dr. Hinkle on X @daltonboy1986 or email him at jhinkle@mborofpc.org



June 1

"When the Internet Goes Down"
Psalm 100
II Corinthians 4:6-18

June 8

Pentecost Sunday
Please wear red
"Who Are You Looking For?"
Psalm 104:24-34
John 14:8-17

June 15

Trinity Sunday
"Fills Our Heart with Love"
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5

June 22

"A Shepherd's Faith"
Psalm 23
I Samuel 16:1-13

June 29

"Giants in the Land"
Psalm 16
I Samuel 17:32-50



July 6

"Grace When Grace is Hard to Find"
Psalm 30
I Samuel 24:1-15

July 13

"Dance Like No One is Looking"
Psalm 25:1-10
II Samuel 6:12-23

July 20

"When Kings Go Off to War"
Psalm 51 (David's Prayer of Repentance)
II Samuel 11:1-27

July 27

"Words to My Son"
Psalm 85
I Chronicles 28:1-10

WORSHIP & NEWS AT FPC

PREACHING IN JUNE & JULY

June 22-July 27 First Presbyterian will explore the life of David, moving from when he was a shepherd watching his father's sheep, to becoming king, eventually falling prey to the temptation of power, to seeking repentance. Yet throughout his life, he is known as a man after God's own heart. What can we learn from this man who was fallible but at the same time yearned to be faithful?

SUMMER SUNDAYS

STARTING MAY 25

One Service at 10:15am
Sunday School at 9:00am



During the months of June and July we will have only ONE worship service on Sundays at 10:15am. Sunday School for all ages and groups will begin at 9:00am. Parents of children ages preschool-6th grade are asked to pick up their children promptly after Sunday School so that children's Sunday School teachers are able to get to the worship service on time. Thank you.

Also, join us in the College St. portico after the service each week for cookies and lemonade!



- The Hinkle family will be on vacation June 30. Dr. Hinkle will be back in the office July 7.
- The Harding family will be on vacation July 28-Aug. 3.



- June 10 from 11am-1:30pm for staff appreciation lunch.
- June 16 for Juneteenth
- July 4 for Independence Day.



Following 10:15am worship on Sundays in June and July, we will be serving lemonade and cookies for a time of fellowship. What a great opportunity for 8:30 folks and 11am folks to fellowship together.

MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: MR. NOAH RICE!



We are so excited to have Mr. Noah Rice join our staff as Director of Music! Some you have known Noah for years (as you read in Rev. Dr. Hinkle's article. For others, this is our first introduction to him for you. Enjoy this bio and some personal information as a chance to get to know him better.

Noah Rice is a Nashville-based vocalist, music director and vocal educator with deep roots in church music and choral education. He has served as Director of Music at Priest Lake Presbyterian Church, Assistant Choir Director at Downtown Presbyterian Church and Music Assistant/Section Leader at First Presbyterian Church of Murfreesboro. From 2015 to 2018, Noah worked as Production Editor for Alfred Music's sacred division (Jubilate Music Group), where he oversaw the publication of hundreds of choral anthems and seasonal collections and produced numerous studio recordings for children's and adult church musicals.

In addition to his work in sacred music, Noah served as Interim Middle and High School Choral Director at University School of Nashville (2022–2023) and regularly leads vocal masterclasses and workshops for Studio Tenn Theatre Company and Nashville Improv Company. He is the founder of Noah Rice Vocal Studio, which offers both virtual and in-person private training for singers of all ages and experience levels. His teaching emphasizes healthy, expressive singing across styles and is grounded in functional pedagogy and somatic, science-informed voicework.

As a performer, Noah has worked across a wide range of musical settings—from cruise ship entertainment to studio recording to live concerts with major artists. He has performed in over 1,000 shows across 35+ countries as a featured singer-pianist for Holland America Line's Billboard Onboard. His stateside credits include performing contracts with Gaylord Opryland, Hersheypark and regular corporate/private engagements as a singing pianist. He has also appeared as a background vocalist in live concerts with Hans Zimmer, The Rolling Stones and Eric Church, and his studio work includes projects for Walt Disney Entertainment, MTI, LifeWay and Lillenas Music.

Noah holds a Bachelor of Music in Commercial Voice from Belmont University and is a certified instructor in Somatic Voicework™ – The LoVetri Method. He is currently pursuing his Master of Music in Vocal Pedagogy at Shenandoah Conservatory as a member of the Spring 2026 cohort. He lives on Percy Priest Lake in Nashville with his two cats, Chester and Sassy, and in his free time enjoys tending to his garden and ever-growing collection of houseplants. Noah is thrilled to return home to First Presbyterian Church of Murfreesboro, and feels deeply grateful for the chance to once again make music with a congregation that helped shape his early journey.

Here are a few comments from others who have worked with him:

"Noah has brought our choir together with good training and voice control. Our choir has grown, and the congregation enjoys our weekly music, which matches the sermons well."

— Bobby Binns, Elder and Choir Member, Priest Lake Presbyterian Church

"Noah Rice is the epitome of the musician many aspire to become but very few ever reach. His musicality, nuance and impeccable attention to detail make him a standout among the graduate cohort at Shenandoah Conservatory. His vast knowledge and understanding of vocal function as it applies across multiple genres is impressive, and he is truly someone I admire for his excellence in artistry and teaching."

— Justin Swain, MM, MA, VC; Lecturer of Musical Theatre Voice, Otterbein University

"Clearly Noah is a professional, talented musician and vocalist—but he is so much more than that. Choir members talk about the gentle and encouraging coaching they get from him. The administrative staff loves him for his timely, thoughtful music selections that he drops into the weekly bulletin. The congregation feels respected and looks forward to the music. Noah uses music to bring joy to the worship. We will miss him, but we're happy to see him moving forward in his career."

— Maureen Meyer, Worship Committee Member, Priest Lake Presbyterian Church

"First and foremost, Noah has an open-hearted enthusiasm about learning and sharing his own expertise. He is highly qualified as a singer, particularly in the jazz idiom, and his teaching reflects the ease and comfort one develops from years of personal experience both teaching and singing. He is a joy to teach, as he remains receptive to new ideas despite his advanced level."

— Dr. Kathryn Green, DMA, Chair of the Voice Division, Shenandoah Conservatory

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY! BY: BILL PATTERSON



TIM GLASCOE

Does new member Tim Glascoe need a new challenge? One might ask that after talking to the somewhat retired automotive engineer. Actually, the question might be *why* does Tim Glascoe need a new challenge.

Tim was born in Blytheville, Arkansas. He grew up outside Lynchburg, Tenn. and graduated from high school at Shelbyville. Upon graduation, he joined the army for six years where he served in Special Forces in the 82nd Airborne Division (jumping out of airplanes became second nature to him.)

After his army hitch, he briefly went to work at AEDC in Tullahoma, but left there in 1983 for Nissan where he stayed for 34 years, retiring in 2019 (Earl Pond was one of his colleagues). Retirement was not for Tim, really. He went to work at Tenneco in Smithville until Covid ended that job. Then it was to JPW in LaVergne as director of operations of the machinery distributor. Then the company was sold, and Tim left that job.

But now, he took a different path. He got a commercial driver's license and now drives a school bus on a route in the Walter Hill area, getting to know the children on the bus. "I love to be challenged. I don't know what I am doing, but then I figure it out," Tim said. If that is not enough, he also serves as a handyman. And then, he acts in plays at the Center for the Arts.

Tim is the father of Mallory, 36, Weston, 31, and grandfather to Faith. He has been married to Amy Lane for 21 years and has the distinction of being brother-in-law to Paul Lane. Also in the family are two dogs, a golden doodle and an Australian shepherd. He moved to Murfreesboro in 1985. Tim grew up Baptist and was most recently a Methodist.

So what brought him to First Presbyterian Church? Of course, there is Paul Lane, and, "I've known John Moss for twenty-five years. I even built his house." He started attending the Men's Bible Study and got to know more people. "It is a very welcoming congregation," Tim said. "Your walk in faith should be fed, and then it propagates and grows," he explained. This part, then, has not been a challenge.



LIZ TAYLOR

New member Liz Taylor has a familial connection to First Presbyterian Church. Her grandfather was choir director here until 1930 when he and the family moved to Nashville. She was born in Nashville but moved to Murfreesboro in 1957. She went to Hobgood School originally, and then to Bellwood Elementary when it opened. Her family, which included three brothers, lived in the Bellwood subdivision. And there was another connection: "I went to Vacation Bible

School with Sue Young" at FPC, Liz said.

Liz was the secretary for the MTSU Learning Resource Center for 38 years, retiring in 2016. This gave her more time to pursue her hobby, genealogy. She is a member of The First Families of Rutherford County which requires an ancestor to have lived here before 1820. She traces her lineage through Smith, McAdoo and Spain lines from the Lascassas and Milton area. She is also a member of the Captain William Lytle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Liz also delivers Meals on Wheels on Fridays. Besides her three brothers, she has a daughter and two granddaughters in Shelbyville.

As for her church affiliation, her family attended Glencliff Presbyterian Church in Nashville and Northminster here in Murfreesboro. In her twenties, Liz began attending services in the home of George and Betty Jackson, and this group grew into World Outreach Church, where she attended for 40 years. However, "It got too big," she said, so she started visiting around, and this is where she found a home. "Everybody is so friendly here," she said. "It would make my Dad happy that I am back in the Presbyterian Church."



I'm so grateful and appreciative of all the prayergrams, cards, food and visits I received while recovering from my shoulder replacement. I must admit it has been an uphill struggle, especially being my right shoulder with limited use of my right hand but with the support and encouragement from my church family I'm now on the road to recovery. Again, thank you and we're truly blessed to belong to a church who applies the fruit of the spirit and the love of Christ. - Pat Moss

FPC YOUTH JUNE & JULY 2025

JUNE EVENTS

June 1-7 — High School *Nicaragua Trip*

June 15-20 — Middle School *NaCoMe Fusion Trip*

June 11 Lake Day — Meet at FPC at 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Brown Bag Lunch. \$20 per person. RSVP by June 4th to Angela: angela@mborofpc.org

June 25 Nashville Shores Trip — Meet at FPC at 9:30 am-5:00 pm, Lunch included. \$25 per person. RSVP by June 18th to Angela

No Open Cellar or Youth Group

JULY EVENTS


July 12 Duck River Float — Meet at FPC at 8:30 am-3:00 pm, \$20 per person
RSVP by July 3rd to Angela

July 23 Lake Day — Meet at FPC at 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Brown Bag Lunch. \$20 per person
RSVP by July 16th to Angela

No Open Cellar or Youth Group

Every Sunday- Sunday School- 9:00am with Donuts!

UPCOMING EVENTS & UPDATES



**Women's
Brown Bag Lunch**

Join us Tuesday June 3rd and
July 1st at 11am for a "bring
your own brown bag" lunch

All women welcome and we hope
you enjoy visiting with each other!

*Ann Nora Parsons
is turning 100!*

THANK YOU FOR THE
BEAUTIFUL CARDS YOU
GAVE OUR ANN NORA
FOR HER 100TH BIRTHDAY!



A great visit and a big anniversary!

Scott and Kathy Corlew visited Utah recently on a business trip and stopped by to visit longtime First Presbyterian Church members Bill and Libby McKay. Bill and Libby moved some years ago to Utah where one of their daughters lives. Bill and Libby shared wonderful memories and stories, including that they watch our services online every week! The library pictured in the residential community background was personally organized by Libby over a span of three years. Bill stays busy doing repairs in the building as well. In other news, Bill and Libby will celebrate their **70th wedding anniversary** in June! Thank you, Scott and Kathy, for sending this update.





- Sunday School will meet at 9:00am each week in June and July, with one worship service at 10:15am. Parents are asked to pick up their children promptly after Sunday School so volunteers can get to the worship service on time.
- Remember VBS is June 3-5 from 5-7 pm here at church (dinner included). We still need VOLUNTEERS! Please email Meredith at Meredith@mborofpc.org if you would like to help! Grades 7th-12th are also welcome to volunteer.
- Our VBS singers will perform their songs during the 10:15 worship service on Sunday, June 8!
- Please be in prayer for our students as they attend summer camps this month.

JUNE MEMORY VERSE

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control"

Galatians 5:22-23

JULY MEMORY VERSE

"THEREFORE I WILL PRAISE YOU AMONG THE NATIONS; O LORD; I WILL SING PRAISES TO YOUR NAME."

PSALM 19:49



WE'RE POPPING UP IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!
August 3rd at 9:45am
Join us for popcorn and Pirate's Booty for our special Transition Sunday



YEE HAW VBS
Celebrating God's Greatest Gift
JUNE 3-5, 2025 5PM-7PM



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL HAS OPEN SPOTS
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PRESCHOOL@MBOROFPC.ORG

RELATIONSHIPS GROW
leaders emerge
COMMUNITIES CHANGE



JULY 7-10

Deadline to sign up is June 20

We need 10-12 volunteers per day. We are providing an intern meal on June 24 and July 16
Contact Teri Windham (terihwindham@gmail.com) or Melanie Brogli (melbrogli@outlook.com)

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP



SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE TO OUR AMAZON WISHLIST



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Angelina Hulett, William Lea, John Murphy
- 3 Virginia Jennings, Tommy Nance
- 4 Joseph Anderson, Ruth Bouldin, Lindsey Jennings, Chuck Ramsay
- 6 Marcie Richmond
- 7 Carol Egles, Rebecca Layman
- 8 Anna Paddon, Sandy Workman
- 9 Norma Christiansen
- 12 Margaret Lane, Josh Merritt, Wesley Nance
- 13 Jonathan Swenson, Susan Wilson
- 14 Joe Bales
- 15 Doug Daniel, Joe Rich
- 16 Valerie Bales, Susan Couch, Addie Gray, Jovie Harding, Jay Smith
- 17 Zach Tyner
- 18 Marilyn Patterson, William Patterson, Pete Sourek
- 19 Kenny Jones
- 20 Courtney Joyner, Roy Lugos
- 21 Leslie Akins, Kathy Callaway, Cindy Prescher
- 22 Reese Hines, Robb McDaniel
- 23 Rachel Follis, Rick Prescher
- 25 Chris Jackson, Mary Martin
- 26 Adam Webb
- 29 Cynthia Bang, Caroline Layman, Sandy Wheeler
- 30 Shelby Adamson, Amy Farrar, Reecely Young

- 2 Bill Zuiches
- 4 Allison Panter
- 5 Mary Holden Jennings
- 6 Richard Egles, Richard Gross, Matthew Hibdon
- 7 Kathryn Hines, Angie Livesay
- 8 Susan Pelot
- 9 Dirk Heusinkveld
- 13 Glen Emery
- 14 Jeff Lanning, Chip Peruzzi
- 15 Bart Walker, Hannah Vanzandt
- 16 Brent Dacus, Darrell Elwell
- 17 Sumner Bouldin, Susan Daniel
- 18 Danny Riggs
- 19 Shannon Parsons, Mike Pope, Carolyn Renales, Lee Ann Walker
- 22 Suma Clark, Michael Gray
- 24 Richard Paddon
- 27 Bill Shacklett
- 28 Allison Swenson
- 29 Olivia Arnett
- 30 Kathy Zuiches
- 31 Marshall Baughman

The Proclamation is a monthly newsletter of **First Presbyterian Church Murfreesboro**. Submit August announcements to charlotte@mborofpc.org by 7/20.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Marshall & Meredith Baughman
- 5 - Steve & Sarah White Bagby
- 7 - Bob & Nancy Hoffman
- 8 - Mike & Beth Petroka
- 9 - Bill & Marilyn Patterson
- 11 - Timothy & Joyce Merritt and Bernie & Susan Steen
- 12 - Bob & Jean Potter
- 16 - Chris & Watson Harris
- 17 - Stacy & Tracy Webb
- 20 - Terry & Allison Panter
- 21 - Rick & Cindy Prescher
- 22 - Mark & Leslie Akins
- 23 - Steve & Karen Hickok
- 24 - Bart & Lee Ann Walker



- 1 - Chris & Amy Jackson
- 8 - Andy & Meredith Peck
- 14 - Mike & Margaret Ann Pope
- 16 - Doug & Lauren Flanagan
- 20 - J.T. & Tori Leathers
- 22 - Brian & Leslie Iske
- 25 - Curtis & Hannah Vanzandt
- 28 - John & Patsy Moss
- 28 - Kenny & Kathy Jones
- 29 - Bobby & Lexie Harding
- 29 - Tommy & Katie Turner
- 30 - Brian Hughes & Heather Beason
- 31 - David & Shannon Parsons



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FIRST FRIDAY



Friday, June 6th

9am - 12pm

College St. Drive-thru

~~FIRST FRIDAY~~ 2nd



Friday, July 11th

9am - 12pm

College St. Drive-thru

We will have TWO food drives this summer to help Nourish Food Bank and Greenhouse Ministries.

- Friday, June 6 from 9am – 12pm
- Friday, July 11 from 9am – 12pm (moved b/c of July 4 holiday)

We are especially focusing on easy to open and prepare, child-friendly foods such as microwaveable mac and cheese, pop-top spaghetti, ravioli, cereal or granola bars, fruit cups, shelf stable milk such as Horizon, etc.

Just drive through the College St. portico and a volunteer will help you with your donations. Thank you!