

*First Presbyterian Church*  
*June 20, 2021*

# I believe



What We Mean  
When We Affirm Our Faith

# WELCOME

June 20, 2021  
8:30 am & 11:00 am

Thank you for joining us for worship.  
We ask that you follow the CDC's recommendation of wearing a mask if you are not fully vaccinated.  
Child Care during worship is open for young children in Room 110/111 in Education Wing.  
If you need assistance in finding the room, please ask an usher.  
This service can be heard on 98.1 FM radio or viewed at [fpchsv.org](http://fpchsv.org).

***\*Those who are able, please stand***

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

*Come Holy Spirit*

W. GAITHER/BOCK

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather this day to remember that the Holy Spirit is at work.

Many: **Light pierces the darkness.**

One: Love calms fear.

Many: **Joy chases away sadness.**

One: Hope lifts up despair.

Many: **Peace disarms anger.**

One: Kindness dances around hostility.

Many: **Music sings away troubles.**

One: The Holy Spirit is at work!

Many: **Let us worship the triune God together!**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN 395

*Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*

LIEBSTER JESU

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, your law shows the way of righteousness, but we forsake your commandments. We have not provided for the poor or aided the disabled. We have not been truthful in our daily business; we have been unjust in our judgment of others. We have sought vengeance against our enemies; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins and rouse us to sincere repentance. By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us to live as your holy people with Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)*

In worship a congregation is called to listen to God and to respond in faith and prayer. The Call to Worship states our intention to make this worship time solely about the Lord God.

Confession acknowledges that we are not worthy of the gift of Christ's coming into the world. And yet, because of God's great love, we are granted mercy and grace.

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KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

HOPSON

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.*

*Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, the God who judges us has been made known in Jesus Christ, who died for our sake. The Good News of the Gospel is this: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and through the work of the Holy Spirit we are made new.

Many: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

\*HYMN 581

*Glory Be To The Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*

*World without end. Amen, amen.*

#### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST LESSON

1 PETER 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

#### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

*I Will Sing with The Spirit*  
Chancel Choir

JOHN RUTTER

*I will sing with the spirit, alleluia!*

*And I will sing with the understanding also: alleluia.*

*I will sing with the spirit, alleluia!*

Want to learn more about the Scripture used in worship this week? Listen to our podcast Rocket City Lift! Found on iTunes, Spotify, Sound Cloud, and Google Play.

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There is a time of silent meditation after the sermon. During this time, you might ask yourself, "From what I've heard and experienced during worship today, what do I believe God wants me to do or be? Is God inviting me to change in any way?"

In response to the Word, prayers are offered. In these prayers, we acknowledge God's presence in the world and in daily life. We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. God sent Jesus who died for it. God is working to lead the world toward the new future God has planned for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as wide as God's love and as specific as God's tender compassion for the least among us. (From the Common Book of Worship, 1993)

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## SECOND LESSON

JOHN 14:15-20

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### SERMON

*"I Believe: Creeds and Confessions: Spirit"*

The Rev. Brett Gudeman

### SILENT MEDITATION

#### \*HYMN 291

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

SPIRIT

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*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.**

### 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.**

### PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

*I Know In Whom I Have Believed*

MARY MCDONALD

Haley Flemons, soprano

*I know not why God's wondrous grace to me He has made known,  
Nor why unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for His own.  
But I know in whom I have believed; and I know whose grace I have received,  
And I know that He will keep me safe with Him until the day*

*He comes again. I know not how this saving faith to me He did impart,  
 Nor why believing in His Word wrought peace within my heart.  
 But I know in whom I have believed; and I know whose grace I have received,  
 And I know that He will keep me safe with Him until the day He comes again.  
 I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noontide fair;  
 Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him, or meet Him in the air!  
 But I know in whom I have believed; and I know whose grace I have received,  
 And I know that He will keep me safe with Him until the day He comes again.  
 He will keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day!*

\*DOXOLOGY 606      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

### SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

\*HYMN 702      *Christ Be Beside Me*      BUNESSAN

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION      *May the Love of the Lord*      SOON TI  
    Chancel Choir

*May the love of our Lord rest upon your soul.  
 May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.  
 May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
 May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.*

\*POSTLUDE      *Get All Excited/He is so Great*      BUDDY LAWSON

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

The Rev. Dr. Tara W.  
 Bulger, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Brett  
 Gudeman, Associate  
 Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,  
 Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee,  
 Pianist/Organist

Kathy Gillmore, Director  
 of Christian Education

Haley Flemons

Chancel Choir

Liturgists:  
 8:30 am- Fred Stucky  
 11:00 am- Anne Dillon

Ushers:  
 8:30 am- Glen Adams,  
 Barbara Rahrer, Sandra  
 Valley  
 11:00 am- Jerry Gattis,  
 Roy and Marilyn  
 McCorkle

Video and Sound:  
 Mike Hyatt, Tom Stroud,  
 Brian Bulger, Jeff Hyatt,  
 Dave Young

### Worship Resources Adapted From:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org  
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**FELLOWSHIP  
CAMP**

Join Us at Camp  
Maranatha for a Weekend  
of Fun and Fellowship!

August 6-August 8



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**GREEK 101**



**GREEK WORDS EVERY  
CHRISTIAN SHOULD  
KNOW**

A New Sermon Series Beginning  
June 27, 2021

SAVE THE DATES  
COME AND LEARN MORE ABOUT  
OUR CHURCH!

**New Member  
Class**

**JULY 11, 18, & 25  
AT 9:45 A.M.**





**THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV**  
**June 20-June 27**

**Sunday June 20, 2021**

8:30 am Worship Service SAN

9:30 am - 10:30 am Summer Intergenerational Series-  
Welcome All: God's Big Table FH

9:30 am - 10:30 am Charles Danner Seminar Zoom & LIB

9:30 am - 10:30 am Comrades Sunday School Room 106

11:00 am Worship Service SAN

**Monday, June 21, 2021**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Vacation Bible School

7:00 pm PYC Concert in the Park

**Tuesday, June 22, 2021**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Vacation Bible School

**Wednesday, June 23, 2021**

7:00 am - 8:00 am Men's Bible Study FH & Zoom

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Vacation Bible School

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry LIB

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice CR

**Thursday, June 24, 2021**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Vacation Bible School

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Prayer Group Zoom

**Sunday June 27, 2021**

8:30 am Worship Service SAN

9:30 am - 10:30 am Charles Danner Seminar Zoom & LIB

11:00 am Worship Service SAN

First Presbyterian is a Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

We welcome you as a participant in worship today. We pray that you will find this service meaningful. Worship is but one of the many ministries of First Presbyterian Church.

If you would like to receive our Weekly E-News, please send your name and email address to [communications@fpchsv.org](mailto:communications@fpchsv.org).

**FLOWER GUILD HONORS AND MEMORIALS**

*The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God.*



Worship of the Living God is not confined to one place or time. We encourage you to take this bulletin home and use it to guide you in private moments of worship for the next week.

Discuss: How have you seen the Spirit at work in the world and in your life?

Read:

Monday- Luke 21:29-36

Tuesday- Luke 21:37-22:13

Wednesday- Luke 22:14-23

Thursday- Luke 22:24-30

Friday- Luke 22:31-38

Saturday- Luke 22:39-51

Pray: Pray that you would have eyes to see the Spirit's work, and ears to discern the Spirit's call in your life.

**Calendar Legend:**

**BR** - Bell Room

**CH** - Carriage House (GBH)

**CER** - Christian Ed Resource upstairs

**CR** - Choir Room

**FH** - Fellowship Hall

**GBH** - Gideon Blackburn House

**HR** - Historical Room

**JAH** - John Allan Hall (GBH)

**LIB** - Library

**SAN** - Sanctuary

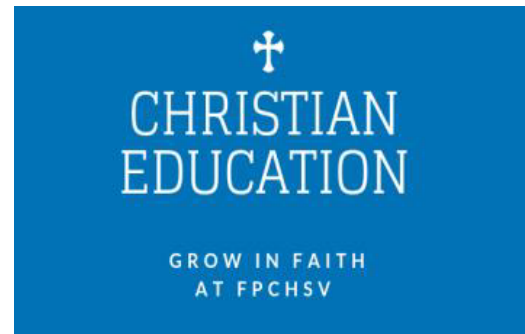
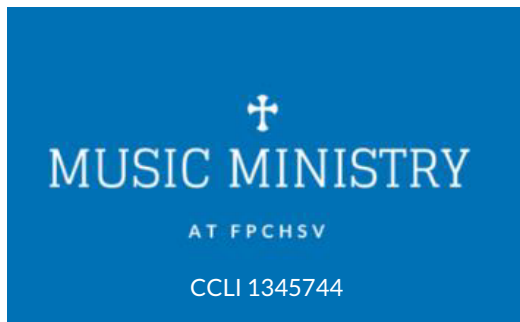
**SMR** - Stephen Ministry Room (GBH)

**Green** - Children's program

**Yellow** - Youth program

**Red** - Adult program

**Blue** - Music



### Chancel Choir Practice

Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Sundays 8:00 am and 10:30 a.m.

*Please note Oakwood donations will be collected until the end of June.*

### Vacation Bible School 2021

Children! Join us as Knights of North Castle, June 21 - 24, 9:00 a.m. - Noon. We'll sing, dance, craft, play games, and learn about the Armor of God! All children entering PreK (4 years old by 9/1/2021) through entering 5th grade are welcome. Register [HERE](#) or on our website on the Registration tab.

VBS at Home! If you cannot attend this year, sign up for our "At Home" kit to experience VBS with your family and friends at home, in a smaller group, and at a time of your choosing. Register [HERE](#) or on our website on the Registration tab.





## Mission of the Year 2021

The Backpack Ministry is an ongoing mission opportunity. About 20 kits are taken weekly and discreetly provided to need-identified children on Friday afternoons.

### How Can I Help?

We will need one group a week to make food bags. The work will be done in a classroom on the second floor of GBH, which is accessible by elevator. Register [HERE](#) or on our website on the Missions tab. You may also help by:

- Donating specific foods from the list below
- Place food in the Food Pantry Box.
- Donate money to purchase food.
- Volunteer to deliver the food packs to AAA.
- Pray for AAA and the Back Pack Ministry

For more info please email [karenmadison@comcast.net](mailto:karenmadison@comcast.net).

### Backpack Ministry Shopping List:

- Juice Boxes - 100% juice, 6.75 oz
- Fruit Cups - 4 oz
- Breakfast Cereal - single serve boxes
- Shelf stable milk - single serve boxes
- Single Serve Poptop Entrees, such as
  - Macaroni and Cheese
  - Chicken and Rice with Vegetables
  - Chef Boyardee pasta meals

## Hands on Volunteer Opportunity

We are proud to be providing dinner for 150 people at the Village of Promise summer program on June 28. We have multiple opportunities for you to get involved.

**Sunday 6/27-4:00-5:30** at the church kitchen for food preparation

**Monday 6/28-3:30-4:30** for warming and packing up the food, **4:30-6:30** for delivering, serving, and clean up at VOP. Please contact Nancy Lundy [nlundy@knology.net](mailto:nlundy@knology.net) to sign up.

## June Mission of the Month

The Good Samaritans ministry was established out of a need in Huntsville, Alabama, to minister to the homeless. There are many organizations available to provide food and essentials, but this group meets the people on their home turf. Besides providing food, clothing, and necessities for daily life, they listen to their friends and build relationships with them.

This month, we have two ways to support them. Donations of comfort items for the hot summer months (listed below) should be brought to the church and placed in the [Historical Room](#). Additionally, monetary donations may be made by writing a check to FPC with "Good Samaritans" written in the memo section. The deadline for this collection will be June 30, 2021.

They have expressed great appreciation for the support and prayers of First Presbyterian. In addition, if you would like to give money to Good Samaritans, you may do that through the church.

## ITEMS NEEDED

*For Good Samaritans*



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|--|---|
| • Bug Spray                            | • Deodorant--full size  |
| • Sunscreen                            | • Bars of soap  |
| • Chapstick                            | • Washcloths  |
| • Collapsible water bottles            | • Shampoo--small bottles  |
| • UV sunglasses                        | • Deodorant--full size  |
| • Hats                                 | • Bars of soap  |
| • Bandanas                             | • Washcloths  |
| • Anti-fungal foot powder              | • Shampoo--small bottles  |
| • Antibiotic cream                     | • \$10 gift cards to McDonalds, Burger King, Subway, Dairy Queen, Sonic |
| • bandaids                             |   |
| • Allegry medications--small bottles   |   |
| • Tylenol and Ibuprofen--small bottles |   |
| • Hairbrushes                          |   |

*Our Hands, God's Work*  
**Mission at FPCHSV**

# PRAYER LIST

To add a prayer request, please visit our website

To remove a prayer request, please email [communications@fpchsv.org](mailto:communications@fpchsv.org)

New prayer requests are in bold print

In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Dr. Bulger at 256-655-1818

## **Church Members:**

Tish Hammer and family  
Joanne Horn and family  
Mickey Childers  
Dot Miree  
Linda McAllister  
Mary Darsey  
LaRhue Johnson  
Nan McBride  
Ginny Bouldin  
Barbara (Bonny) Morris  
Cay Lambert  
Mary Lou Danner

## **Friends and Family:**

Terry McHugh- brother-in-law of Betty and Ed Green  
Linda Edwards-Hamlett – friend of Marilyn Schild  
John Bolton- son of Bill and Miriam Bolton  
Kristi Herbert - friend of Sharon Hudson  
Friend of Lisa Stephens  
Lively Family  
Carol Salter- friend of Tish Hammer  
Sandy Kagan - daughter of Betty Dunaway  
Shirley Forbes  
Josh Saliba - nephew of Donna and John Basore  
Marcos Servin - brother-in-law of Patricia Hacker  
Calvin Ronald Dahl - nephew of Peggy Galloway  
Caitlin Greiner - granddaughter of Cay Lambert  
Jack Bolton - grandson of Bill and Miriam Bolton  
John and Maryetta Bitzer - friends of Peggy and Dave Galloway  
Family of Pat Golley  
Kathy Winfree - sister of Bill Bolton  
Pat Richeson - friend of Glen Adams  
Stella Fair - sister of David Galloway  
Beverlee Leo - mother of Lori Smith  
Scott Sedlitz - stepson of Annewhite Fuller  
Leigh Vincent - friend of Linda and Woodward Howard  
Paige Olmo -daughter of Paula Weider  
Sean Larkin - friend of Linda Howard and Bryce Connor  
Dylan Greiner - son of Cay Lambert  
Dale Brown - brother of Doug Brown  
Nell Pike - mother of Charlie Pike  
Rachel Beard - friend of Tam Bevel

## **Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:**

Carlotta Gattis (Whitesburg Gardens)  
Kathleen Perry (Valley View)  
Dolly Shuey (WBC @ Magnolia Trace)  
Jean Walker (Regency)

## **The Church:**

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger and her family  
The Rev. Brett Gudeman and his family  
First Presbyterian Church, the Session, the Board of Deacons, the North Alabama Presbytery, and for all the church staff  
NAP seminary student Joe Lundy (First, Huntsville).

## **Military & International:**

All those serving in the armed forces; particularly ENS Connor Howard, U.S. Navy Flight School

**Our Nation:** President Biden, Vice President Harris, and all who govern our nation

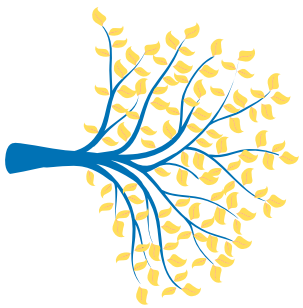
## **First Presbyterian Missions & Ministries:**

Appalachia Service Project (ASP)  
Good Samaritans  
International Missionary Fellowship (HaitiHospital.org)  
The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center  
The Presbyterian Home for Children  
Second Mile Preschool  
The CUP program  
Camp Maranatha  
Mission Aviation Fellowship

## **Other Prayers:**

Let us pray for all those struggling with health and economic hardship during this pandemic. Let us also pray for communities as they express the deep hurt they feel, as well as for safety and peace for all.

Patty Conley, Moderator



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