



# The Glory of the Lord Shall Shine

First Presbyterian Church  
Gideon Blackburn House  
January 4, 2026





# Welcome

to First Presbyterian Church of  
Huntsville, Alabama

*We are a congregation of the  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

## **Notes About Our Worship Bulletin:**

- An asterisk denotes standing--in body or Spirit.
- Bold text means the congregation is invited to recite the text together.
- There are margin notes throughout the service to increase understanding of the service.
- Children of all ages are a welcome blessing in worship! They are an important part of our church community, and we would love for them to stay for the whole service. Wiggles and giggles will not bother us; tears and fears remind us we're human. Ushers can provide you with worship notebooks to engage your children during worship.
- Nursery care is available anytime between 8:15 am and 12:00 pm for infants and toddlers in Room 105 as needed.
- All children are invited to come forward during *This Little Light of Mine* for a message and prayer.
- Children are welcome (but never required!) to go to Room 205 for Children's Church after the Time for Young Disciples. Parents may escort them, or Children's Ministry Assistants are available to walk with them.
- Members, having children worship is a gift and a sign of health and vitality for our church. Please welcome children and offer parents a smile of encouragement.

Want more information about the church?  
Speak with an usher in the narthex, or visit our website at [fpchsv.org](http://fpchsv.org),  
or listen to sermons later in the week, at:



FOR APPLE



FOR ANDROID

## **WELCOME**

Epiphany Sunday  
January 4, 2026  
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## **GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

*Brightest and Best*

Arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Karl Kling

*Please sign in on the pew pads found at the end of each row and share those with your neighbor. We thank God for your presence this day!*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Leader: Jesus is the light of the world.

**People: His light shines throughout all the nations.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 119

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Our loving God, you call us to follow you, but sometimes we do not listen. You offer to guide us, but we overlook your word. Too often we miss opportunities to live out the grace and compassion that Christ has given us. Forgive our sin and help us to follow our Lord. We pray this in Jesus's name, Amen.**

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

## **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:**

Dr. Karl Kling,  
Transitional Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,  
Director of Music

Lois K. Lee,  
Pianist

Liturgists:  
8:30 -  
11:00 am -  
Karen Madison

Ushers:  
8:30 am-  
Roy & Marilyn McCorkle

11:00 am-  
Vicky & David Goodwin  
Buddy & June Guynes

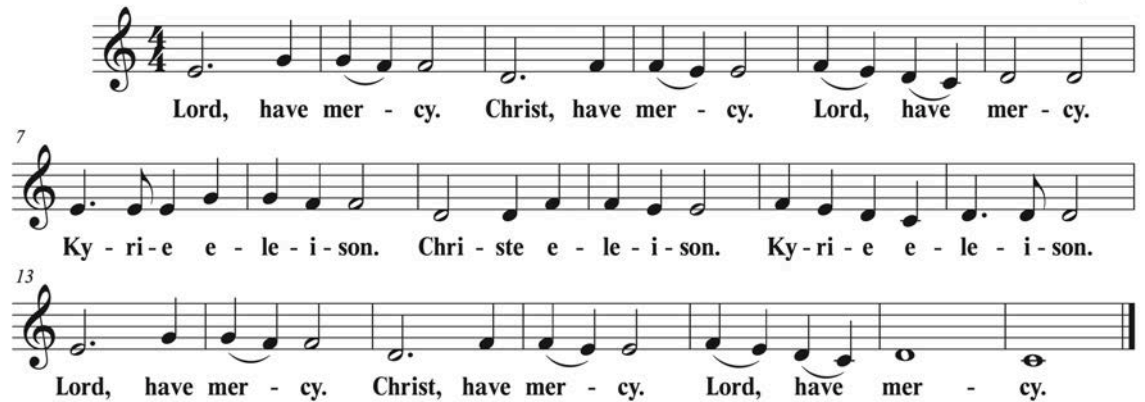
Video and Sound:  
Tom Stroud  
Dave Young  
Maxwell R. Carter

*\*Those who are  
able, please stand*

# KYRIE

## Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson



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### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear and receive God's promise on this Epiphany Sunday:

Christ is the light of the world, who gives forgiveness and healing for your sins. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

### People: Thanks be to God.

\*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.*

Having been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, the people are invited to share signs of reconciliation and the peace of Christ. In sharing the peace, we express the reconciliation, unity, and love that come only from God, and we open ourselves to the power of God's love to heal our brokenness and make us agents of that love in the world.

### \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dr. Kling

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

*(Take a moment to greet one another in the peace of Christ  
and welcome those who are new to our church community)*

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

All children are invited to come forward during  
This Little Light of Mine for a message and prayer.

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Following the Time for Young Disciples, children are invited to join Kathy Gillmore in Room 205 for Children's Church. Infant and toddler care is available in room 105 as needed.

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please stand*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60: 1-3

<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

*God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*  
Patricia Hacker

Arr. D. Moore

### SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-12

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ” <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

A prayer for illumination may be offered before the reading and proclaiming of the scripture. This prayer seeks the illumination of the Holy Spirit and calls upon God to make us receptive to the life-giving Word, which comes to us through the scripture.

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Dr. Kling

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN 143

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

We respond to  
God's word of  
forgiveness and  
love by affirming  
our faith, offering  
our resources, and  
singing our praise.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (**unison**)

THE 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 (**unison**)

**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

*Gesu Bambino*

Arr. Lloyd Larson

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offering via credit  
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FOR ONLINE GIVING

*\*Those who are able,  
please stand*

\*DOXOLOGY 606

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

\*HYMN 134

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

### SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Kling

Leader: And as God's people, we all say  
**People: Alleluia! Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Arr. Joel Raney

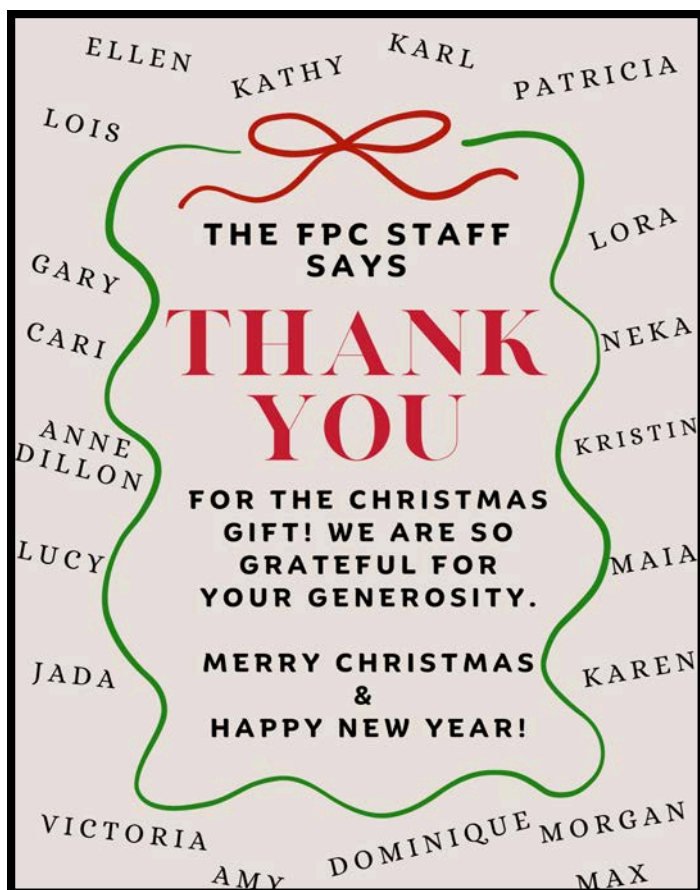


If you requested offering envelopes, please  
pick them up from the box in the GBH foyer.  
If you would like envelopes, but did not  
request them, there are extras available.

#### Worship Resources Adapted From:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org  
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able, please stand*



## Sunday Morning Worship

8:30-9:30 and 11:00-12:00  
Gideon Blackburn House

### Faith Formation

9:30-10:30  
Youth LEAD (GBH - Basement)  
Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)  
Charles Danner Seminar (Library Rm 104)

10:00-10:30  
Peepers Preschool (Rm 108/109) Combined  
Children's Sunday School (Rm 010) Faith &  
Life Class (Carriage House)

9:30-10:00 & 10:30-10:55  
Fellowship Time  
Carriage House

Register Now for the Spring Semester  
Jan 14 - Mar 25  
5:00 - 7:00 For all ages!

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE



Preschool Bible & Color Handbells  
Children's Bible & Children's Choir  
Preparing for Children's Sunday Mar 29  
Youth Dinner & Small Groups  
Adult Class



Scan for more info or to register!

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday,  
January 11th

Following the 11:00  
am service in GBH



# THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

## January 4 - January 11

### **Sunday, January 4, 2026**

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105/106  
 8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH  
 8:45am –9:30am Children's Church RM 205  
 9:30am –10:30am Confirmation Class FH  
 9:30am –10:30am LEAD Youth GBH  
 9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers BR  
 10:00 - 10:30am Combined Children's Sunday School RM 010  
 10:00am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH  
 10:00am –10:30am Peepers SS (Preschool) RM 108/109  
 11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH  
 11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205  
 12:00pm –4:00pm PKC Off Site w/bus

### **Monday, January 5, 2026**

8:30am –12:00pm FF Teacher workday  
 5:30pm –6:30pm Worship Committee Meeting LIB RM 104  
 2:00pm Ann Fee Memorial Service and reception GBH

### **Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
 9:30am –11:30am First Friends Theater FH  
 11:00am –1:00pm Church Staff Meeting LIB with lunch (planning meeting)  
 5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

### **Wednesday, January 7, 2026**

7:00am –8:00am Men's Bible Study FH  
 9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
 11:30am –12:30pm Moms at the Well GBH  
 1:30pm –3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group Rm 104 LIB  
 7:00pm –8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice CR

### **Thursday, January 8, 2026**

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
 10:15am –10:30am First Friends Chapel FH  
 11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group LIB/Zoom  
 12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon GBH  
 7:00pm –8:30pm PNC Meeting LIB RM 104

### **Friday, January 9, 2026**

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
 1:30pm Kathleen Perry Memorial Service and reception GBH

### **Sunday, January 11, 2026**

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105/106  
 8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH Install Session Members  
 8:45am –9:30am Children's Church RM 205  
 9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class LIB  
 9:30am –10:30am Confirmation Class FH  
 9:30am –10:30am LEAD Youth GBH  
 9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers BR  
 10:00am –10:30am Connect 4th & 5th RM 012  
 10:00am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH  
 10:00am –10:30am Holy Moly K - 3rd RM 010  
 10:00am –10:30am Peepers SS (Preschool) RM 108/109  
 10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir RM  
 11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH Install Session Members  
 11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205  
 12:00pm –12:15pm Called Congregational Meeting GBH  
 5:00pm –7:00pm PYC offsite  
 5:30pm –7:00pm Session Meeting FH

#### Calendar Legend:

<b>BR</b> - Bell Room (RM 204)	<b>GBH</b> - Gideon Blackburn House
<b>CH</b> - Carriage House (GBH)	<b>HR</b> - Historical Room
<b>CR</b> - Choir Room (RM 201)	<b>JAH</b> - John Allan Hall (GBH)
<b>FH</b> - Fellowship Hall	<b>SAN</b> - Sanctuary
<b>LIB</b> - Library (RM104)	

## PRAYER LIST

Names added to the prayer list will be removed after *six weeks*.

Please take the bulletin home to add these names to your daily prayers.

Prayer requests should be emailed to Kristin Pepper, Administrative Assistant, at [admin@fpchsv.org](mailto:admin@fpchsv.org).

### **Church Members:**

Perry and Whitfield families and friends

Fee family and friends

Joseph & Allison Davis and family

Ida Jo Daughtry

Betty Loeb

Paula Weider

Stella Wilson

Sandra Stewart

Carsten Schroer

Frances Byrd

Anne Whitfield

Bob Monroe

Betty Thompson

Ed Green

Becky Buckner

Alicia Beam

Janice Fowler

Charlie Watkins

Ted Buckner

Barbara (Bonny) Morris

Cay Lambert

Amelia Beimrohr

### **Friends and Family:**

April Woods- great-niece of Dave & Peggy Galloway

Misty Short Anderson and family and friends

Maggie Day & Josie-cousins of George Harsh

Marlene Stark - mother of Lisa Everett

The Wilmer Family - friends of Katy Bryan

Melinda Thompson - daughter of Mary Edith

Thompson

Rob Klouw & Katherine Randall - friends of Rachel

Harrod

Chet Johnston - friend of Frederick Wessel

Family and friends of Maxwell Carter

Trusting in God's grace, we pray for our enemies.

Frances Kyser - friend of Tam Bevel & Judy Howard

Deborah Lamb - aunt of Kaitlyn Huaroto, sister of Pam Huaroto

Emily Loeb Locke - daughter of Betty Loeb

Nathan Harsh Brown Chitty - cousin of George Harsh

Bennie Jacks - friend of George & Eleanor Harsh

Emily Neely - daughter-in-law of Serena Neely

Katie Little Pickle - great niece of Dave & Peggy Galloway

Nancy Neely Harris - sister of Mary Margaret Cofield

Marie Mitchell - mother of Libby Smith

Antony Leo - brother of Lori Smith

Charles Trainosky - grandson of Charlie Watkins

Grant Adams - brother of Glen Adams

David, Jessi, and Emma Grace Hill-friends of Davis Carter

Claudia Fahrner

Sam Eidt - friend of Betty and Ed Green

Patty Monnett- friend of Katy Bryan

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

Marlyn and Hoyt Harris (Brookdale)

Cay Lambert (Huntsville Health & Rehab)

Chuck Hooker (Floyd E. Tut Fann State Veteran's Home)

Annewhite Fuller (Whitesburg Gardens)

### **Military & International:**

Prayers for Haiti and our mission partners. This is a critical time as the civil unrest there may undermine all humanitarian work.

All those serving in the armed forces; particularly

LT Connor Howard, U.S. Navy Pilot

# Leadership at First Presbyterian Church

## Ministry Team and Staff

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Dr. Karl Kling, *Transitional Senior Pastor*.....seniorpastor@fpchsv.org  
Lora Bohan, *First Friends Director*.....ffdirector@fpchsv.org  
Ellen DeAngelo, *Director of Finance & Administration*.....finance@fpchsv.org  
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### CHURCH OFFICERS

#### Elders:

Class of 2026  
Caitlin Thomas, Christian Education Committee  
Houston Matthews, Finance Committee  
Diann Berry, Mission and Evangelism Committee  
David Young, Worship Committee

Class of 2027  
James Lee, Christian Education Committee  
Hamilton Holliday Sr., Finance Committee  
Erin Cobb, Mission and Evangelism Committee  
Nicole Schroer, Worship Committee

Class of 2028  
Daniel Carter-Finance/Personnel  
Nancy Lundy-Missions/Evangelism  
Libby Rentz-Christian Education  
Sherry Smith-Worship  
Brent Cobb-Fellowship

#### Deacons:

Class of 2026  
Katy Bryan, Care Committee  
Hudson Cornelius, Fellowship  
Committee  
Courtney Allen, Hospitality Committee

Class of 2027  
Ginger Bryant, Care Committee  
Jenny Schreeder, Fellowship  
Committee  
Vicky Goodwin, Hospitality Committee

Class of 2028  
Marian Bevel-Care  
Dave Goodwin-Hospitality

#### Trustees:

Class of 2026  
Roy McCorkle  
Angela Rawls

Class of 2027  
Ryan Parker  
Melissa Rowe

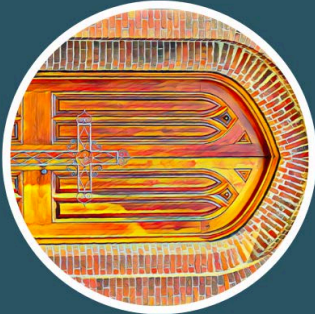
Class of 2028  
Mac Martinson  
Andy Watson

#### Pastor Nominating Committee:

Davis Carter  
Heath Causey  
Woodward Howard  
Stephanie Hyatt  
James Lee  
Barbara Rahrer  
Janis Williams

#### Presbyterian Women

Stella Wilson, Moderator



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