

With You Always



First Presbyterian Church
Gideon Blackburn House
May 31, 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 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 Youth Room of GBH 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 Youth Room in GBH 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,
or listen to sermons later in the week, at:



FOR APPLE



FOR ANDROID

WELCOME

May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Arr. Jeff Perks

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

We would like to thank Rev. Bob Phelps for serving as our guest Pastor today. Rev. Phelps is the Executive Presbyter for the North Alabama Presbytery. Prior to that, he served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Albertville and has served congregations in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Florida through the years.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phelps

Leader: Worship the Lord for his gift of new life in Christ.

People: With God's help, we will give glory to God every day.

Leader: Praise the Lord for His never-failing love.

People: With God's help, we will serve others in Christ's name.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE 1

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Maranatha Camp

Micah Beard

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we often stray from your way. We sin against you and each other with our thoughts, words, and deeds. Please forgive our sin and selfishness. Help us to live the new life that Christ gives us. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. Bob Phelps,
guest Pastor

Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Diann Berry, piano

Chancel Choir

Many thanks to Diann Berry for playing the piano today.

Liturgists:
8:30-
Joseph Lundy

11:00-
Houston Matthews

Ushers:
8:30 am-

11:00 am-
Patty Frierson
Jim Slate

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

**Those who are able, please stand*

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

13
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says: "I have swept away your sin like a cloud, your failures like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you." In the name of 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.*

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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 the Youth Room in GBH basement for Children's Church. Infant and toddler care is available there as needed.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER

Psalm 8

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens.

(Sung response)

Psalm 8



Leader: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

People: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

(Sung response)

Leader: What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

People: You have made them a little lower than god and crowned them with glory and honor.

(Sung response)

Leader: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.

People: All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air and the fish of the sea; whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

(Sung response)

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign,

People: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

(Sung response)

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³ All God's people here send their greetings.

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.

ANTHEM

Prayer to the Trinity
Chancel Choir

Michael Bedford

*Come, come, O God of heaven, live within our hearts today.
Come, come, O God of heaven, hear, O hear us as we pray.
Come, come, O gracious Savior, stay within our hearts today.
Come, come, O gracious Savior, hear, O hear us as we pray.
O, be near us, love and cheer us with your blessing from above;
Ever guide us, walk beside us, as we seek to share your love.
Come, come, O Holy Spirit, shine within our hearts today;
Come, come O Holy Spirit, hear O hear us as we pray
Come, come, O God of heaven, live within our hearts today,
Come, come, O God of heaven, hear, O hear us as we pray. Amen.*

SECOND READING

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Rev. Phelps

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*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.

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

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

Some Glad Morning

Brumley/Hayes

*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.*

Want to give your offering via credit card? Scan below.



FOR ONLINE GIVING

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

*HYMN of SENDING 4 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* GROSSER GOTT WIR LOBEN DICH

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Re. Phelps

Leader: And as God's people, we all say

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Reprise on Some Glad Morning

Brumley/Hayes

Worship Resources Adapted From:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org
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THANK YOU
RECEPTION FOR
PASTOR KARL &
SUSAN KLING

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH, 12PM
CARRIAGE HOUSE & GBH GARDENS
LEMONADE & CAKE PROVIDED



Vacation Bible School Update

Due to construction and flooding renovation, we will unfortunately not have Vacation Bible School at FPC this summer. We are excited to welcome everyone back for Summer 2027! Thank you for your understanding.



Special Presbyterian Week at Camp Maranatha June 22-26, 2026

Overnight Camp for 5th-12th graders

Maranatha is partnering with Presbyterian (USA) churches in our presbytery and in the Birmingham area to all attend together and make this a great experience for the youth to build lasting friendships and strong churches.

Let Kathy Gillmore know if you are interested or if you have questions!

Register here!



Sunday School Update

Youth and Children's Sunday school will be taking a break for the summer.

Be sure to join us when we resume on Rally Day!!

Children's Church & Nursery care is still available.

8:45am-9:30am/11:15am-12:00pm Children's Church
GBH Youth Room

8:15am-12:00pm Nursery care
GBH Basement

Adult Sunday School will continue.

9:30am-10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class
GBH Living Room

9:45am-10:30am Faith & Life Class
Carriage House

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

May 31 - June 7

Sunday, May 31, 2026

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room GBH Basement
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH
8:45am –9:30am Children's Church GBH Youth room
9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class GBHLR
9:45am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church GBH Youth Room

Monday, June 1, 2026

5:30pm –6:30pm Worship Committee Meeting CH

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

10:00am –11:00am Church Staff Meeting Out of the office
5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

7:00am –8:00am Men's Bible Study CH
9:30am-10:30am Construction Meeting CH
1:30pm –3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH
7:00pm –8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH

Thursday, June 4, 2026

11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group GBH Basement
12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon CH

Friday, June 5, 2026

Church Office Closed

Sunday, June 7, 2026

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room GBH Basement
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH
8:45am –9:30am Children's Church GBH Youth room
9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class GBH Living RM
9:45am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church GBH Youth Room
12:00pm-Thank You Reception for Pastor & Susan Kling CH

Calendar Legend:

CH - Carriage House (GBH)

FH - Fellowship Hall

GBH - Gideon Blackburn House

GBHB - Gideon Blackburn House Basement

JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)

GBHLR - Gideon Blackburn House Living Room

Due to space limitations during construction, we are currently not accepting flower donations. Any donations made since the beginning of the year will be used when we return to the sanctuary.

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.

Church Members:

Anne Michael Causey
Eleanor and George Harsh
Harris Family
Stephens family and friends
Daughtry family and friends
Barbara Martin and Evelyn Hurdle families
Alice Gardner
Betty Loeb
Paula Weider
Stella Wilson
Sandra Stewart
Frances Byrd
Anne Whitfield
Bob Monroe
Ed Green
Becky Buckner
Alicia Beam
Charlie Watkins
Barbara (Bonny) Morris
Cay Lambert
Amelia Beimrohr
Friends and Family:
Rusty Skinner-Uncle of Lindsay & Thomas Birchfield
Kirby and Shelia Stevenson - friends of Peggy and Dave Galloway
Charles Johnson- friend of Bo and Nancy Lundy
Bettie Lewter - friend of Genie and Bob Miller
Roger Holliday- father of Hamilton Holliday
Mary Streeter
Sarah Hankins
Tate Grueling - friend of Harriet Bibb
Jan Thompson- sister of Gail Sparks
Tonya Carano- friend of Bruce & Janis Williams
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
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:

Hoyt Harris (Brookdale)
Cay Lambert (Huntsville Health & Rehab)
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. Patricia Hacker, *Director of Music*.....music@fpchsv.org
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Anne Dillon Loflin, *Youth Director*.....youth@fpchsv.org
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Gary Whited, *Facilities Coordinator*.....facilities@fpchsv.org

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

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 Committee
Dave Goodwin-Hospitality Committee
Brent Cobb-Fellowship Committee

Trustees:

Class of 2026
Roy McCorkle
Angela Rawls

Class of 2027
Ryan Parker
Melissa Rowe

Class of 2028
Mac Martinson
Andy Watson

Church Nominating Committee:

Erin Cobb- Chair, Session
Nicole Schroer- Session
Lucinda Shreeder
Glen Adams
Patty Conley
Bob Frank Smith
Jenny Schreeder- Deacons

Presbyterian Women:

Stella Wilson, Moderator



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