

A New Song



*Make
a joyful noise.*

First Presbyterian Church
Gideon Blackburn House
April 26, 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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (**unison**)

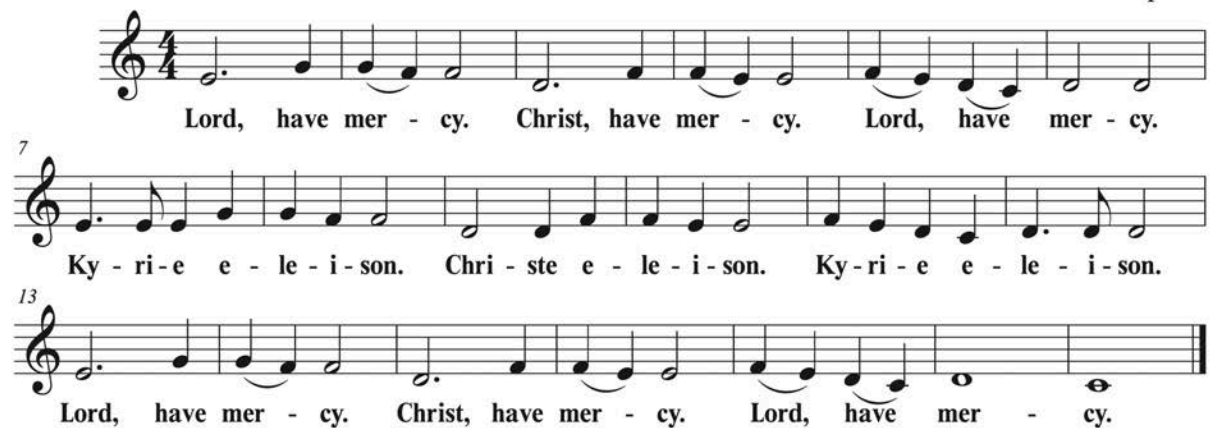
Merciful God, we confess that we often judge others instead of loving them. We focus on our own opinions without respecting different points of view. We miss opportunities to speak words of kindness and care. Please forgive our sin and renew us through your Spirit. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

(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.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, God promises that people from every nation, tribe, and language will sing songs of praise before God's throne. The Living Lord takes away the sin of all people who come to him with open hearts. Receive the good news: 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.*

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 100:1-5

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. ² Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ³ Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. ⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Because He Lives
Alan Mitchell, saxophone
Diann Berry, piano

Arr. Joseph Martin

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.

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.

SECOND READING

John 10:14-17

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Dr. Kling

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

*HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP 839 *Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

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

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.

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

Come Share the Lord

Arr. Fred Bock

*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 of SENDING 187

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

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

He Keeps Me Singing

Arr. Bill Wolaver

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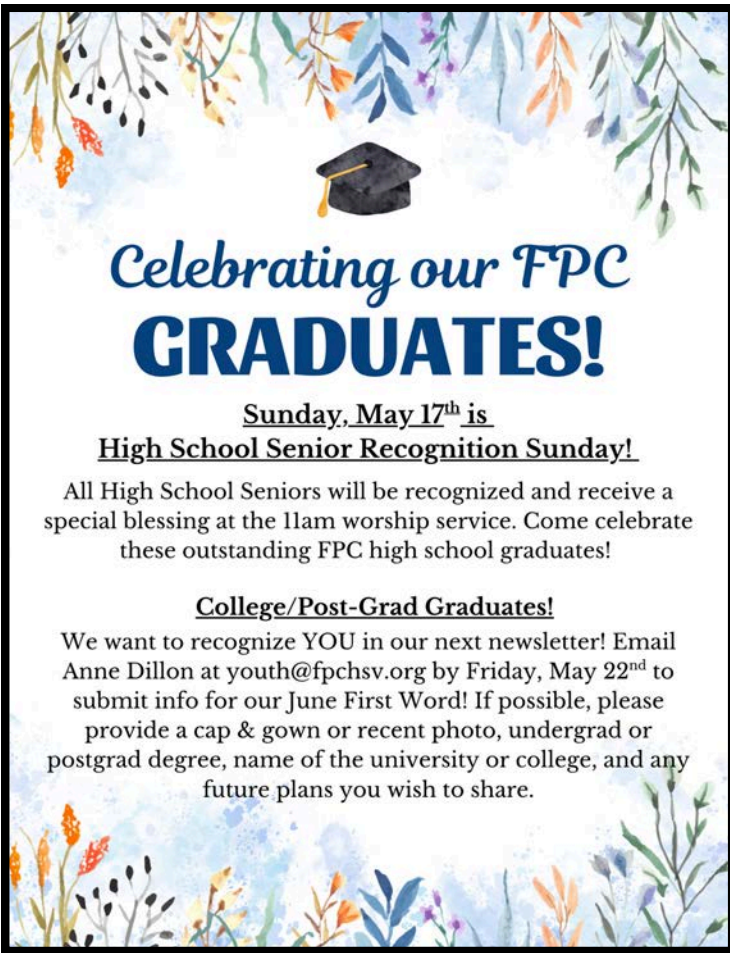



FOR ONLINE GIVING

Worship Resources Adapted From:

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

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Celebrating our FPC GRADUATES!

Sunday, May 17th is
High School Senior Recognition Sunday!

All High School Seniors will be recognized and receive a special blessing at the 11am worship service. Come celebrate these outstanding FPC high school graduates!

College/Post-Grad Graduates!

We want to recognize YOU in our next newsletter! Email Anne Dillon at youth@fpchsv.org by Friday, May 22nd to submit info for our June First Word! If possible, please provide a cap & gown or recent photo, undergrad or postgrad degree, name of the university or college, and any future plans you wish to share.

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! 

Community Care Kits

to be Christ's Hands and Feet to those in Need

If you feel called by the Spirit to share Christ's love to people in need at intersections, on-ramps, and businesses, the Mission and Evangelism Committee is offering you an opportunity to pick up a few of these "Community Care Kits". These kits contain 2 kinds of food: non-perishable (fruit, meat, drink) and spiritual (devotional booklet). When you take up to 3 of these kits we ask that you scan the QR code to provide your name and email address so we can get feedback on how successful this outreach has been from your perspective. Based on your experience we can determine the best way to move forward in the future.

Kits are located in the GBH foyer for pick up.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in."
- Matthew 25:35




THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

April 19 - April 26

Sunday, April 26, 2026

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room GBHB
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
9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers JAH
9:45am –10:30am Combined Sunday School GBHB
9:45am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
9:45am –10:30am LEAD Youth GBH 3rd floor
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 –1:30pm Session/Confirmation Class FH w/lunch
5:00pm –6:30pm PYC GBH

Monday, April 27, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
5:30pm –6:30pm Mission and Evangelism Meeting CH

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
9:30am –10:30am First Friends Theater FH
10:00am –11:00am Church Staff Meeting GBH
5:30pm –6:30pm CE Committee Meeting CH
5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

7:00am –8:00am Men's Bible Study FH
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
9:30am –10:30am Construction Meeting FH
11:30am –12:30pm Moms at the Well GBH Basement
1:30pm –3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH
7:00pm –8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH

Thursday, April 30, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
10:15am –10:30am First Friends Chapel FH
11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group GBH Basement
12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon CH

Friday, May 1, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 2, 2026

2:00pm - Worship Service of Baptism for Benjamin Matthews at Camp Maranatha

Sunday, May 3, 2026

HOLY COMMUNION

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room GBHB
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
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Calendar Legend:

CH - Carriage House (GBH)

FH - Fellowship Hall

GBH - Gideon Blackburn House

GBHB - Gideon Blackburn House Basement

HR - Historical Room

JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)

GBHDR - Gideon Blackburn House Dining 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:

Charles Stephens
Barbara Martin and Evelyn Hurdle Families
Alice Gardner
Ida Jo Daughtry
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
Liz Goldman - friend of Bruce & Janis Williams.
Roger Holliday- father of Hamilton Holliday
Mary Streecter
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)
Marlyn Harris (Flemming Farms Memory Care)
Cay Lambert (Huntsville Health & Rehab)
Annwhite 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
Kathy Gillmore, *Director of Christian Education*.....dce@fpchsv.org
Dr. Patricia Hacker, *Director of Music*.....music@fpchsv.org
Dr. Lois K. Lee, *Organist/Pianist*
Anne Dillon Loflin, *Youth Director*.....youth@fpchsv.org
Kristin Pepper, *Administrative Assistant*.....admin@fpchsv.org
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

Pastor Nominating Committee:

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

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

Church Nominating Committee:

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

Trustees:

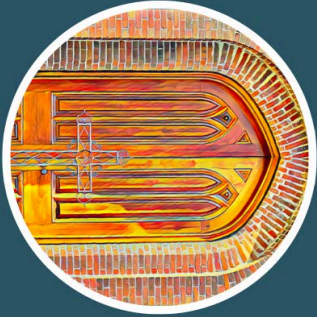
Class of 2026
Roy McCorkle
Angela Rawls

Class of 2027
Ryan Parker
Melissa Rowe

Class of 2028
Mac Martinson
Andy Watson

Presbyterian Women:

Stella Wilson, Moderator



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