

# First Presbyterian Church

“Follow Me”



Virtual Church Service

January 25, 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**

Third Sunday of Epiphany  
January 25, 2026  
Virtual Worship  
**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

*Love Divine All Love Excelling*  
Arr. Rowland Prichard

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: We worship God with songs of joy.

**People: God is the Rock of our salvation.**

Leader: We worship God with gratitude and thanksgiving.

**People: The Lord is King over all creation.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN of PRAISE 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Holy God, there were times this past week when we disappointed you, our loved ones, or other people. We did things that were wrong or failed to act when we should. We closed our eyes to the needs of others and overlooked our own mistakes. Please forgive our sin and renew us through your Holy Spirit. We pray this in Christ'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

Chancel Choir

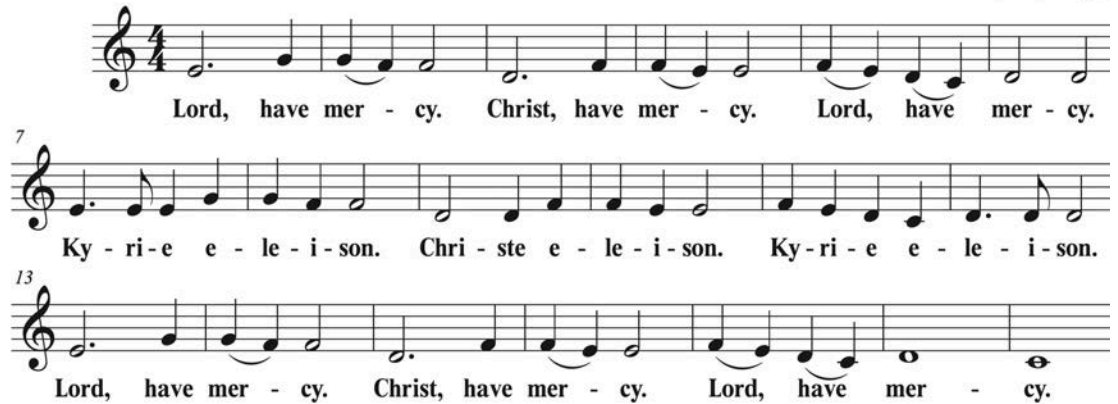
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Tom Stroud  
Dave Young  
Maxwell R. Carter

*\*Those who are  
able, please stand*

# KYRIE

## Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hops



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### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, God promises that all who humbly confess their sin will receive God's mercy and be cleansed by his love. 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.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1–5, v10

<sup>1</sup> The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup> So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ... <sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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.

*Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home.  
I ain't got long to stay here.*

*My Lord, he calls me by the thunder,  
The trumpet sounds within my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Green trees are bending,  
Poor sinners stands a – trembling  
The trumpet sound within my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here.*

## SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:14–20

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” <sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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

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.**

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## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Oh, Glory!*

Arr. Hall Johnson

*Marc Morgan, baritone*

*Oh, glory! There is room enough in Paradise*

*To have a home in glory.*

*Jesus, my all, to heav'n is gone*

*to have a home in glory,*

*He whom I fixed my hopes upon,*

*To have a home in glory.*

*His track I see and I'll pursue to have a home.*

*The narrow way till Him I view. To have a home.*

\*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 726

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

THE SUMMONS

## 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

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Arr. Joel Raney



### 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 (Rm108/109)

Children's Sunday School (Rm010)

Faith & Life Class (Carriage House)

9:30-10:00 & 10:30-10:55

Fellowship Time (Carriage House)



### Worship Resources Adapted From:

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

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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!

Baptism Ed Workshop and  
Milestone Celebration  
for 5th graders

## walk with me

Feb 8

9:30 - 10:30 am

John Allen Hall

Register here



## PRAYER

### Milestone

**MARCH  
8TH  
9:30 - 10:30**

**FOR 1ST- 3RD GRADERS  
and older children**



Register at  
[fchsv.org/events](http://fchsv.org/events)

or here



## Jesus' Teachings for Today

The teaching of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke

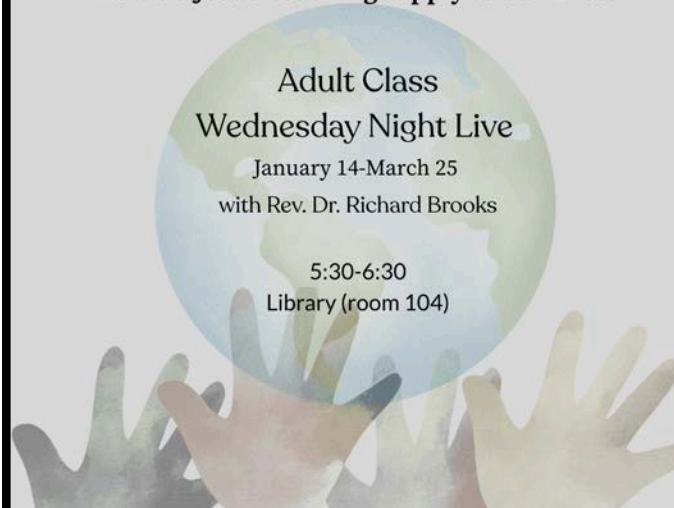
Scripture exploration  
and  
discussion

How do Jesus' teachings apply to our lives?

Adult Class  
Wednesday Night Live

January 14-March 25  
with Rev. Dr. Richard Brooks

5:30-6:30  
Library (room 104)



# THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

## January 25 - February 1

### **Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**\*\*Virtual Church Service\*\***

### **Monday, January 27, 2026**

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

### **Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
9:30am –11:30am First Friends Theater FH  
10:00am –11:00am Church Staff Meeting LIB  
5:30pm –6:30pm CE Committee Meeting Rm 207  
5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH  
6:00pm –8:30pm HMC Practice CR

### **Wednesday, January 28, 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  
5:00pm –7:00pm Children's WNL Spring Semester  
5:30pm –7:00pm Adult WNL Spring Semester  
7:00pm –8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice CR  
7:00pm –8:00pm PYC Small Groups LIB/GBH

### **Thursday, January 29, 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 30, 2026**

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool

### **Sunday, February 1, 2026**

HOLY COMMUNION  
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 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/CR  
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH  
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205  
5:00pm –6:30pm PYC GBH

#### Calendar Legend:

<b>BR</b> - Bell Room (RM 204)	<b>GBH</b> - Gideon Blackburn
<b>CH</b> - Carriage House (GBH)	House
<b>CR</b> - Choir Room (RM 201)	<b>HR</b> - Historical Room
<b>FH</b> - Fellowship Hall	<b>JAH</b> - John Allan Hall
<b>LIB</b> - Library (RM104)	(GBH)
	<b>SAN</b> - 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](mailto:admin@fpchsv.org).

### **Church Members:**

Fowler family and friends  
Buckner family and friends  
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  
Frances Byrd  
Anne Whitfield  
Bob Monroe  
Betty Thompson  
Ed Green  
Becky Buckner  
Alicia Beam  
Charlie Watkins  
Barbara (Bonny) Morris  
Cay Lambert  
Amelia Beimrohr

### **Friends and Family:**

Sarah Hankins  
Tanya Carano- friend of Bruce & Janis Williams  
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  
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  
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Dr. Lois K. Lee, *Organist/Pianist*  
Anne Dillon Loflin, *Youth Director*.....youth@fpchsv.org  
Kristin Pepper, *Administrative Assistant*.....admin@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

#### 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  
Brent Cobb-Fellowship

#### Trustees:

Class of 2026  
Roy McCorkle  
Angela Rawls

Class of 2027  
Ryan Parker  
Melissa Rowe

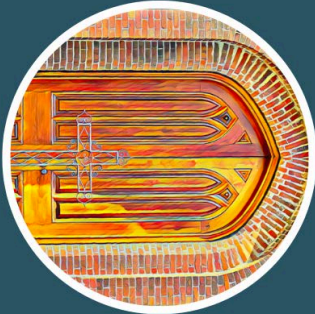
Class of 2028  
Mac Martinson  
Andy Watson

#### 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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