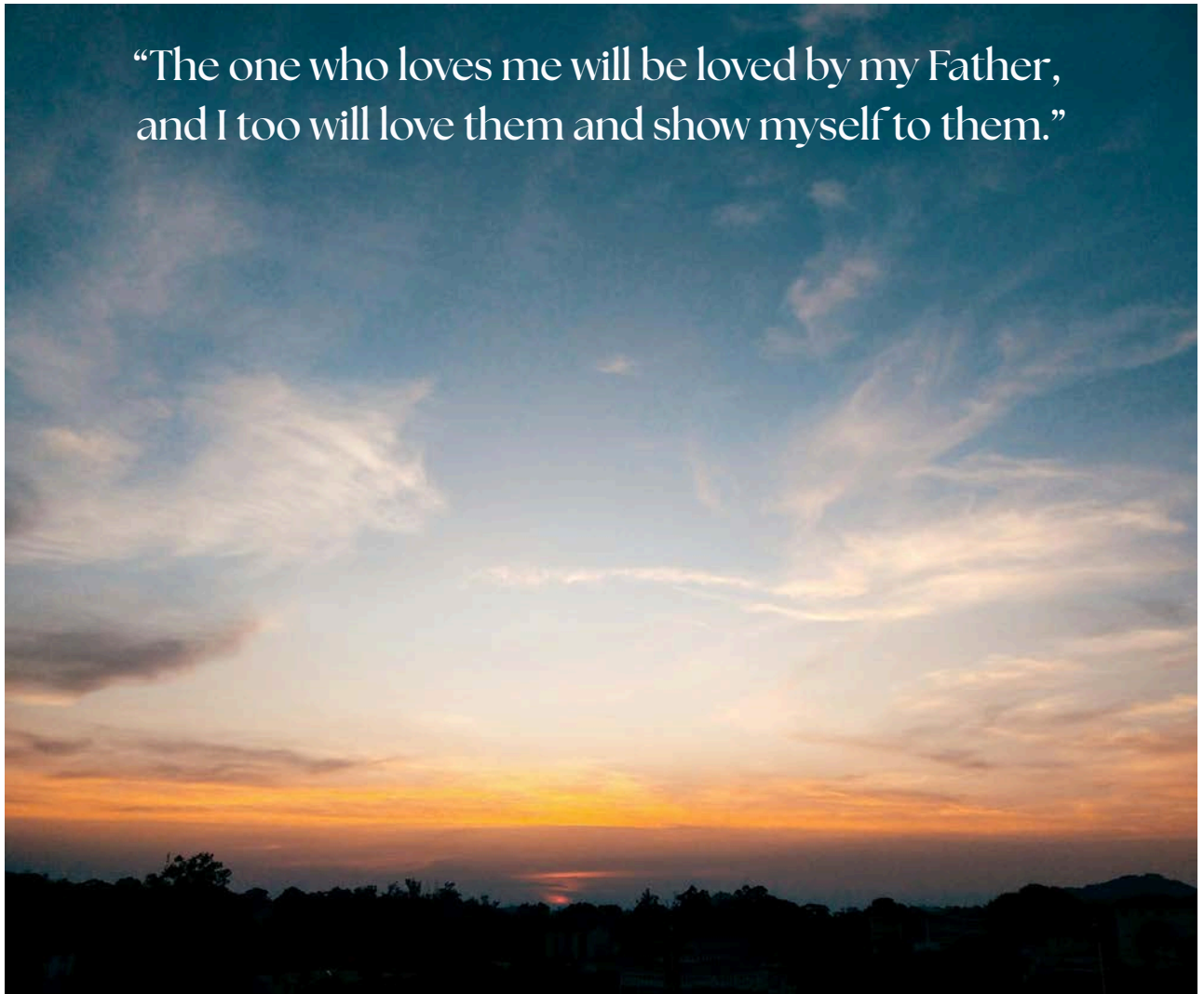


If You Love Me...

“The one who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I too will love them and show myself to them.”



First Presbyterian Church
Gideon Blackburn House
May 10, 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 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Jesus Calls Us O’er Tumult
David Jones

Arr. Medema

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!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As God’s covenant people, God calls us together to worship this morning.

People: We give our praise to the Risen Christ.

Leader: As God’s covenant people, God calls us to share his grace every day.

People: We dedicate our lives to the Risen Christ.

All: Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN of Praise 641

When in Our Music God is Glorified

ENGELBERG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we confess that sometimes we close our ears to your call. Pride causes us to resist your guidance. We focus on material possessions instead of building loving relationships. Please forgive our selfishness and sin. We pray this in Jesus’ name, Amen.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. Bob Phelps,
guest Pastor

Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

David Jones, piano

Chancel Choir

Anne Dillon Loflin
Andrew Pittman

Liturgists:

8:30-

Susie Conard

11:00-

Houston Matthews

Ushers:

8:30 am-

Courtney & John Allen

11:00 am-

Mary Margaret Cofield
Melissa & Dag Rowe

Video and Sound:

Tom Stroud

Dave Young

Maxwell R. Carter

**Those who are able, please stand*

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, as we respond to Christ's mercy and confess our sin, God promises to cleanse us and give us new beginnings. Hear and trust 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

Rev.Phelps

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

Rev.Phelps

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.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Be Still
Chancel Choir

Karen Marrolli

*Be still and know that I am God; let peace embrace your heart.
Be still and know that I am God; let fear and anguish now depart.
Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll,
Though the storms conspire to destroy, be still and know that I am God:
The earth shall rise again in joy. Be still and know that I am God;
Let tranquil hope fill your mind. Be still and know that I am God;
Let grief and trouble be left behind.
Though the shadows fall, though the darkness cries,
Though the night seems endless and dire,
Be still and know that I am God; the morn shall rise in holy fire.
Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll,
Though the storms conspire to destroy, be still and know that I am God:
The earth shall rise again in joy, the earth shall rise again in joy,
The earth shall rise again in joy.*

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 14:15-21

¹⁵“If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Rev. Phelps

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

*HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP 370

This is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

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

Blest Are They
Anne Dillon Loflin & Andrew Pittman

David Hass

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!*

*Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
Rejoice and be glad, blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!*

*Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.
Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.*

*Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!*

*Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!*

*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 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Phelps

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

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross
David Jones

Arr. Wyrzten

Worship Resources Adapted From:

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FOR ONLINE GIVING

**Marine Biologist
guided event!**

**lunch
on the
square!**

PKC FOR 3RD - 5TH GRADERS

May 17
NOON - 2:00

register

**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.

**THANK YOU
RECEPTION FOR
PASTOR KARL &
SUSAN KLING**

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

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 10 - May 17

Sunday, May 10, 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 GBHLR
 9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers JAH
 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, May 11, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
 10:00am –12:00pm PW Circle 1 FH
 10:00am –12:00pm PW Circle 2 CH
 4:30pm –6:00pm PW Evening Circle FH

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

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

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

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

Thursday, May 14, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
 11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB
 12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon CH
 5:30pm –7:00pm Maranatha Board Meeting GBH

Friday, May 15, 2026

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

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Senior Sunday
 8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105/106
 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 Senior Breakfast
 9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers JAH
 9:45am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
 10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
 11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service FH
 11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church GBH Youth Room
 12:00pm-2:00pm PKC Lunch on the Square
 12:15pm –1:15pm Deacon Meeting CH
 12:15pm –1:30pm Session Meeting/FH with lunch

Calendar Legend:

CH - Carriage House (GBH)	JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)
FH - Fellowship Hall	GBHLR - Gideon Blackburn House Living Room
GBH - Gideon Blackburn House	
GBHB - Gideon Blackburn House Basement	



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:

Stephens and Schroer families
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 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)
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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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

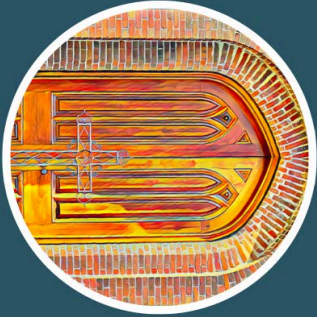
Class of 2028
Mac Martinson
Andy Watson

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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