



First Presbyterian Church

August 2, 2026

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Life-changing God, you have touched us and transformed us
to reach out to all who hunger for what only you can provide.

Keep our feet on your paths
and bless us to multiply your gracious gifts to others,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

Welcome

to First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, Alabama!
We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

- An asterisk denotes standing-in body or spirit. The congregation is invited to recite bold text together.
- Children of all ages are a welcome blessing in worship! Children are invited to come forward during *Jesus Loves Me* for a message and prayer. Children may then go to the Youth Room in GBH for Children's Church. Nursery care is available anytime between 8:15 am and 12:00 pm for infants and toddlers in the Youth Room of GBH as needed. Children's Ministry Assistants are available for assistance.

August 2, 2026

8:30am and 11:00am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Arr. David Lowe

Words of Welcome

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!

*The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Take a moment to greet one another in the peace of Christ and extend a special welcome those who are new to our church community.

*Call to Worship

Adapted from Matthew 14:16-20 & Isaiah 55:1-5

One: God willingly satisfies our greatest needs
when we bring what little we have.

All: Anyone who thirsts, come and drink!

**If you have no money but you're hungry,
come and receive wine and milk without a price tag.**

One: Let us love our neighbor as ourselves joining in God's miracle-working power.

**All: Come and partake in the Spirit that gives life by becoming a witness
of God's free gift of grace to all people. Let us worship God!**

*Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Holy Manna

Call to Confession

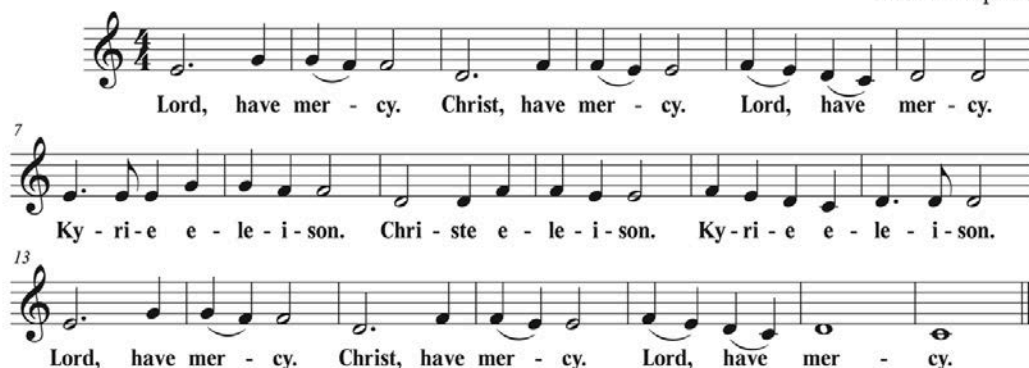
Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting joy and feeding them from your abundant blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and sustain us, O God, for you are the everlasting source of our strength. (A time for silent confession) Amen.

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Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson



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Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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.***

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Time for Young Disciples

All children are invited to come forward during Jesus Loves Me for a message and prayer. Children may then join Kathy Gillmore in the Youth Room in the GBH basement for Children's Church. Infant and toddler care is available there as needed.

*Hymn 626

As the Deer

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph,
Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois Lee, pianist

Chancel Choir

Ushers:

8:30 am:

Tom & Susie Conard

11:00 am:

Jason Duke

John & Courtney Allen

Lay Liturgist:

8:30:

Bo Lundy

11:00:

Stephanie Hyatt

Communion Preparer:

David Young

Communion Servers:

8:30:

Nancy Lundy

11:00:

David Young,

Hamilton Holliday,

Nicole Schroer

Video and Sound:

Tom Stroud

Dave Young

Maxwell R. Carter



If you would like to give
your offering via credit card,
please scan the QR code.

**Those who are
able, please stand.*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9, NRSV

Anthem

I Am the Bread of Life
Chancel Choir

Simon Lole

*I am the bread of life, he who comes to me will not hunger;
And he who believes in me shall never thirst.
I have come down from heaven not to do my own will
But the will of him who sent me.
I am the bread of life, he who comes to me will not hunger;
And he who believes in me shall never thirst.*

New Testament Reading

Matthew 14:13-21, NRSV

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Blessed and Broken

Moment of Silence

*Affirmation of Faith

Excerpts from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Over My Head, I Hear Music in the Air
Anaeya Perry, soprano

Arr. Uzee Brown Jr.

*Doxology

Hymn 606

***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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: And also with you.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Sharing of the Bread and Cup by Intinction

Beginning with the front rows, please walk down the center aisle.

Take the bread, and the cup, and eat. Return to your seat by the side aisles.

Please let an usher know if you would like a server to come to you.

Congregational Hymn During Communion 507

Come to the Table of Grace

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

SENDING OURSELVES INTO THE WORLD WITH GOD'S LOVE

*Hymn 498

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Benediction 549

May the Love of Our Lord

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May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.

May God's love dwell in you throughout every day.

May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God's spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Fred Bock

*To all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are weary and need rest -
to all who are homeless, and want sheltering love, to all who pray, and
to all who do not but ought - to all who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever will -
this church opens wide its doors as a safe place in the name of Jesus.
The Lord says, **"ALL ARE WELCOME!"***

Things Happening in the Life of the Church

Sunday School meets between the two services. Speak with Kathy Gillmore to learn more.

Children's Sunday School – Starting August 9 – Sundays, 9:30-10:30am

Join us for hands-on, mission-based classes for preschoolers and elementary students.

Chancel Choir practices Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Speak with Patricia Hacker if interested.

Save the date for FPC's Blessing of the Backpacks on August 9. All are welcome to participate in this annual tradition by bringing your backpack to worship at either service.

PYC Youth Group (6th-12th graders) kicks off Sunday, August 9 from 5:00pm-6:30pm.

Parents are invited to meet with David at 5:00pm before the youth have time together.

August is Rally Month at FPC! Come and worship with us as we grow in God's love through acts of learning, music, service, and community! All are welcome on Sunday, August 30, for a special communion worship and congregational lunch after the 11:00 service.

Kid's Club – Sundays, Noon-2:00pm K- 5th graders plan to join us once a month for food, fun, and friends! First meeting is August 30th.

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 2, 2026

8:15am-12:00pm Nursery Room GBHB
8:30am-9:30am Worship Service GBH
9:30am-10:30am Charles Danner Seminar GBHLR
9:30am-10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
9:45am-10:30am InterGen Summer Faith GBHYR
10:30am-11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
11:00am-12:00pm Worship Service GBH
11:15am-12:00pm Children's Church GBHYR
12:15pm-2:15 Deacon Meeting CH

Monday, August 3, 2026

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

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

10:00am-11:00am Church Staff Meeting GBHLR
5:30pm-8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

9:30am-10:30am Construction Meeting CH
1:30pm-3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH
7:00pm-8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH

Thursday, August 6, 2026

9:00am-12:00pm FF Teacher work day
11:00am-12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB
12:00pm-1:00pm Al-Anon CH

Friday, August 7, 2026

Church Office Closed

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8:15am-12:00pm Nursery Room GBHB
8:30am-9:30am Worship Service GBH
9:30am-10:30am Charles Danner Seminar GBHLR
9:30am-10:30am Preschool GLOW Kids GBHB
9:30am-10:30am Mission Possible Kids GBHB
9:30am-10:30am Youth LEAD GBHB
9:30am-10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
10:30am-11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
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5:00pm-6:30pm- Youth Group GBHB

CH- Carriage House (GBH)
FH- Fellowship Hall
GBH- Gideon Blackburn House
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Basement

HR- Historical Room
JAH- John Allan Hall (GBH)
GBHLR- Gideon Blackburn House
Living Room
GBHYR- Gideon Blackburn House
Youth Room

PRAYER LIST

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, Alice Gardner, Betty Loeb, Stella Wilson,
Sandra Stewart, Frances Byrd, Anne Whitfield, Bob Monroe, Ed Green, Becky Buckner,
Alicia Beam, Charlie Watkins, Barbara (Bonny) Morris, Cay Lambert, Sheree Adams,
Family of Brian Weems (brother of Sharon Hudson), Virginia Bailey

Friends and Family:

Family of Charles Trainosky, Wendy Remple (family member of Diann Berry), Ann Crigler,
Joan Mitchell and family (grandmother of Mitch Carroll),
Harper Grace Rice (daughter of Mindy and Alan Nettles),
Randy Miller (friend of the Lee family), Ashley McCrary (friend of Leigh Brown),
Family of Bettie Lewter (friend of Bob and Genie Miller),
Rusty Skinner (Uncle of Lindsay & Thomas Birchfield),
Charles Johnson (friend of Bo and Nancy Lundy), 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),
Grant Adams (brother of Glen Adams), David, Jessi, and Emma Grace Hill (friends of Davis Carter),
Claudia Fahrner, Patty Monnett (friend of Katy Bryan)

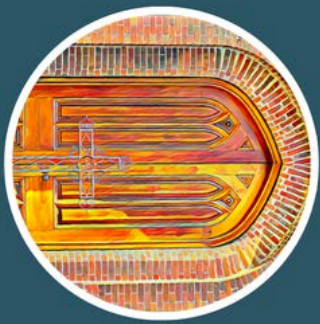
Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:

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, Allen Pepper



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