

GOOD FRIDAY

A photograph of three crosses silhouetted against a dramatic, cloudy sky. The crosses are of different heights and are positioned on a dark, rounded hill. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, with some lighter, yellowish-orange light filtering through, creating a somber and reflective atmosphere.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 18, 2025

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 and children's church is available for children of all ages in Room 106/107.
- 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.
- We use the following icons to include our early and non-readers in worship participation. We invite you to point these out to children you may worship with and help engage them in the worship service.



PRAYER



SPEAKING



BIBLE



MUSIC



COMMUNION



OFFERING



BAPTISM

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

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

7:00 p.m.

The Seven Last Words of Christ A Sacred Cantata by Théodore Dubois

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

As part of our traditional Tenebrae Service, the Chancel Choir and soloists will take you on a spiritual journey of the crucifixion presented in this musical composition—the angry crowds, the anguish of Jesus' mother, the thieves on the cross, and Christ's suffering to His death on the cross.

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Near the Cross

WILLIAM DOANE



*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this Good Friday, we contemplate the good news of the cross:

Many: **how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to embrace a world of suffering and sin;**

One: how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to save us. Come and see the beloved Son of God.

Many: **He is high and lifted up.**

One: Come and see the Ruler of the nations.

Many: **He is high and lifted up.**

One: Come and see the Savior of the world.

Many: **He is high and lifted up – upon a cross.**



*OPENING PRAYER



*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.



*HYMN 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Katie Buckner, soprano

THÉODORE DUBOIS

Gabriel Lugo, tenor

Kashawn Broomfield, baritone

The Seven Last Words of Christ by French composer Théodore Dubois (1837-1924) was premiered on Good Friday in 1867. The introduction of the work is related by a soprano solo telling to all people (*O Vos Omnes*) to listen to this sorrowful story (Lamentations 1:12, Ruth 1:20)

Dubois presents this poignant story of Jesus dying on the cross based on several scripture passages, and traditional Good Friday responsorial and prayers.

INTRODUCTION

O VOS OMNES

*O all ye who travel upon the highway,
Hearken to me, and behold me:
Was e'er sorrow like unto my sorrow?
For the Lord Almighty hath dealt bitterly with me.
Call me now no more Naomi, from to-day call me Mara.*

FIRST WORD

FATHER, FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO.

*And the people clamor'd:
He is death-guilty; take him, let us crucify him!
Be his blood on us, and on our children!
Then they did crucify Jesus, and the two thieves,
One at his right, the other at his left hand.*

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

**We remember His death
We proclaim His resurrection
We await His coming in glory.**

EXTINGUISH CANDLE

SECOND WORD

VERILY, THOU SHALT BE IN PARADISE TODAY WITH ME.
AMEN, SO I TELL THEE.

*Hear me, O Lord, and remember me,
When Thou comest into Thy Kingdom.*

EXTINGUISH CANDLE

THIRD WORD

SEE, O WOMAN! HERE BEHOLD THY SON BELOVED.

*See yon mother, bow'd in anguish.
Who beside the cross doth languish
Where on high her son is borne;
Is there mortal, who not feeleth
To behold her where she kneeleth,
So woeful, and all forlorn?*

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

**We remember His death
We proclaim His resurrection
We await His coming in glory.**

EXTINGUISH CANDLE

FOURTH WORD

GOD, MY FATHER, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?

*All those who were my friends, all have now forsaken me,
 And they that hate me do now prevail against me;
 And he whom I have cherished, he hath betrayed me.
 Even the vine that I have chose, and that I have planted:
 Wherefore art thou now so strangely turned into bitterness,
 That I by thee am crucified?*

EXTINGUISH CANDLE

FIFTH WORD

I AM ATHIRST!

*And the Jews then passing by him,
 All did rail upon him, and wagging their heads at him,
 They said unto him: Ah! Thou wouldest fain destroy the temple;
 If thou be Jesus, Son of the Father, now from the cross descend thou,
 That we behold it and believe on thee when we behold it.
 If thou art king over Israel, save thyself, then!*

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
 Christ, have mercy upon us,
 Lord, have mercy upon us.**

EXTINGUISH CANDLE

SIXTH WORD

FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SOUL.

*For Thou art my God and my Father;
 Thou art my Saviour.
 Into Thy hands I commend my soul.*

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
 Christ, have mercy upon us,
 Lord, have mercy upon us.**

EXTINGUISH CANDLE

SEVENTH WORD

IT IS FINISHED!

*And He did bow His head and rendered up His Spirit.
 And it was about the sixth hour; and the sun was darkened,
 And darkness covered the earth, until about the ninth hour;
 And the veil of the temple was rent, and all the earth did quake;
 And the rocks were rent, and all the graves were opened wide.*

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

***Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;
For on the Holy Cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.*

BENEDICTION

RECESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Please depart in silence

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

The Rev. Dr. Karl Kling, Transitional Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker, Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee, Pianist/Organist

Musicians:
Veronika Johnson, violin I
Mary Peck, violin III
Jihyun Kim, cello
Sophia Suante, timpani
Regina Raney, flute I
Stacy Owens, flute II
Devin Lacy, Oboe
Diann Berry, piano
Lois Lee, organ

Bell:
Harriet Bibb

Acolytes:
Emma Carter
Katherine Carter

Ushers:
Barbara Rahrer
Marilyn McCorkle

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



Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 20th

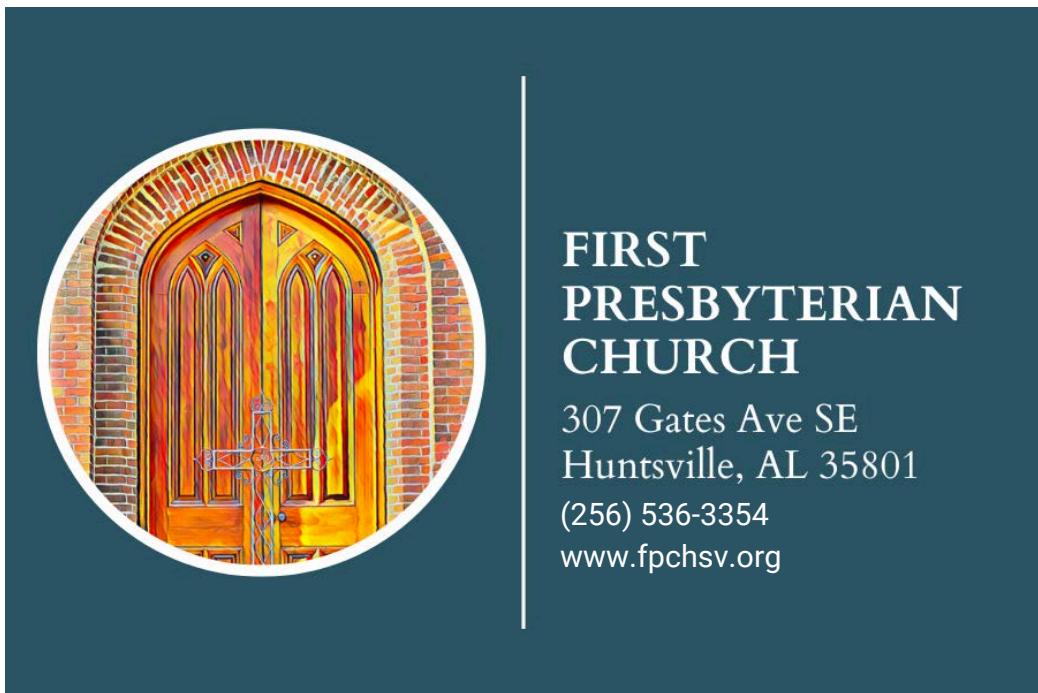
**WORSHIP AT
8:30 A.M. & 11 A.M.**
*BREAKFAST AT 9:30AM

Easter Egg Hunt for all children will be 10:00 am on Easter Sunday.

Worship Resources Adapted From:

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