

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!**"*

First Presbyterian Church

November 22, 2026

Christ the King Sunday

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Lord Jesus, when did I see you hungry? When did I see you thirsty? When did I welcome you, or clothe you, or take care of you, or visit you? Have I ignored your claim upon my time, my attention, my resources? Open my eyes; melt my heart; enlighten my understanding. Let me see you in the world, welcome you as my brother, and serve you as my Lord, with the family you acknowledge as your own: the poor, the stranger, the sick, and the prisoner. Amen.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, Alabama!

*An asterisk denotes standing-in body or spirit. The congregation is invited to recite bold text together.

November 22, 2026 **8:30 am and 11:00 am**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude *For the Fruit of All Creation* Arr. Jane Holstein

Words of Welcome

Please sign in on the pew pads found at the end of each row and share those with your neighbor.

*The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Greet one another in the peace of Christ and welcome your neighbors.
Please continue standing through the Call to Worship.

*Call to Worship

One: The Lord God is our shepherd.
All: We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.
One: God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.
All: But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.
One: Give thanks to the Lord and bless God's holy name!
All: For the Lord is good; Let us worship God!

*Hymn 363 *Rejoice, the Lord is King* DARWALL'S 148TH

Call to Confession

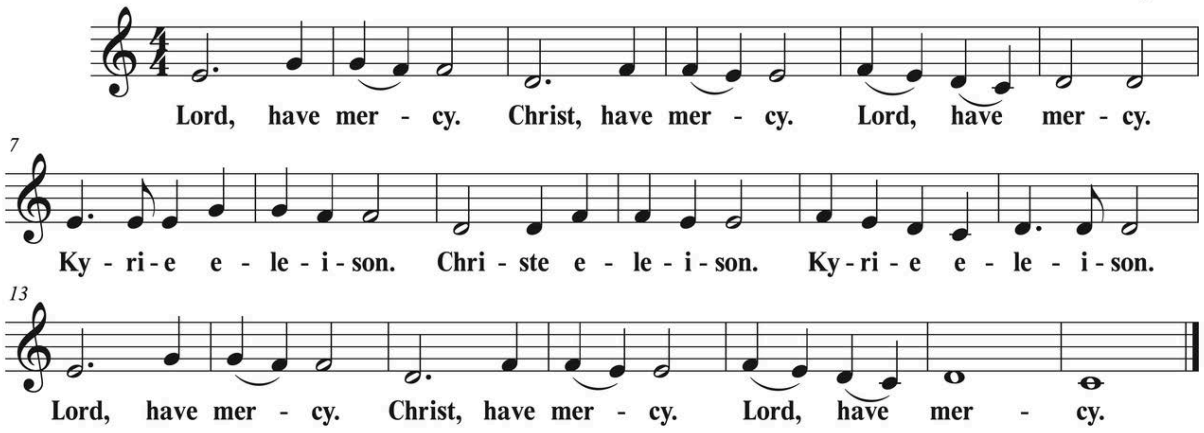
Prayer of Confession

Shepherding God, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and compassionately cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us, O God. Remind us, teach us, and set us free from sin, so that we might turn toward your love and justice for the good of your Kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven.
(*A Time of 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 634 To God Be the Glory TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory; great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He has done!

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 for Children's Church (room 205). Infant and toddler care is available during worship in the new Nursery (room 206).

*Hymn 643 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, NRSV

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph, Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker, Director of Music

Dr. Lois Lee, Organist

Chancel Choir
Kathy Gillmore, Director of Christian Education

Ushers:
8:30 am:
Marilyn & Roy McCorkle

11:00 am:
Brent Cobb
Courtney Allen
Mary Margaret Cofield
Patty Conley

Lay Liturgist:
8:30:
Stephanie Hyatt

11:00:
Al Steenwyk

Communion Preparer:
David Young

Communion Servers:
8:30:
Houston Matthews

11:00:
Diann Berry
Erin Cobb, David Young
Serena Neely

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

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

Anthem

(8:30) *Ride on King, Jesus!* Hall Johnson
Patricia Hacker

(11:00) *Serve the Lord* Rollo Dilworth
Chancel Choir

Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before His presence with singing, glorious singing.
Praise the Lord, O praise ye the Lord. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Know that the Lord is God: it is He that hath made us. We are the sheep of His pasture.
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and praise: give thanks and bless His name.
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.
Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before His presence with singing, glorious singing.
Praise the Lord, O praise ye the Lord. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

New Testament Reading Matthew 25:31-46, NRSV

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Inheriting the Kingdom

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith Excerpt 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.

Moment for Stewardship Erin Cobb

Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Gratitude* Dennis Clements

*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. **All: And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All: It is right to give our thanks and praise**.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Beginning with the front rows, please walk down the center aisle. Take the bread, and the cup, and return to your seat by the side aisles. We will then take communion together as one body. 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 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET
(verses 1-3)

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Benediction 702 *Christ Be Beside Me* BUNESSAN

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* Sue Mitchell Wallace

Things Happening in the Life of the Church

Worship services continue to be held in the Sanctuary at 8:30 am and 11:00 am. Children's Church is open for children ages 3-10 after the message for young disciples. Parents may pick up their kids after worship from room 205, located at the end of the long hallway, left of the new elevator. Nursery is offered in room 206 for our littlest Presbyterians during worship.

Today is Stewardship Sunday! Extra Stewardship packets are still available in the Narthex and on the church website. Pledge cards may be returned in the offering plate or to Ellen in the office. Thank you for faithfully considering how God calls us all to live out the lessons of Matthew 25.

Sunday School Classes meet in the Gideon Blackburn House at 9:45 am. Coffee and Conversations meet in John Allan Hall and the Seminar Class meets in the living room. Children and youth classes meet downstairs. A nursery is available in the GBH during Sunday School.

The entire congregation is welcome to join the Youth Group at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens tonight from 7-8pm! Please reach out to Anne Dillon or David with any questions.

Thank you to all who supported this year's Santa for Seniors mission ministry! All gifts are to be placed in Fellowship Hall.

Save the Date for a Holiday edition of Wednesday Night Suppers! We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall on December 2 and 9 in preparation for the Children's Christmas Pageant on December 13. Dinner opens at 5:30pm and the line runs through 6:30pm. Programming for children and adults begins at 6:15pm.

The Huntsville Master Chorale will kickoff the Christmas season with a concert titled "Illuminare." This concert will present a journey from darkness to light and will be held at FPC on Saturday, December 5 at 5:30 pm. Admission is free.

The Church Office will have adjusted Holiday Hours. It will be open November 23 and 24 and then closed on November 25-27. Normal office hours will resume on Monday, November 30.

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 22, 2026 Stewardship Sunday
Sacrament of Communion
8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 206
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service SAN
8:45am –9:30am Children's Church RM 205
9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class GBHLR
9:30am –10:30am Children/Youth Sunday School GBHB
10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal SAN
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service SAN
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
12:15pm –1:30pm Deacon Meeting GBH
7:00pm –8:00pm Galaxy of Lights
Monday, November
Tuesday, November 24, 2026
6:00pm –9:00pm Master Choral SAN
Wednesday, November 25, 2026
Church Office Closed
Thursday, November 26, 2026 Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed
12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon CH
Friday, November 27, 2026
Church Office Closed
Sunday, November 29, 2026
8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 206
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH
Hanging of the Greens
8:45am –9:30am Children's Church RM 205
9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class GBHLR
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CH- Carriage House (GBH)
FH- Fellowship Hall
GBH- Gideon Blackburn House
GBHB- Gideon Blackburn House Basement
SAN- Sanctuary
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

Family of Virginia Bailey
Betty Dunaway
Family of Frances Byrd
Family of Tom Hudson
Thomas Causey
Anne Michael Causey
Eleanor and George Harsh
Alice Gardner
Stella Wilson
Sandra Stewart
Anne Whitfield
Becky Buckner
Alicia Beam
Charlie Watkins
Barbara (Bonny) Morris
Sheree Adams

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.
All those serving in the armed forces;
LT Connor Howard, U.S. Navy Pilot
Allen Pepper

Friends and Family

Nancey Hill (cousin of Marian Bevel)
Kathy Compher (cousin of Karen Ferguson)
The Owens family
Jim Fleming (friend of Ed and Betty Green)
James Polk (father of Allen Polk)
Bob Davis
Karen Farrell (friend of Katy Bryan)
Jim Davenport (father of Drew Davenport)
David and Claire Bailey (family of Harald Bailey)
Family of Moon Soon Kwak (Lois Lee's father)
James Neely (grandson of Serena Neely)
Wendy Remple (family member of Diann Berry)
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)
Roger Holliday (father of Hamilton Holliday)
Mary Streecter
Sarah Hankins
Tate Grueling (friend of Harriet Bibb)
Jan Thompson (sister of Gail Sparks)
Misty Short Anderson and family and friends
Maggie Day & Josie (cousins of George Harsh)
The Wilmer Family (friends of Katy Bryan)
Chet Johnston (friend of Frederick Wessel)
Melinda Thompson (daughter of Mary Edith Thompson)
Rob Klouw & Katherine Randall (friends of Rachel Harrod)
Family and friends of Maxwell Carter
Kyser family (friends of Tam Bevel & Judy Howard)
Deborah Lamb (family member of the Huarotos)
Nathan Harsh Brown Chitty (cousin of George Harsh)
Bennie Jacks (friend of George & Eleanor Harsh)
Grant Adams (brother of Glen Adams)
Emily Neely (daughter-in-law of Serena Neely)
Patty Monnett (friend of Katy Bryan)
Marie Mitchell (mother of Libby Smith)
Antony Leo (brother of Lori Smith)
Claudia Fahrner
David, Jessi, & Emma Grace Hill (friends of Davis Carter)

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
Libbie 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