

Easter Sunday



First Presbyterian Church
Gideon Blackburn House

April 5, 2026

7:30am

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 7:45 am and 12:00 pm for infants and toddlers in the Youth Room in the GBH basement 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 the Youth Room in the basement of 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

April 5, 2026

7:30a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Fanfare on Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Gerald Neal

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Karl Kling

Please sign in on the red 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: Christ Is Risen!

People: Christ Is Risen Indeed!

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

People: Everyone who believes in Him will live, even if they die.

Leader: The Risen Christ promises, "Because I live, you will live also."

All: Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

**WORSHIP
LEADERSHIP:**

Dr. Karl Kling,
Transitional Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Lois K. Lee,
Pianist

David Young,
pianist

Katie Buckner

Ushers:
Marilyn & Roy
McCorkle

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

**Those who are
able, please stand*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

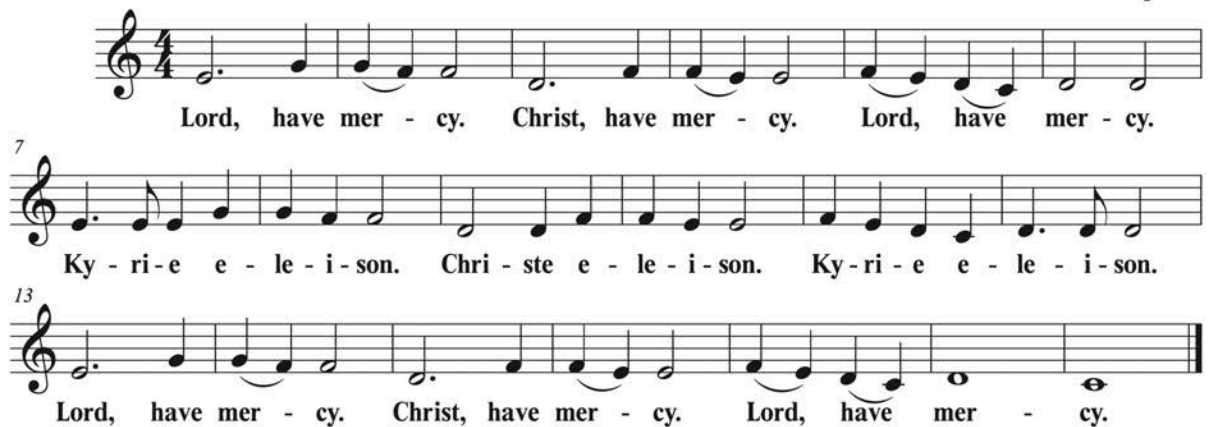
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have disobeyed you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Help us to delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson



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

7 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, God promises to remove our sins from us as far as the East is from the West. Hear and trust in his promise to you. 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

Dr. Kling

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)

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.

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

Following the Time for Young Disciples, children are invited to join Kathy Gillmore in the Youth Room in the basement of GBH for Children's Church. Infant and toddler care is available there as needed.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Matthew 28:1-10

¹ After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Because You Live, O Christ
Katie Buckner, Patricia Hacker

VRUECHTEN/PARKER

*Because you live, O Christ,
the garden of the world has come to flower;
the darkness of the tomb
is flooded with your resurrection power.*

*Refrain:
The stone has rolled away
and death cannot imprison!
O sing this Easter day,
for Jesus Christ has risen,
has risen, has risen, has risen!*

*Because you live, O Christ,
the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;
our cages of despair
no longer keep us closed and life-
denying. (Refrain)*

*Because you live, O Christ,
the rainbow of your peace will span
creation;
the colors of your love
will draw all humankind to adoration.
(Refrain)*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Easter Song

Arr. Bruce Greer

*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

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)*

*All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Kling

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

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus for Four Hands
David Young and Lois Lee

G.F. Handel

Want to give your offering via credit card? Scan below.



FOR ONLINE GIVING

Worship Resources Adapted From:

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

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Scam



Alert

Please know that you will **NEVER** receive texts, emails or phone calls asking you for gift cards, money, or other private information from your Pastor, Church Staff, Leaders, or FPC Members

Scammers are sending false emails, text messages, or phone messages impersonating your Pastor, Staff, or FPC Members.

Scammers try to trick you into sending them gift cards, money, or personal information.

Sometimes they just leave a message asking you to respond to them.

Please don't respond.

They are trying to trick you into communicating with them.

Even if you think the request may be real, **do not respond to it.**

Instead, call the Church Office and speak personally with Dr. Kling, Kristin, or a Staff Member.



PKC

FOR 3RD-
5TH
GRADERS

Bake cookies for Kairos!

APR 12, NOON - 2:00

Mission: FUN



register



Goodtimers 2.0

Down Memory Lane



Options:

*Bring memorabilia to share!
Flowers in vintage vase
guided by Flower Guild!
Just come and enjoy!*



THURSDAY, APRIL 16
AT 2:00 - 3:30 PM



FELLOWSHIP HALL

APPLY FOR THE FPC SCHOLARSHIP!

1. Granted to students pursuing post-secondary education.
2. High School seniors and current undergraduate, graduate, and students in other programs may apply!
3. Scan the QR code to get an application
4. Completed applications should be emailed to Leigh Brown, lbrown8991@gmail.com, no later than **April 14, 2026**.

Scan this QR code to
access the application.



THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

April 5 - April 12

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday
 7:30am - 8:30am Sunrise Service GBH
 7:45 - 8:30am Children's Church GBHB
 8:15am - 12:00pm Nursery GBH Basement
 9:00am - 10:00am Worship Service FH
 9:15am - 10:30am Children's Church GBHB
 9:30am - 10:15am Westminster Ringers JAH
 10:30am - 11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
 11:00am - 12:00pm Worship Service FH
 11:15am - 12:00pm Children's Church GBHB

Monday, April 6, 2026

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

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

9:00am - 1:00pm First Friends Preschool
 9:30am - 10:30am First Friends Theater FH
 5:30pm - 8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, April 8, 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 Basement
 1:30pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH
 7:00pm - 8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH

Thursday, April 9, 2026

9:00am - 1:00pm First Friends Preschool
 10:15am - 10:30am First Friends Chapel FH
 11:00am - 12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB
 12:00pm - 1:00pm Al-Anon CH

Friday, April 10, 2026

Confirmation Retreat Weekend
 9:00am - 1:00pm First Friends Preschool
 Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Confirmation Retreat Weekend

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Confirmation Retreat Weekend
 8:15am - 12:00pm Nursery Room GBHB
 8:30am - 9:30am Worship Service GBH
 8:45am - 9:30am Children's Church RM GBHB
 9:30am - 10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class GBHLR
 9:30am - 10:30am LEAD Youth GBH
 9:30am - 10:30am Westminster Ringers JAH
 10:00am - 10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
 10:00am - 10:30am Combined Children's SS GBHB
 10:30am - 11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
 11:00am - 12:00pm Worship Service GBH
 11:15am - 12:00pm Children's Church GBHB
 12:00pm - 2:00pm PKC Cookies for Kairos/ FH
 12:15pm - 1:30pm Session Meeting with lunch/CH

Calendar Legend:

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

Due to space limitations during construction, we are currently not accepting flower donations. Any donations made since the beginning of the year will be used when we return to the 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.

Church Members:

Betty Thompson family and friends

Day and King families

Alice Gardner

Ida Jo Daughtry

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:

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

Liz Goldman - friend of Bruce & Janis Williams.

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

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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Dr. Karl Kling, *Transitional Senior Pastor*.....seniorpastor@fpchsv.org
Lora Bohan, *First Friends Director*.....ffdirector@fpchsv.org
Ellen DeAngelo, *Director of Finance & Administration*.....finance@fpchsv.org
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Dr. Patricia Hacker, *Director of Music*.....music@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

Pastor Nominating Committee:

Davis Carter
Heath Causey
Woodward Howard
Stephanie Hyatt
James Lee
Barbara Rahrer
Janis Williams

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

Church Nominating Committee:

Erin Cobb- Chair, Session
Nicole Schroer- Session
Lucinda Shreeder
Glen Adams
Patty Conley
Bob Frank Smith
Jenny Schreeder- Deacons

Trustees:

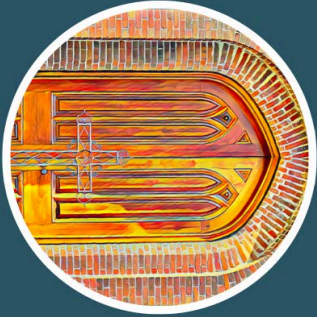
Class of 2026
Roy McCorkle
Angela Rawls

Class of 2027
Ryan Parker
Melissa Rowe

Class of 2028
Mac Martinson
Andy Watson

Presbyterian Women:

Stella Wilson, Moderator



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