

Thankful Living



First Presbyterian Church

November 23, 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 care is available anytime between 8:15 am and 12:00 pm for infants and toddlers in Rooms 105 and 106 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 Room 205 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

Worship Resources Adapted From:

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

Thanksgiving Sunday
November 23, 2025
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

E.R. Larson

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: We will praise the Lord as long as we live.

People: Our hope and joy come from trusting the Lord Our God.

Leader: God keeps all of his promises forever.

People: The Lord reigns over all creation.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

CELEBRATION OF MEMBERSHIP: Jim and Dani Wills

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM: Caroline Clayton Wills and James Clark Wills

SONG of BAPTISM 188

Jesus Loves Me

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Caroline Clayton Wills and James Clark Wills by their parents, Dani and Jim Wills.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Our Gracious God, our lives are unworthy of the goodness you offer. We have plenty, but too often we yearn for more. Millions face suffering, while sometimes we only worry about ourselves. Through Christ, forgive our selfishness and lead us to share the gifts that you have given us. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Dr. Karl Kling,
Transitional Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois Lee,
Pianist/Organist

Chancel Choir
Anne Dillon Loflin,
soprano

Liturgist:
8:30 & 11:30 am-
Stephanie Hyatt

Ushers:
8:30 am-
Courtney, John &
Harper Allen

11:00 am-
Karen & Doug Madison,
Jesse Asiedu

Acolyte:
Emme Sparks

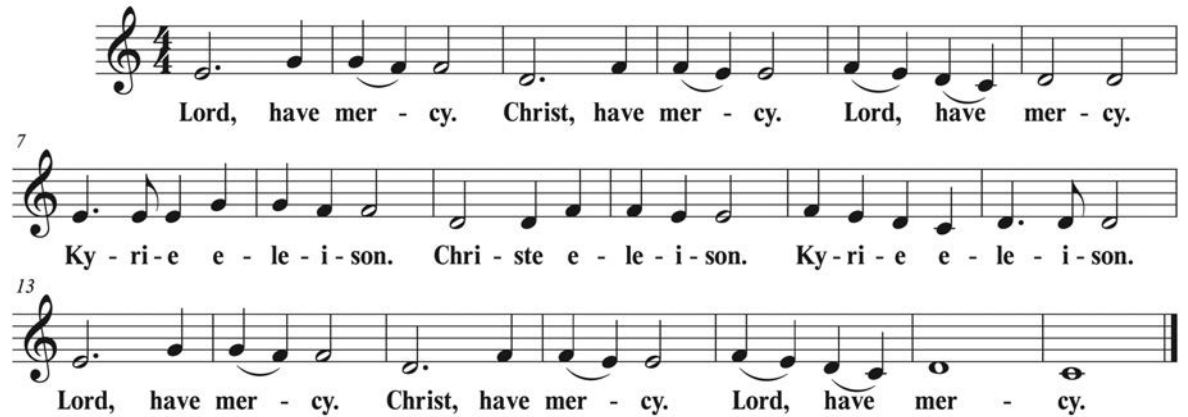
Video and Sound:
Tom Stroud
Dave Young
Maxwell R. Carter

**Those who are
able, please stand.*

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Friends, as Jesus healed the sick and forgave sinners, so also God gives us new life through Jesus Christ. Hear and receive the Good News of the Gospel. 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.*

*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.

**Those who are able,
please stand.*

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 Room 205 for Children's Church. Infant and toddler care is available in rooms 105 and 106 as needed.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Kling

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 95:1-6

¹ O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³ For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. ⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM
8:30

Ride On, King Jesus from Cantata Son of Man
Hall Johnson

Anne Dillon Loflin, soprano

*Ride on, King Jesus no man can hinder me!
For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like Him.
King Jesus rides a milk-white horse,
No man works like Him.
The river of Jordan He did cross.
No man works like Him.
For He is King of kings, Lord of lords,
Oh! Jesus Christ, the first and last, Oh!
King Jesus rides in the middle of the air,
Oh! He calls the saints from ev'ry where.
Ah! Ride on, King Jesus!
No man can hinder me.
He is the King, He is the Lord.
Jesus Christ, the first and last,
No man works like Him.
Ride on, Jesus!*

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.

**Those who are
able, please stand.*

*God is our refuge and strength, in strife our constant aid;
Therefore, although the earth be removed,
We will not be afraid: Our God, who is the Lord of host,
Is still upon our side; and ever will abide.
Though mountains fall to the seas, and oceans leap with foam;
And roar in anger, yet we still find in His grace our home.
Our God, who is the Lord of hosts,
is still upon our side; and ev'ry need provide.
Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
Come, and behold what works have by the Lord been made;
Come, see what wondrous now proclaimed in majesty arrayed.
Our God, who is the Lord of hosts, our guardian and our guide;
Will ever more abide.*

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:14–17

¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Dr. Karl Kling

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

*Hymn 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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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
8:30 & 11:00

Count Your Blessings

Daniel Miller

*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 647

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

People: Alleluia! Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Forth for God
Chancel Choir

GENEVAN PSALTER

*Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
To serve God's people every day and hour,
And serving Christ, our every gift employ,
Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.*

Postlude

Fantasia

Denis Bedard

We respond to God's word of forgiveness and love by affirming our faith, offering our resources, and singing our praise.

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



FOR ONLINE GIVING

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Advent in a Box

Pick up your family's box
starting November 23



For children and families to enjoy:

Scratch-off Advent Calendar

"Growing in God's Love" - a family devotional

Make a paper chain that tells the Christmas Story

Advent Services

November 30th 8:30 & 11:00 Services

Hanging of the Greens

December 7th 8:30 & 11:00 Services

Cantata

December 14th 11:00 Service Only

Christmas Story with Children

December 21st 8:30 & 11:00 Services

Westminster Ringers

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

December 24th, 3:00 & 5:00

December 28th 8:30 & 11:00 Services

at John Allan Hall

PKC : : Dec 7

for 3rd - 5th
graders

Noon - 2:00

Pizza at Sam & Greg's

Tinsel Trail

Hot Cocoa at Cozy Cow

register here



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MARKET

*explore
markets*

German-style
Christmas market
infused with
Southern hospitality

discover handcrafted treasures

*savor culinary
delights*

When: Thursday, December 11

10:00am - 3:00pm

Bus & carpool

transportation available

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

November 23-November 30

Sunday, November 23, 2025

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105/106
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service SAN
8:45am –9:30am Children's Church RM 205
9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class LIB
9:30am –10:30am Combined Sunday School FH
9:30am –10:30am LEAD Youth GBH
9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers BR
10:00am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class JAH
10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir RM
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service SAN
Wills Family Baptism
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
2:00pm –4:00pm PYC offsite VBC Playhouse
4:00pm –6:00pm Leadership Training FH w/ Dinner
5:30pm –6:30pm Session Meeting/FH

Monday, November 24, 2025

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

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
9:30am –11:30am First Friends Theater FH
10:00am –11:00am Church Staff Meeting LIB
5:30pm –6:30pm CE Committee Meeting Rm 207
5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH
6:30pm –8:30pm HMC CR

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

No First Friends

No Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, November 27, 2025

No First Friends
Thanksgiving Day Church Closed
12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon GBH

Friday, November 28, 2025

No First Friends
Office closed

Sunday, November 30, 2025

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Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room (RM 204)	GBH - Gideon Blackburn House
CH - Carriage House (GBH)	HR - Historical Room
CR - Choir Room (RM 201)	JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)
FH - Fellowship Hall	SAN - Sanctuary
LIB - Library (RM104)	

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:

Paula Weider
Family of Ted Paludan
Stella Wilson
Sandra Stewart
Carsten Schroer
Frances Byrd
Anne Whitfield
Bob Monroe
Betty Thompson
Family of Richard McElveen
Ed Green
Maxwell R. Carter and family
Becky Buckner
Alicia Beam
Janice Fowler
Charlie Watkins
Ted Buckner
Barbara (Bonny) Morris
Cay Lambert
Jan Nickoloff
Amelia Beimrohr

Friends and Family:

April Woods- great-niece of Dave & Peggy Galloway
Sherry Boyer- friend of Patricia Hacker
Chad Self- friend of Maxwell Carter
Sherry Boyer, friend of Patricia Hacker
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
Brian Cain
Mike Moore
Erik and Paul Davis

Family of Mike Galant - friends of Maxwell R. Carter
David Barnes - friend of Maxwell R. Carter
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
Vickie Boone - friend of Nancy Lundy
Mr. Bookout - friend of Ron & Lisa Stephens
Mr. Wade - friend of Ron & Lisa Stephens
Nathan Harsh Brown Chitty - cousin of George Harsh
Bennie Jacks - friend of George & Eleanor Harsh
Emily Neely - daughter-in-law of Serena Neely
Katie Little Pickle - great-niece of Dave & Peggy Galloway
Nancy Neely Harris - sister of Mary Margaret Cofield
Marie Mitchell - mother of Libby Smith
Antony Leo - brother of Lori Smith
Charles Trainosky - grandson of Charlie Watkins
Grant Adams - brother of Glen Adams
The Zapototskyi Family - FPC's sponsored Ukrainian family
David, Jessi, and Emma Grace Hill-friends of Davis Carter
Jared Breach
Claudia Fahrner

Sam Eidt - friend of Betty & Ed Green
Patty Monnett- friend of Katy Bryan
Gary Hartwig- friend of Bruce & Janis Williams

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:

Marlyn and Hoyt Harris (Brookdale)
Cay Lambert (Huntsville Health & Rehab)
Chuck Hooker (Floyd E. Tut Fann State Veteran's Home)
Annewhite Fuller (Whitesburg Gardens)
Kathleen Perry (Valley View)

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

(256) 536-3354

Dr. Karl Kling, *Transitional Senior Pastor*.....seniorpastor@fpchsv.org
Lora Bohan, *First Friends Director*.....ffdirector@fpchsv.org
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Dr. Patricia Hacker, *Director of Music*.....music@fpchsv.org
Dr. Lois K. Lee, *Organist/Pianist*
Anne Dillon Loflin, *Youth Director*.....youth@fpchsv.org
Kristin Pepper, *Administrative Assistant*.....admin@fpchsv.org
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CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders:

Class of 2025
Leigh Brown, Christian Education Committee
Buddy Guynes, Finance Committee
John Howard, Jr., Mission and Evangelism Committee
Serena Neely, Worship Committee

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

Pastor Nominating Committee:

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

Deacons:

Class of 2025
Daniel Carter, Care Committee
June Guynes, Fellowship Committee
Clinton Wann, Hospitality Committee

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 Officers-Elect

Deacons:

Marian Bevel-Care
Dave Goodwin-Hospitality
Brent Cobb- Fellowship

Elders:

Daniel Carter-Finance/Personnel
Nancy Lundy-Missions/Evangelism
Libby Rentz-Christian Education
Sherry Smith-Worship

Trustees:

Mac Martinson, Andy Watson

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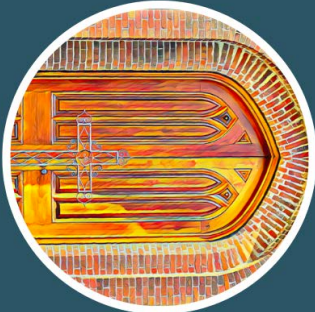
Class of 2025
Jerry Gattis
Charlie Watkins

Class of 2026
Roy McCorkle
Angela Rawls

Class of 2027
Ryan Parker
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Presbyterian Women

Stella Wilson, Moderator



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