Jesus Walks on Water



First Presbyterian Church August 24, 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.
- 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.















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:



WELCOME

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 24, 2025 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE I Will Walk the Truth R. Herbek

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: The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will answer our prayers.

People: The Lord will protect us with his goodness and strength.

Leader: The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will surround us with grace.

People: The Lord will fill our hearts with his love for all people.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Our Gracious God, we confess that this past week there were times when we failed to recognize our mistakes. We failed to follow your path of love and compassion. We chose to meet our own desires instead of humbly serving others. Forgive us for overlooking the guidance of your word and Spirit. Give us the strength to follow where Christ leads every day. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

The Rev. Dr. Karl Kling, Transitional Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker, Director of Music

> Dr. Lois K. Lee, Piano/Organ

Chancel Choir Westminster Ringers

Liturgists: 8:30 am -Stephanie Hyatt

11:00 am -Stephanie Hyatt

Ushers:
8:30 amChuck & Jodie Karr
11:00 amJim Slate &
Patty Frierson

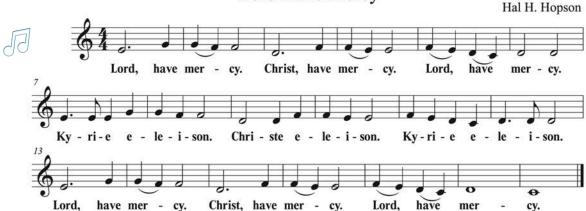
Acolyte: Charlie Thomas

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

*Those who are able, please stand

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, because we trust in Christ, we have become new persons altogether – the past is finished and gone. Through God's grace, everything has become fresh and new. 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.

*THE PASSING OF PEACE

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)

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.

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





FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43: 1-5

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.

¹ But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you ...

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM 8:30 & 11:00

> Soldiers of the Cross Westminster Ringers

Jason W. Krug



SECOND LESSON

Matthew 14:22-27

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!



♠ PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Karl Kling

SILENT MEDITATION

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Hymn 238

Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

We respond to *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)
God's word of I believe in God, the Father almi

everlasting. Amen.

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

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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.

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forgiveness and

love by affirming

our faith, offering

our resources,

and singing our

praise.



FOR ONLINE GIVING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

8:30 & 11:00

Fanfare on "To God be the Glory" Westminster Ringers Arr. Ron Mallory

*Those who are able, please stand



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.



*HYMN 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: And as God's people, we all say **People: Alleluia! Amen.**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise Chancel Choir **Ronald Nelson**

Thankful heart and voices raise;
Tell everyone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord
Rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises
And lead your people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*POSTLUDE Toccata in B Minor Eugène Gigout







Hands-On Volunteer Opportunity

Support the **Family Connections Program**

September 9th

Needs:

- · Food prep in the afternoon (approx. 2:30-4:30)
- Food Servers and Childcare (4:00-6:00)
- · Bakers to make dessert ahead of time

Email nancylundy63@gmail.com if you would like to help!

Register Now for the Fall Semester Sep 10 - Nov 19

5:00 - 7:00



Preschool Bible & Color Handbells Children's Bible & Children's Choir Children sing in worship Oct 19 Christmas Pageant at 11:00 Dec 14

Youth Dinner & Small Groups

Adult Class

Scan for more info or to register!

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV August 24- August 31

Sunday, August 24, 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 GBH

9:30am -10:30am LEAD Youth GBH

9:30am -10:30am Westminster Ringers BR

10:00am -10:30am Connect 4th & 5th RM 012

10:00am -10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class JAH

10:00am –10:30am Holy Moly K- 3rd RM 010

10:00am –10:30am Peepers SS (Preschool) RM

108/109

10:30am -11:00am Chancel Choir

Rehearsal/Choir RM

11:00am -12:00pm Worship Service SAN

11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205

12:00pm –1:00pm Confirmation Youth & Parent

Lunch FH

Monday, August 25, 2025

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

5:30pm –6:30pm Mission and Evangelism

Meeting LIB

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

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

10:00am -11:00am Church Staff Meeting LIB

5:30pm –6:30pm CE Committee Meeting Rm

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5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

6:00pm -8:30pm HMC Rehearsal CR

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

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

1:30pm -3:00pm Pray Shawl Group Rm 104 LIB

7:00pm -8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice CR

Thursday, August 28, 2025

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

10:15am -10:30am First Friends Chapel SAN

11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group LIB/Zoom

12:00pm -1:00pm Al-Anon GBH

3:00pm –7:00pm Greene Street Market

Friday, August 29, 2025

Church office open 8:30am -1:30pm

9:00am -11:30am First Friends Half Day

Saturday, August 30, 2025

2:00pm -3:00pm Lois and Daniel Lee Recital SAN

Sunday, August 31, 2025

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105/106

8:30am -9:30am Worship Service SAN

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11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service SAN

11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205

Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room (RM 204)

CH - Carriage House

(GBH)

CR - Choir Room (RM 201)

FH - Fellowship Hall

GBH - Gideon Blackburn

House

HR - Historical Room **JAH** - John Allan Hall

(GBH)

SAN - Sanctuary

PRAYER LIST

New prayer requests are in bold print.

In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Dr. Kling at seniorpastor@fpchsv.org.

In order to conserve paper and printing costs, 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:

Bob Frank and family

Coats Family

Frances Byrd

Anne Whitfield

Bob Monroe

Mindy Nettles

Betty Thompson

Richard McElveen

Ed Green

Maxwell R. Carter and family

Becky Buckner

Alicia Beam

Paul Buxton

Janice Fowler

Charlie Watkins

Ted Buckner

Ted Paludan

Barbara (Bonny) Morris

Cav Lambert

Jan Nickoloff

Carol Cotney

Friends and Family:

Ella Bryan - daughter of Katy Bryan

June Galloway - daughter of Peggy & David

Galloway

Marlene Stark - mother of Lisa Everett

Paige Olmo - daughter of Paula Weider

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

Patricia Edmondson - friend of Bruce & Janis

Williams

Amber Barker

Brian Cain

John Kirk & family

Claudia Fahrner

Mike Moore

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

Jared Cantrell - cousin of Maxwell R. Carter

Nathan Harsh Brown Chitty - cousin of George Harsh

Jean Hindman - friend of George & Eleanor Harsh

Bennie Jacks - friend of George & Eleanor Harsh

Jay & Geoff Murdock - family of Mark Huaroto

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

Mike & Linda Davis - parents of Joseph Davis

Fred Applegate - friend of Katy Bryan

Marie Mitchell - mother of Libby Smith

Edward Smith - father of Bob Frank 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

Brandi Newberry Stephens - friend of Lisa Stephens

David, Jessi, and Emma Grace Hill-friends of Davis Carter

Jared Breach

Mike & Lori Rogers

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

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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

CHURCH OFFICERS Deacons:

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

Class of 2026

Hudson Cornelius, Fellowship Committee Courtney Allen, Hospitality Committee

Katy Bryan, Care Committee

Class of 2027

Ginger Bryant, Care Committee
Jenny Schreeder, Fellowship
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Vicky Goodwin, Hospitality Committee

Trustees:

Class of 2025 Jerry Gattis Charlie Watkins

Class of 2026 Roy McCorkle Angela Rawls

Class of 2027 Ryan Parker Melissa Rowe

Presbyterian Women

Joanne Horn, Moderator

Class of 2028 Officers

Deacons:

Marian Bevel-Care
Dave Goodwin-Hospitality

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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