



God is with Us

First Presbyterian Church
December 21, 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 Room 105 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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CALL TO CONFESSON

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, he became like us in all things but without sin. Because of his grace, he promises to hear our confession and free us from our failures. Let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSON (unison)

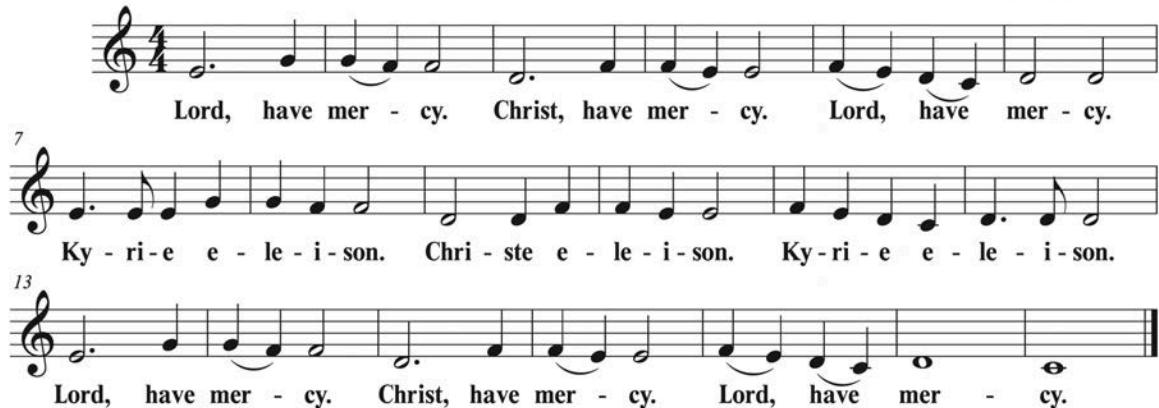
Our Loving God, we confess that our lack of faith has made us fearful. May your angels sing again to us of peace. Sometimes we have cared about rules rather than about relationships. May your star once more set our course in your direction. Please forgive us through the gift of our Savior. We pray this 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.
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, through the coming of Jesus Christ, the Lord has redeemed us. In Christ we receive the salvation of the Living God. Hear and receive the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 113

*Angels We have Heard on High
(Refrain Only)
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

GLORIA

*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)*

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 room 105.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Kling

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-14

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

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.

ANTHEM

8:30 & 11:00

Still, Still, Still
Westminster Ringers

Arr. Carol Moklebust

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**Those who are able, please stand.*

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

*Hymn 115

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

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.

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



FOR ONLINE GIVING

*Those who are able,
please stand.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

8:30 & 11:00

What is This Lovely Fragrance?

Westminster Ringers

Arr. Carol Moklebust

*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 145

What Child is This?

GREENSLEEVES

*What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!*

*Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!*

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!*

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

People: Alleluia! Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Love Has Come
Chancel Choir

BRING A TORCH

*Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Is the gift of Christmas. Love!
Praise to you, God on high!*

Postlude

Ding Dong! Merrily on High
Westminster Ringers, Dianne Berry, piano

Arr. Lloyd Larson

**Those who are
able, please stand.*

Advent Services

December 21st 8:30 & 11:00
Services Westminster Ringers

December 24th, 3:00 & 5:00
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

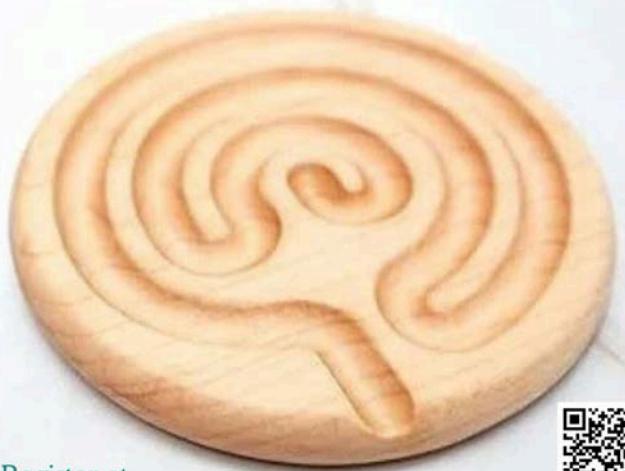
December 28th 8:30 & 11:00 Services
at John Allan Hall

PRAYER

Milestone

JAN 25
9:30 -10:30

FOR 1ST - 3RD GRADERS
and older children



Register at
fpchsv.org/events

or here



PKC

FOR 3RD - 5TH
GRADERS

field trip! Jan 4

NOON - 4:00

Cathedral Caverns

Baptism Ed Workshop and
Milestone Celebration
for 5th graders

*walk
with
me*

Feb 2

9:30 - 10:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Register here



register now



THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

December 21-December 28

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:15am -12:00pm Nursery Room 105
8:30am -9:30am Worship Service SAN Westminster
Ringers
8:45am -9:30am Children's Church RM 205
9:30am -10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class LIB
9:30am -10:30am LEAD Youth GBH
9:30am -10:30am Westminster Ringers BR
10:00am -11:00am Combined Sunday School FH
10:00am -10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class JAH
10:30am -11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal/CR
11:00am -12:00pm Worship Service with
Westminster Ringers SAN
11:15am -12:00pm Children's Church RM 205

Monday, December 22, 2025

No First Friends

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

No First Friends
6:30pm -8:30pm HMC CR

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve
No First Friends
2:45pm -6:45pm Nursery Room 105/106
3:00pm -4:00pm Children's Church RM 205
3:00pm -4:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
SAN
5:00pm -6:00pm Children's Church RM 205
5:00pm -6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
SAN

Thursday, December 25, 2025

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

Friday, December 26, 2025

No First Friends
Church Closed

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:15am -12:00pm Nursery Room 105
8:30am -9:30am Worship Service GBH Lessons & Carols
8:45am -9:30am Children's Church RM 205
9:30am -10:30am Westminster Ringers BR
10:30am -11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir RM
11:00am -12:00pm Worship Service GBH Lessons & Carols
11:15am -12:00pm Children's Church RM 205

If you requested offering envelopes,
please pick them up from the box in the
Fellowship Hall. If you would like
envelopes, but did not request them,
there are extras available.

Calendar Legend:

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

Joseph & Allison Davis and family

Ida Jo Daughtry

Betty Loeb

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

Amelia Beimrohr

Friends and Family:

April Woods- great-niece of Dave & Peggy Galloway

Chad Self- friend of Maxwell Carter

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

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

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

Jared Breach

Claudia Fahrner

Sam Eidt - friend of Betty and Ed Green

Patty Monnett- friend of Katy Bryan

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

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Kathy Gillmore, *Director of Christian Education*.....dce@fpchsv.org
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Dr. Lois K. Lee, *Organist/Pianist*
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Kristin Pepper, *Administrative Assistant*.....admin@fpchsv.org
Gary Whited, *Facilities Coordinator*.....facilities@fpchsv.org

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

Trustees:

Class of 2025
Jerry Gattis
Charlie Watkins

Class of 2026
Roy McCorkle
Angela Rawls

Class of 2027
Ryan Parker
Melissa Rowe

Presbyterian Women Stella Wilson, Moderator



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