

CHRIST
IN THE
WORLD

SUNDAY

MAY

2

2021

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

WELCOME

May 2, 2021

Thank you for joining us for worship.

- To decrease the risk of COVID for all gathered, please wear a mask and social distance.
- Child Care during worship is now open for young children in Room 110/111 in Education Wing. If you need assistance in finding the room, please ask an usher.
 - This service can be heard on 98.1 FM radio or viewed at fpchsv.org

****Those who are able, please stand***

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Voluntary No. 1

ARLEN CLARKE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

Many: **Let all creation sing with joy. Let us worship God! Alleluia!**

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN

We Have Come to Join in Worship

HOLY MANNA

*We have come to join in worship and adore the Lord our God.
Let us come in prayer, expecting God to speak his mighty Word.
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*See them gather all around you, those he bought at such a cost;
See the weary, see the hurting, see the lonely, see the lost.
Be his hand, and touch the needy; be his gospel, let it sound!
Be his body, and sweet manna will be showered all around.*

*Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.
Let us care for all his people till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his banquet we'll sit down;
Christ himself will rise and serve us living manna all around.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

All the hopes and expectations of Christians are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making Easter the most celebrative day of the church year. Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter is only the first of fifty days of Eastertide, the "Great Fifty Days" that lead up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

**Those who are able, please stand*

KYRIE *Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.* HOPSON
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Followers of Jesus: God has promised salvation to us, to our children, and to all who are near and far. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*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.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON LUKE 2:25-32

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM *Grace Alone* SCOTT WESLEY
Chamber Ensemble

*Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.*

*Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies,
Strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
We will go forth in grace alone.*

Having confessed our sin, we remember the promises of God's redemption, and the claims God has on all human life. The assurance of God's forgiving grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ. We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, God raises us to new life.

Want to learn more about the Scripture used in worship this week? Listen to our podcast Rocket City Lift! Found on iTunes, Spotify, Sound Cloud, and Google Play.

**Those who are able,
please stand*

*Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.*

PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SECOND LESSON

ACTS 15:1-18

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.” The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.” The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles. After they finished speaking, James replied, “My brothers, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written, ‘After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, so that all other peoples may seek the Lord— even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things known from long ago.’

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Christ in the World: Who is In and Who is Out?"

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

SILENT MEDITATION

There is a time of silent meditation after the sermon. During this time, you might ask yourself, "From what I've heard and experienced during worship today, what do I believe God wants me to do or be? Is God inviting me to change in any way?"

**Those who are able, please stand*

*HYMN 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Fairest Lord Jesus

ARR. R. HEBBLE

*DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, Lord God, for your history of salvation, for creating and redeeming the world through your promises to your people Israel. We thank you for your forgiveness and your transforming love. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we, too, glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

We praise you for Jesus Christ, born of Mary. One of us, he ate with sinners; he taught the crowds; he visited the sick; he sent harvesters into the fields; he challenged his followers; he laughed and he cried; he died on the cross and he rose from the dead to give us new life.

**Those who are able,
please stand*

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Brett Gudeman, Associate Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker, Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee, Pianist/Organist

Chamber Ensemble

Ushers:

Anne Whitfield, Marshall Corlew, Marilyn McCorkle, Dag and Melissa Rowe, Mary Margaret Cofield, Dave Goodwin

Communion Servers:

8:30 am- Marshall Schreeder, Jr., Lucinda Schreeder, Bruce Williams, Roy McCorkle

11:00 am- Harriett Bibb, Vicky Goodwin, Houston Matthews, David Smith, Marilyn Schild

Video and Sound:

Mike Hyatt, Tom Stroud, Brian Bulger, Jeff Hyatt, Dave Young

**Those who are able, please stand*

We praise you for this bread and this cup, and we believe in the death and resurrection of our Lord. For on the night he was betrayed, Our Lord took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it -- and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, he took the cup, saying, This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

And so he shared himself in bread and cup with his followers and now with us. As we remember Christ's baptism, as we recall his life and ministry, as we follow him through death into the resurrection of new life, we proclaim that mystery called faith saying:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

We praise you for your Spirit who guides us as we follow you. Pour out your Spirit that this meal may be one communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make all who share your feast one with Christ. And now, with the confidence of his children, let us pray as Jesus taught us, saying:

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

You will be served the communion elements. Receive and eat the bread. Hold the cup to drink together when all have been served.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this time of worship, for this meal, and for this church, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as transformed people because we have shared the living bread and we cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, and encourage many through us. May we each live to your glory, now and forever more, Amen.

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*HYMN 837

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

SHOWALTER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Processional on Hymn of Praise

J. BRAHMS

Worship Resources Adapted From:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org
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THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

May 2-May 9

First Presbyterian is a Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

We welcome you as a participant in worship today. We pray that you will find this service meaningful. Worship is but one of the many ministries of First Presbyterian Church.

If you would like to receive our Weekly E-News, please send your name and email address to communications@fpchsv.org.

FLOWER GUILD HONORS AND MEMORIALS

The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God, in memory of Hill Knapp, and in memory of Jake Niedermeyer.

Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room
CH - Carriage House (GBH)
CER - Christian Ed Resource upstairs
CR - Choir Room
FH - Fellowship Hall
GBH - Gideon Blackburn House
HR - Historical Room
JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)
LIB - Library
SAN - Sanctuary
SMR - Stephen Ministry Room (GBH)
Green - Children's program
Yellow - Youth program
Red - Adult program
Blue - Music

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Holy Communion

8:30 am Worship Service SAN

9:30 am - 10:30 am Godly Play Children's Sunday School Room 011 CE Basement

9:30 am - 10:30 am Feasting on the Word Zoom & FH

9:30 am - 10:30 am Charles Danner Seminar Zoom & LIB

9:30 am - 10:30 am Comrades Sunday School Room 106

9:30 am - 10:30 am Peepers Sunday School Room 110/111

11:00 am Worship Service SAN

Monday, May 3, 2021

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

10:00 am Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Christian Education Committee Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

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

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Gospel Study Group LIB & Zoom

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting Zoom

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

7:00 am - 8:00 am Men's Bible Study FH & Zoom

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

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry LIB

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Amos 5:24 Group Zoom

6:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice CR

Thursday, May 6, 2021

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

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Prayer Group Zoom

Friday, May 7, 2021

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

Sunday, May 9, 2021

8:30 am Worship Service SAN

9:30 am - 10:30 am Godly Play Children's Sunday School Room 011 CE Basement

9:30 am - 10:30 am Feasting on the Word Zoom & FH

9:30 am - 10:30 am Charles Danner Seminar Zoom & LIB

9:30 am - 10:30 am Comrades Sunday School Room 106

9:30 am - 10:30 am Youth Sunday School CER

9:30 am - 10:30 am Peepers Sunday School Room 110/111

11:00 am Worship Service SAN

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Presbyterian Youth Connection GBH



Worship of the Living God is not confined to one place or time. We encourage you to take this bulletin home and use it to guide you in private moments of worship for the next week.

Discuss: Is there a person or group of people whose presence in the church troubles you? Why or why not?

Read:

Monday- Luke 7:36-50

Tuesday- Luke 8:1-15

Wednesday- Luke 8:16-25

Thursday- Luke 8:26-39

Friday- Luke 8:40-56

Saturday- Luke 9:1-17

Pray: Pray for those who trouble you in our church community.

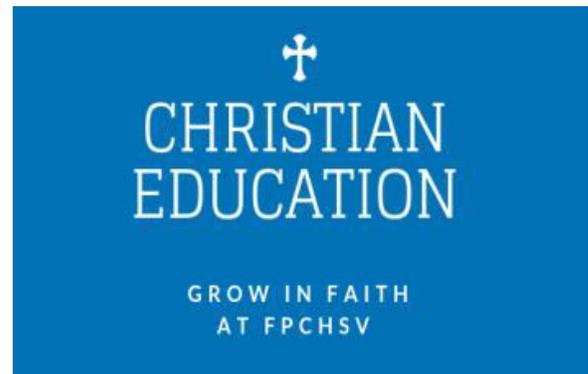
Read and Wonder

Read this week from your child's gift Bible at home:

- The Beginner's Bible: The Holy Spirit Comes (page 473)
- Spark Story Bible: The Ascension (page 498)

Wonder together:

- I wonder what part of this story was your favorite part?
- I wonder what was the most important part of this story?
- I wonder what part was about you or if you want to be a part of this story?
- I wonder what this story tells us about what God is like?

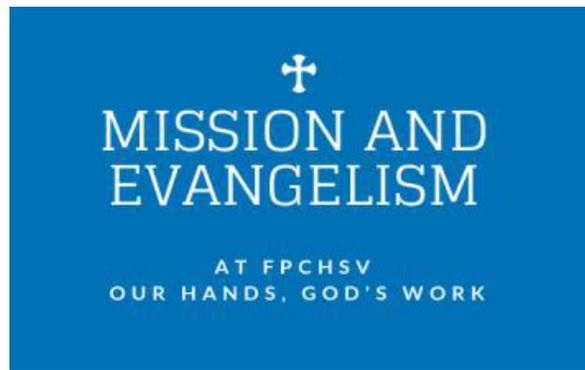


Two new opportunities for learning!

- Tuesdays, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Gospel Study LIB & Zoom, Register [HERE](#) or on our website under the Adult tab
- Wednesdays, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Amos 5:24 Group Zoom, Register [HERE](#) or on our website under the Adult tab

Save the date, June 21-24, for VBS! If you would like to be on the planning team or help out that week, contact Kathy Gillmore at dce@fpchsv.org.

Presbyterian Women are hosting David Young, Park Ranger at Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, to speak at their Spring Gathering on May 3 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. All church members are invited to come listen to him speak!



HANDS ON MISSION OPPORTUNITY!

- May 15, 2021 FPC will hold a Workday at Maranatha
- Meet at camp at 10am. 1091 Jeff Rd, Scottsboro, AL 35769
(This is approximately 45 mins.-1 hr. away)
- Our main job will be repair and painting of the dock.
- Lunch will be provided.
- We expect to be finished by midafternoon.

May Mission of the Month- Maranatha Camp and Conference Center

The Maranatha Camp and Conference Center is located on Guntersville Lake. It was founded in 1954 by members of North Alabama Presbytery. It has been an integral part of FPC Huntsville ever since. From children attending day and overnight camps, to young adults serving as counselors and staff, to adults serving as board members, and members of all ages enjoying fellowship camp, Maranatha is a special place to many in our congregation. If you would like to know more about Maranatha and how your children might participate- see their website Maranatha.camp.

Update on our 2021 Mission of the Year

The Backpack Ministry is an ongoing mission opportunity. With the guidance of the Food Bank of N. Alabama, FPC is the sole provider of weekend food kits to disadvantaged children at The Academy of Academics and Arts (AAA). About 20 kits are taken weekly and discreetly provided to need-identified children on Friday afternoons.

Please remember that there is an ongoing need for supplies and for volunteers. There is a link on the mission page of the church website where you can volunteer to make foot kits or deliver them. The list of supplies for the kits can be found on the bulletin board at the church or on the website. Karen Madison will continue to be the contact person for The Backpack Ministry. If you have questions, contact Karen Madison at karenmadison@comcast.net.

Due to the generosity of our church community, this ministry has been well funded. In addition to providing the food kits to AAA, we have been able to send a check for \$3000 directly to the Food Bank.

The Kairos Prison Ministry

The Kairos Ministry of Huntsville serves the Limestone Prison by bringing the love of Jesus to prisoners and their families. Dedicated volunteers have been able to help prisoners make significant changes in their lives. FPC is beginning the process of forming a group of volunteers to come forward and participate in this incredible ministry. For more information, please contact Dave Smith at 256-698-2983 or <https://www.v-s-inc.com/>.

PRAYER LIST

To add a prayer request, please visit our website

To remove a prayer request, please email communications@fpchsv.org

New prayer requests are in bold print

In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Dr. Bulger at 256-655-1818

Church Members:

Dot Miree

Linda McAllister

Mary Darsey

LaRhue Johnson

Nan Mcbride

Morris Hammer

Ginny Bouldin

Barbara (Bonny) Morris

Lou Horn

Cay Lambert

Mary Lou Danner

Friends and Family:

John Bolton- son of Bill and Miriam Bolton

Kristi Herbert - friend of Sharon Hudson

Jeff Mazur - friend of Tom and Sharon Hudson

Friend of Lisa Stephens

Kevin McCarley- brother of Roy McCorkle

Lively Family

Carol Salter- friend of Tish Hammer

Sandy Kagan - daughter of Betty Dunaway

Shirley Forbes

Josh Saliba - nephew of Donna and John Basore

Marcos Servin - brother-in-law of Patricia Hacker

Calvin Ronald Dahl - nephew of Peggy Galloway

Caitlin Greiner - granddaughter of Cay Lambert

Jack Bolton - grandson of Bill and Miriam Bolton

John and Maryetta Bitzer - friends of Peggy and Dave

Galloway

Family of Pat Golley

Kathy Winfree - sister of Bill Bolton

Pat Richeson - friend of Glen Adams

Stella Fair - sister of David Galloway

Beverlee Leo - mother of Lori Smith

Scott Sedlitz - stepson of Annewhite Fuller

Leigh Vincent - friend of Linda and Woodward Howard

Paige Olmo -daughter of Paula Weider

Sean Larkin - friend of Linda Howard and Bryce Connor

Dylan Greiner - son of Cay Lambert

Dale Brown - brother of Doug Brown

Nell Pike - mother of Charlie Pike

Rachel Beard - friend of Tam Bevel

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:

Kathleen Perry (Valley View)

Dolly Shuey (WBC @ Magnolia Trace)

Jean Walker (Regency)

The Church:

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger and her family

The Rev. Brett Gudeman and his family

First Presbyterian Church, the Session, the Board of

Deacons, the North Alabama Presbytery, and for all the church staff

NAP seminary student Joe Lundy (First, Huntsville).

Military & International:

All those serving in the armed forces; particularly ENS

Connor Howard, U.S. Navy Flight School

Our Nation: President Biden, Vice President Harris, and all who govern our nation

First Presbyterian Missions & Ministries:

Appalachia Service Project (ASP)

Good Samaritans

International Missionary Fellowship (HaitiHospital.org)

The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center

The Presbyterian Home for Children

Second Mile Preschool

The CUP program

Camp Maranatha

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Other Prayers:

Let us pray for all those struggling with health and economic hardship during this pandemic. Let us also pray for communities as they express the deep hurt they feel, as well as for safety and peace for all.

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