



First Presbyterian Church

July 26, 2026

Silent Prayer of Preparation

You, O Lord, opened your mouth and uttered a word
causing creation to spring forth in abundance.

Let us open our mouths in praise,
that we may bear fruit in every season
and be satisfied by your goodness,
for you, O God, are the source of all growth;
your grace abounds forever. Amen.

Welcome

to First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, Alabama!
We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

- An asterisk denotes standing-in body or spirit. The congregation is invited to recite bold text together.
- Children of all ages are a welcome blessing in worship! Children are invited to come forward during *Jesus Loves Me* for a message and prayer. Children may then go to the Youth Room in GBH for Children's Church. Nursery care is available anytime between 8:15 am and 12:00 pm for infants and toddlers in the Youth Room of GBH as needed. Children's Ministry Assistants are available for assistance.

July 26, 2026

8:30am and 11:00am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude

Arise, Your Light is Come

William H. Walker

Words of Welcome

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!

*The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Take a moment to greet one another in the peace of Christ and extend a special welcome those who are new to our church community.

*Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 65

One: Praise is due to you, O God, in all the earth;
Praise be the one who answers our prayer!

**All: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the earth.**

One: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

**All: You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;
the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.
Let us worship God!**

*Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Patient and persistent God, we come to this familiar space as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we could simply observe instead of participate. Holy One, forgive our halfhearted expectations and overshadow us in the mystery of your love. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and overflow with your passion to serve in a world that is wasting.

(A time of silent confession) **Amen**

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.

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

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the Kyrie, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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.***

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Time for Young Disciples

All children are invited to come forward during Jesus Loves Me for a message and prayer. Children may then join Kathy Gillmore in the Youth Room in the GBH basement for Children's Church. Infant and toddler care is available there as needed.

*Hymn 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph,
Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois Lee, pianist

Chancel Choir

Ushers:
8:30 am:
Barbara Rahrer
Susan Lewis

11:00 am:
Patty Frierson
Jim Slate
Mary Margaret Cofield

Lay Liturgist:
8:30:
Bo Lundy

11:00:
Al Steenwyk

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



If you would like to give
your offering via credit card,
please scan the QR code.

**Those who are
able, please stand.*

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-15, NRSV

Anthem

8:30

The Lord is My Light
Gabriel Lugo, tenor

Ole Speaks

11:00

Seeds
Chancel Choir

Mark Burrows

*If you want a world of hope, plant hope, grow hope.
In our hands we hold the seeds to sow what our world needs.
If you want a world of hope, be hope, plant peace, grow peace.
In our hands we hold the seeds to sow what our world needs.
If you want a world of peace, be peace
If we water, if we nurture, then ev'ry one will see
The world of love Gods knows it can be.
If you want a world of joy, plant joy, grow joy
In our hands we hold the seeds to sow what our world needs.
If you want a world of love, plant hope, peace, and joy.
If you want a world of love, be love.*

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:16-23, NRSV

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“See, Hear, Sow”

Silent Meditation



Paulette Logan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

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.

Minute for Mission

Churches United for People (CUP)

Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory.

8:30

Ain't That Good News

Arr. Larry Shackley

11:00

The Lord is My Light

Ole Speaks

Gabriel Lugo, tenor

*Doxology.

Hymn 606

***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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

SENDING OURSELVES INTO THE WORLD WITH GOD'S LOVE

*Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Benediction

O Christ Surround Me

GREEN TYLER

***God, be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to move my voice;
God be the strength to now uphold me; O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.***

Postlude

We Shall Behold Him

Arr. Fred Bock

*To all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are weary and need rest -
to all who are homeless, and want sheltering love, to all who pray, and
to all who do not but ought - to all who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever will -
this church opens wide its doors as a safe place in the name of Jesus.*

*The Lord says, "**ALL ARE WELCOME!**"*

Sunday School meets between the two services. Speak with Kathy Gillmore to learn more.

Chancel Choir practices Wednesdays @7:00pm. Speak with Patricia Hacker if interested.

Save the date for FPC's Blessing of the Backpacks on August 9.

All are welcome to participate in this annual tradition by bringing your backpack to worship.

PYC Youth Group (6th-12th graders) kicks off Sunday, August 9 from 5:00pm-6:30pm,
with parent meeting starting at 5:00pm.

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 26, 2026

8:15am -12:00pm Nursery Room GBHB
8:30am -9:30am Worship Service GBH
8:45am -9:30am Children's Church GBHYR
9:30am -10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class
GBH Living RM
9:45am -10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
9:45am -10:30am Interger Summer Faith GBHYR
10:30am -11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
11:00am -12:00pm Worship Service GBH
11:15am -12:00pm Children's Church GBHYR

Monday, July 27, 2026

5:30pm -6:30pm Mission & Evangelism Meeting
GBHLR

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

10:00am -11:00am Church Staff Meeting GBHLR
5:30pm -8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

9:30am -10:30am Construction Meeting CH
1:30pm -3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH
7:00pm -8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH

Thursday, July 30, 2026

11:00am -12:00pm Prayer Group GBH Basement
12:00pm -1:00pm Al-Anon CH

Friday, July 31, 2026

Church Office Closed

Sunday, August 2, 2026

8:15am -12:00pm Nursery Room GBHB
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Calendar Legend:

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

PRAYER LIST

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:

Anne Michael Causey, Eleanor and George Harsh, Alice Gardner, Betty Loeb, Stella Wilson, Sandra Stewart, Frances Byrd, Anne Whitfield, Bob Monroe, Ed Green, Becky Buckner, Alicia Beam, Charlie Watkins, Barbara (Bonny) Morris, Cay Lambert, Sheree Adams, Family of Brian Weems (brother of Sharon Hudson), Virginia Bailey

Friends and Family:

Wendy Remple (family member of Diann Berry), Ann Crigler, Joan Mitchell and family (grandmother of Mitch Carroll), Harper Grace Rice (daughter of Mindy and Alan Nettles), Randy Miller (friend of the Lee family), Ashley McCrary (friend of Leigh Brown), Family of Bettie Lewter (friend of Bob and Genie Miller), Rusty Skinner (Uncle of Lindsay & Thomas Birchfield), Charles Johnson (friend of Bo and Nancy Lundy), Roger Holliday (father of Hamilton Holliday), Mary Streecker, 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, Patty Monnett (friend of Katy Bryan)

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:

Hoyt Harris (Brookdale), Cay Lambert (Huntsville Health & Rehab), Annewhite Fuller (Whitesburg Gardens)

Military & International:

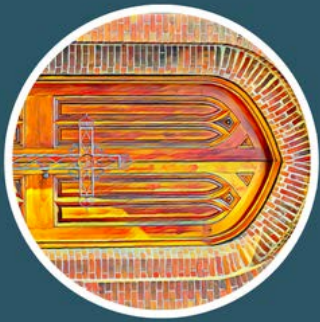
Prayers for Haiti and our mission partners. This is a critical time as the civil unrest there may undermine all humanitarian work.

All those serving in the armed forces; particularly LT Connor Howard, U.S. Navy Pilot, Allen Pepper

Please contact the church office at (256) 536-3354

or via email at admin@fpchsv.org

to make any updates to your prayer request(s).



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