



# First Presbyterian Church

## July 5, 2026

### Silent Prayer of Preparation

Gracious and loving God, who in Jesus Christ has called each one of us to recognize that we are all sisters and brothers and members of your family, unite us today as a community of faith, listening to your word and finding in it our greatest hope and highest joy. Lead us by the cross of Christ to live in the love of Christ, whose service is perfect freedom; 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 *This Little Light of Mine* 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.
- If you would like to give your offering via credit card, please scan the QR code.



**July 5, 2026**

**8:30am and 11:00am**

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

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.*

Prelude

*God of Our Fathers*

Arr. Ron Bound

\*Call to Worship

Adapted from Galatians 5

One: When forces in the world threaten us, when our bodies or spirits turn against us, there is One who seeks us,

**All: One who meets us, One who heals us,  
whose love washes over us and sets us free for joy.**

One: This One is the Lord, who has set us free

**All: Free to serve, free to welcome and include,  
free to love our neighbors as ourselves;**

One: Live by the Spirit in perfect freedom of Christ's love;

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 2

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience and kindness, but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your rightful path. Forgive us, O God. Turn us from our sinful ways and set us free in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

(A time for silent confession) **Amen.**

**KYRIE**

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson

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

7 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

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 This Little Light of Mine 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.*

**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  
Glen Adams

11:00 am:

Melissa & Dag Rowe

Lay Liturgist:

8:30:

Bo Lundy

11:00:

Al Steenwyk

Video and Sound:

Tom Stroud

Dave Young

Maxwell R. Carter

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:25-4:7

But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than those who are enslaved, though they are the owners of all the property, but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

Anthem

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
Gabriel Lugo, tenor

J. ROSAMOND JOHNSON

*Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might, lead us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path we pray.*

*Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadow beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.*

## Second Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery... For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

Rev. J. David Randolph

## Silent Meditation

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

## Affirmation of Faith

Excerpt from the Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

## Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

*Tribute to America*

Arr. Mark Hayes

\*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 354

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

BATTLE HYMN

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Choral 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

*America, the Beautiful*

Arr. Joel Raney

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, July 5, 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  
GBHLR  
9:45am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH  
9:45am –10:30am Intergenerational Summer  
School 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 6, 2026**

Church Office Closed  
5:30pm –6:30pm Worship Committee Meeting CH

**Tuesday, July 7, 2026**

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

**Wednesday, July 8, 2026**

9:30am –10:30am Construction Meeting CH  
1:30pm –3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH  
5:00pm –7:00pm Meet Rev Randolph  
at Back Forty

**Thursday, July 9, 2026**

11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB  
12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon CH

**Friday, July 10, 2026**

Church Office Closed

**Sunday, July 12, 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  
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11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH  
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church GBHYR  
12:15pm –1:30pm Session Meeting/FH with lunch

**Calendar Legend:**

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

## 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](mailto: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, Family of Brian Weems (brother of Sharon Hudson)

### **Friends and Family:**

Friends and family of Bettie Lewter, Ashley McCrary, friend of Leigh Brown, Rusty Skinner-Uncle of Lindsay & Thomas Birchfield, Kirby and Shelia Stevenson - friends of Peggy and Dave Galloway, Charles Johnson- friend of Bo and Nancy Lundy, Roger Holliday- father of Hamilton Holliday, Mary Streeter, 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, Katie Little Pickle - great niece of Dave & Peggy Galloway, 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

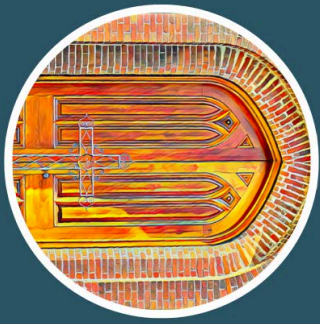
### **Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:**

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



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