

Healing and Salvation



First Presbyterian Church
September 7, 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.



PRAYER



SPEAKING



BIBLE



MUSIC



COMMUNION



OFFERING



BAPTISM

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
LEADERSHIP:**

The Rev. Dr. Karl Kling

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee,
Pianist/Organist
Gabriel Lugo, soloist

Ushers:
8:30 am -
Tom & Susie Conard
11:00 am -
Melissa & Dag Rowe
Doug & Karen Madison

Communion
Preparers:
David Young &
Vida Wann

Communion Servers:
8:30 am-
Charles Bozeman
11:00- Nicole Schroer,
Erin Cobb, Mary
Margaret Cofield,
Serena Neely,
Angela & Rick Rawls

Lay Liturgist:
8:30 am -
Allen Pepper
11:00 am -
Al Steenwyk

Acolyte:
Marion Bevel
Cross Bearer:
Emme Sparks

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

**Those who are
able, please stand*

WELCOME

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Rock of Ages

Arr. Don Hustad

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 Holy Spirit leads us to praise God for his goodness and grace.

People: We open our hearts to worship God this morning.

Leader: The Holy Spirit leads us to humbly serve each other.

People: We open our hearts to serving the world in Christ's name.

Leader: Let us worship God.



***OPENING PRAYER**



***HYMN 451**

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, forgive us for the times our actions do not reflect the
good news of Jesus Christ. Sometimes we are frustrated and blame you
for our struggles. Forgive us for the times envy leads us to overlook your
call to servanthood. Forgive our inconsistent behavior and divided
loyalties. Help us to live the new life that Christ gives us. We pray this in
his name, Amen.**

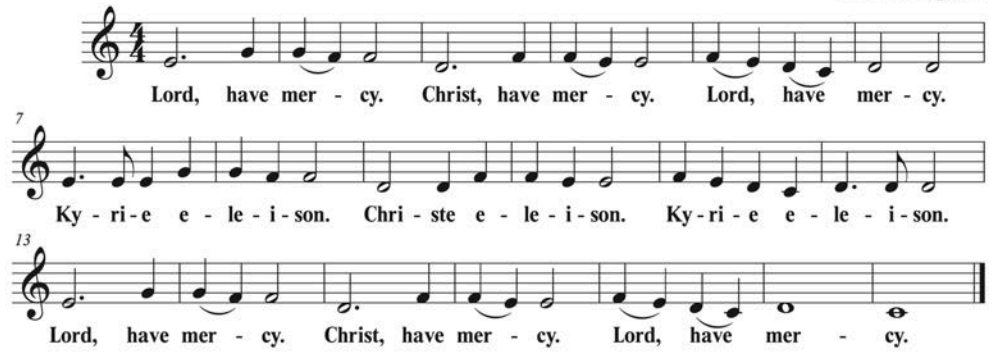
(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)



KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Friends, through Jesus Christ we have received grace that transforms our lives. God's love is poured out into our hearts through God's gift of the Holy Spirit. Hear and receive the promise of God to you. 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 extend a special welcome those who are new to our church community.)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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*



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:4–7a

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem
8:30

No More Nights
Gabriel Lugo, tenor

Walter Harrah

*The timeless theme
Earth and heaven will pass away
It's not a dream
God will make all things new that day
Gone is the curse
From which I stumbled and fell
Evil is banished to eternal hell*

*No more night, no more pain
No more tears, never crying again
And praises to the great “I AM”
We will live in the light of the risen Lamb*

*See all around
Now the nations bow down to sing
The only sound
Is the praises to Christ, our King
Slowly the names
From the book are read
I know the King
So there's no need, no need to dread*

*See over there, there's a mansion
Oh, that's prepared just for me
Where I will live with my Savior eternally*

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fear relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

*Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace that bro't me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when, we first begun.*



SECOND LESSON

MARK 7:31–37

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”



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



*HYMN 661

Why Should I Feel Discouraged

SPARROW



PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

8:30 a.m.

Christ My Soul from Sin Set Free

Arr. Hae Y. Cho

11:00 a.m.

No More Nights
Gabriel Lugo, tenor



*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



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE



THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING



Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Our Gracious God, we worship you for creating and redeeming the world through your never-failing love. We glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise with all your people saying:



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

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

We praise you for Jesus Christ, who ate with sinners and taught ordinary people. He visited the sick, sent harvesters into the fields, and invited all people to receive his grace.

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



FOR ONLINE GIVING

The Lord's Table, having been set, the one presiding then leads the people in the great prayer of thanksgiving. This prayer, with its emphasis on thankful praise, has been of central importance to this sacrament from very early centuries in Christian worship. Thanksgiving is so important to this sacrament that it has been given the name of Eucharist (from the New Testament Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving).

**Those who are able, please stand*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And so, he shared himself in bread and cup with his followers and now with us. As we remember Christ's death and resurrection, we proclaim the miracle of faith saying:



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

Merciful God, we ask you to pour out your Spirit so this meal will unite us as your people. Make all who share this bread and cup one with Christ. And now, as your daughters and sons, help us to pray with confidence the prayer that Jesus taught us:



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

Communion bread is gluten-free. Please eat the bread as it is shared as a sign of your individual trust in God's grace. Hold the cup and we will drink it together as a sign of our unity in Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



Gracious God, in deep gratitude we give ourselves to you. Help us to live as transformed people because we have shared this bread and cup together. Give us your love and joy to share with others. We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD



*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy
(verses 1, 2, 5)

DOVE OF PEACE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare d'Orgue

Harry R. Shelley

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able, please stand*

Worship Resources Adapted From:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org
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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 (5:00-7:00)
- Bakers to make dessert ahead of time

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

Art and Faith

Join our Wednesday Night Live Series

Explore Christian faith through **masterpieces** with Lynne Berry and Joseph Davis for a **9-week series** starting September 10.

Wednesdays
5:30 – 6:30pm

First Presbyterian Church
307 Gates Ave, Huntsville AL
Gideon Blackburn House
(across Gates Ave from the church)

Experience the beauty and depth of Christian faith through the lens of visual art.

Ready to enrich your spirit?

Register for WNL



or register at: bit.ly/WNLfall25

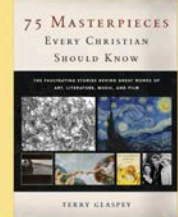


Sep 10 – Nov 19

9-week series

No class Oct 8 and Oct 15

Book: 75 Masterpieces



Register Now for the Fall Semester

Sep 10 – Nov 19

5:00 – 7:00

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE



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!

ENCOUNTERING THE PIANO, ORGAN, AND HARPSICHORD A COMPARISON

SATURDAY 2:00pm
SEPTEMBER 13



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SANCTUARY
307 GATES AVE SE, HUNTSVILLE

Leadership at First Presbyterian Church

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CHURCH OFFICERS

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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

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

Joanne Horn, Moderator

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:

Stewart Family
Bob Frank Smith 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
Cay Lambert
Jan Nickoloff
Carol Cotney

Friends and Family:

Patty Monnett- friend of Katy Bryan
Gayla McKinney Plott-friend of Bruce & Janis Williams
June Galloway - daughter of Peggy & David Galloway
Marlene Stark - mother of Lisa Everett
Paige Olmo - daughter of Paula Weider
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
Mr. Wade - friend of Ron & Lisa Stephens
Nathan Harsh Brown Chitty - cousin of George Harsh
Jean Hindman - friend of George & Eleanor 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
Mike & Linda Davis - parents of Joseph Davis
Fred Applegate - friend of Katy Bryan
Marie Mitchell - mother of Libby 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
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

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

September 7- September 14

Sunday, September 7, 2025

HOLY COMMUNION

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 LIB

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

1:30pm –4:30pm Scouts Court of Honor SAN/FH

Monday, September 8, 2025

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

10:00am –12:00pm PW Fall Gathering FH

5:30pm –6:30pm Worship Committee Meeting LIB

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

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

9:30am –11:30am First Friends Theater FH

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

4:00pm –9:00pm Kairos FH

5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

7:00am –8:00am Men's Bible Study FH

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

1:30pm –3:00pm Pray Shawl Group LIB

5:30pm –7:30pm WNL Fall Semester

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

Thursday, September 11, 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

5:30pm –7:30pm Maranatha Board Meeting/LIB

Friday, September 12, 2025

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

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

Saturday, September 13, 2025

2:00pm - 3:00pm AGO recital SAN

Sunday, September 14, 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 LIB

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

12:00pm –2:00pm PKC FH

5:30pm - Session meeting FH

Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room (RM 204)

CH - Carriage House (GBH) House

CR - Choir Room (RM 201)

FH - Fellowship Hall

LIB - Library (RM 104)

GBH - Gideon Blackburn

House

HR - Historical Room

JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)

SAN - Sanctuary