



First Presbyterian Church

September 13, 2026

Silent Prayer of Preparation

O God who knows our every need before we can even ask,
you provide all our needs and some of our wants.
You bless us all. Make us truly thankful and empower us to bless others
from the gifts you have given us, for the glory of your holy name. 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.

September 13, 2026

8:30am and 11:00am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude *Rejoice, the Lord is King!* arr. John Carter

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 145

One: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

God's greatness is unsearchable. Generations of believers will tell each other:

All: God is great and has done mighty things!

Let us rejoice and celebrate God's abundant goodness;

Let us sing aloud of the Lord's righteousness! Let us worship God!

*Hymn 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

Call to Confession

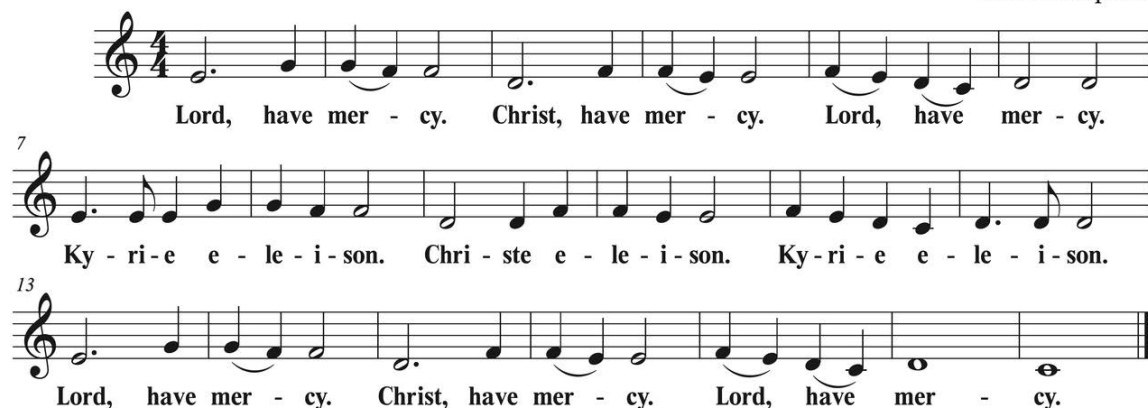
Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful and we have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us, O God and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts so that we may faithfully rejoice in your holy name. (A Time of Silent Confession) Amen.

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Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson



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Assurance of Pardon

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

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory; great things He has done!

So loved He the world that he gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory: great things He has done!

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 838

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph,
Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

David Young, Pianist

Marc Morgan, Bass

Chancel Choir

Ushers:

8:30 am:

Tom & Susie Conard

11:00 am:

Jason Duke

Lay Liturgist:

8:30: Bo Lundy

11:00: Al Steenwyk

Communion Preparer:
David Young

Communion Servers:
8:30:
Nancy Lundy
Erin Cobb
Houston Matthews

11:00:
Daniel Carter
Erin Cobb
Diann Berry
Caitlin Thomas
Houston Matthews

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

Philippians 1:1-18a, NRSV

Anthem

8:30

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked
Marc Morgan, Bass

Geoffrey O'Hara

*I walked today where Jesus walked, in days of long ago;
I wandered down each path He knew, with reverent step and slow.
Those little lanes, they have not changed a sweet peace fills the air.
I walked today where Jesus walked and felt His presence there.
My pathway led through Bethlehem, ah! memories ever sweet;
The little hills of Galilee, that knew those childish feet.
The Mount of Olives; hallowed scenes that Jesus knew before;
I saw the mighty Jordan roll as in the days of yore.
I knelt today where Jesus knelt, where all alone He prayed;
The Garden of Gethsemane my heart felt unafraid!
I picked my heavy burden up and with Him by my side,
I climbed the Hill of Calvary, where on the cross He died!
I walked today where Jesus walked and felt Him close to me!*

11:00

Cantate Domino
Chancel Choir

Giuseppe Pitoni

*Cantate Domino, canticum novum,
Laus ejus in Ecclesia Sanctorum
Laetetur Israel in eo,
Qui feciteum, et fili Sion,
Et filii Zion, exultant in rege suo.*

*O sing ye to the Lord, sing ye a new song,
O praise Him in the company of His saints
Let all of Israel rejoice now, rejoice in Him
In Him who made all the sons of all Zion,
Daughters of Zion, be joyful, and praise God on high.*

Second Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:18b-30, NRSV

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rejoice in Life

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Christ Hymn – Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory.

8:30

How Great Thou Art

arr. Pam Gervais

11:00

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked

Geoffrey O'Hara

Marc Morgan, Bass

*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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Sharing of the Bread and Cup by Intinction

*Beginning with the front rows, please walk down the center aisle.
Take the bread, and the cup, and eat. Return to your seat by the side aisles.
Please let an usher know if you would like a server to come to you.*

Congregational Hymn During Communion 507

Come to the Table of Grace

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 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Benediction 515

I Come with Joy (V. 5)

DOVE OF PEACE

***Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
The love that makes us one.***

Postlude

Standing on the Promises

arr. Cindy Berry

*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!"*

Things Happening in the Life of the Church

Children and Youth Sunday School is from 9:30 to 10:30am in GBH Basement.

Join us for hands-on, mission-based classes for preschoolers, elementary students, and youth.

Speak with Kathy Gillmore and Anne Dillon Loflin to learn more.

Confirmation journey continues (8th grade and up) with a youth, parent, and mentor lunch today in the Youth Room.

FPC Youth Group (6th-12th grade) plays laser tag tonight! Contact Anne Dillon for more information.

Register ASAP for Sleep in the Deep, our overnight retreat for PKC (3rd-5th) and PYC (6th-12th) youth groups to the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga on Sept 26/27. Use the QR code on the flyer or contact Kathy or Anne Dillon for the link. Younger kids, at least 6 yrs old, are welcome with a parent participating.

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Sacrament of Communion

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 GBHLR

9:30am -10:30am Children and Youth Sunday School GBHB

10:30am -10:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH

11:00am -12:00pm Worship Service GBH

11:15am -12:00pm Children's Church GBHYR

12:00pm -3:00pm Choir Retreat GBH

12:00pm -1:00pm Deacon Meeting CH

12:15pm -1:30pm Confirmation Youth & Mentor Lunch GBHB

6:00pm -8:00pm PYC GBHYR

Monday, September 14, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends

10:00am -12:00pm PW September Gathering CH

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends

10:00am -11:00am Church Staff Meeting GBHLR

5:30pm -6:30pm CE Committee Meeting CH

5:30pm -8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

7:00am -8:00am Men's Bible Study CH

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends

9:30am -10:30am Construction Meeting CH

11:30am -12:30pm Moms at the Well Bible Study GBHB

1:30pm -3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH

6:00pm -7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH

Thursday, September 17, 2026

9:30am -3:00pm Goodtimers 2.0 Road Trip to Lynchburg, TN w/bus

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends

10:15am -10:30am First Friends Chapel Basement Rm 10

12:00pm -1:00pm Al-Anon CH

Friday, September 18, 2026

Church Office Closed

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends

Sunday, September 20, 2026

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

8:30am -9:30am Worship Service GBH

8:45am -9:30am Children's Church GBH Youth room

9:30am -10:30am Charles Danner Seminar GBHLR

9:30am -10:30am Children and Youth Sunday School GBHB

10:30am -11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH

11:00am -12:00pm Worship Service GBH

11:15am -12:00pm Children's Church GBHYR

12:00pm -1:00pm Congregational Lunch

12:45pm -2:00pm Kids Club JAH

5:00pm -6:30pm PYC GBH Youth Room

CH- Carriage House (GBH)

FH- Fellowship Hall

GBH- Gideon Blackburn House

GBHB- Gideon Blackburn House Basement

HR- Historical Room

JAH- John Allan Hall (GBH)

GBHLR- Gideon Blackburn House Living Room

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:

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

Friends and Family:

Lois Lee, Sam Eidt (friend of Ed and Betty Green), James Neely (grandson of Serena Neely),
Family of Charles Trainosky (son of Julie Trainosky),
Wendy Remple (family member of Diann Berry),
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),
Roger Holliday (father of Hamilton Holliday), Mary Streeter, Sarah Hankins,
Tate Grueling (friend of Harriet Bibb), Jan Thompson (sister of Gail Sparks),
Misty Short Anderson and family and friends, Maggie Day & Josie (cousins of George Harsh), ,
The Wilmer Family (friends of Katy Bryan), Chet Johnston (friend of Frederick Wessel),
Melinda Thompson (daughter of Mary Edith Thompson),
Rob Klouw & Katherine Randall (friends of Rachel Harrod),
Family and friends of Maxwell Carter, Kyser family (friends of Tam Bevel & Judy Howard),
Deborah Lamb (aunt of Kaitlyn Huaroto, sister of Pam Huaroto),
Nathan Harsh Brown Chitty (cousin of George Harsh),
Bennie Jacks (friend of George & Eleanor Harsh),
Grant Adams (brother of Glen Adams), Emily Neely (daughter-in-law of Serena Neely),
Patty Monnett (friend of Katy Bryan), Marie Mitchell (mother of Libby Smith),
Antony Leo (brother of Lori Smith), Claudia Fahrner,
David, Jessi, and Emma Grace Hill (friends of Davis Carter),
Hislena Servin (sister of Patricia Hacker)
Trusting in God's grace, we pray for our enemies

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; LT Connor Howard, U.S. Navy Pilot, Allen Pepper

Leadership at First Presbyterian Church

Ministry Team and Staff

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Rev. J. David Randolph, *Senior Pastor*.....david@fpchsv.org
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Dr. Lois K. Lee, *Organist/Pianist*
Anne Dillon Loflin, *Youth Director*.....youth@fpchsv.org
Kristin Pepper, *Administrative Assistant*.....admin@fpchsv.org
Gary Whited, *Facilities Coordinator*.....facilities@fpchsv.org

CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders:

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

Class of 2028
Daniel Carter-Finance/Personnel
Nancy Lundy-Missions/Evangelism
Libbie Rentz-Christian Education
Sherry Smith-Worship

Deacons:

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
Marian Bevel-Care Committee
Dave Goodwin-Hospitality Committee
Brent Cobb-Fellowship Committee

Trustees:

Class of 2026
Roy McCorkle
Angela Rawls

Class of 2027
Ryan Parker
Melissa Rowe

Class of 2028
Mac Martinson
Andy Watson

Church Nominating Committee:

Erin Cobb- Chair, Session
Nicole Schroer- Session
Lucinda Shreeder
Glen Adams
Patty Conley
Bob Frank Smith
Jenny Schreeder- Deacons

Presbyterian Women:
Stella Wilson, Moderator

