

# Believing is Seeing



First Presbyterian Church  
Gideon Blackburn House  
April 12, 2026

# 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 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 Youth Room of GBH 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 Youth Room in GBH 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.

Want more information about the church?  
Speak with an usher in the narthex, or visit our website at [fpchsv.org](http://fpchsv.org),  
or listen to sermons later in the week, at:



FOR APPLE



FOR ANDROID

## **WELCOME**

April 12, 2026  
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### **GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

*Almighty Love*

Arr. Tracey McKibben

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Karl Kling

*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: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love lasts forever.**

Leader: The word of the Lord is worth more than riches or power.

**People: God's promises never fail.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN of Praise 248

*Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Faithful God, your compassion and kindness guide us to serve the people that you bring into our lives. Forgive our pride and selfishness that prevent us from loving others. Help us to hear your call to live lives that share grace and kindness with our neighbors. We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.**

*(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)*

### **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:**

Dr. Karl Kling,  
Transitional Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,  
Director of Music

Lois K. Lee,  
Pianist

Chancel Choir  
Westminster Ringers

Liturgists:  
8:30-  
Bo Lundy

11:00-  
Stephanie Hyatt

Ushers:  
8:30 am-  
Barbara Rahrer  
Marilyn McCorkle

11:00 am-  
Patty Frierson  
Jim Slate

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

*\*Those who are  
able, please stand*

# KYRIE

## Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson

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

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

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### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, God allowed Jesus, who was without sin, to carry our sins on the cross. Through his sacrificial love, we are freed to live as joyful followers of the Living Lord. Receive the good news of the gospel: 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 THE PEACE

Dr. Kling

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 welcome those who are new to our church community)*

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.

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*All children are invited to come forward during  
This Little Light of Mine for a message and prayer.*

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Following the Time for Young Disciples, children are invited to join Kathy Gillmore in the Youth Room in GBH.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:5–8

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup> 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; <sup>7</sup> the  
burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the  
haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
<sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall  
not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall  
go astray.

A prayer for illumination may be offered before the reading and proclaiming of the scripture. This prayer seeks the illumination of the Holy Spirit and calls upon God to make us receptive to the life-giving Word, which comes to us through the scripture.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
I Sing the Mighty Power of God  
Westminster Ringers*

ELLACOMBE  
Arr. Bill Ingram

### SECOND READING

John 20:24–29

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Dr. Kling

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

\*HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP 817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* DUNLAP'S CREEK

We respond to God's word of forgiveness and love by affirming our faith, offering our resources, and singing our praise.

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (**unison**)

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (**unison**)

**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.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices  
Angels from the Realms of Glory  
Westminster Ringers*

REGENT SQUARE  
Arr. Bill Ingram



FOR ONLINE GIVING

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

*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

\*HYMN of Sending 254 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*  
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Kling

Leader: And as God's people, we all say  
**People: Alleluia! Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus*

Arr. Jeff Bennett

**RETURNS ON APRIL 12th!**

**FPC Sunday School**

**Adult/Youth Classes:**

- Faith & Life Adult Class, 9:45-10:30am, Carriage House
- Charles Danner Seminar Class, 9:30-10:30am, GBH Living Room
- Youth LEAD class, 9:45-10:30am
- 6-12th grades, GBH Youth Room

**Children's Classes:**

- Combined Children's Sunday School- 9:45-10:30am, GBH basement

\*Starting a special series on the Fruit of the Spirit!

**PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGES.**

**APR 12, NOON - 2:00**




**Bake cookies for Kairos!**

**PKC**

**FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS**

**Mission: FUN**



**Worship Resources Adapted From:**

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org  
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**Scam**



**Alert**

Please know that you will **NEVER** receive texts, emails or phone calls asking you for gift cards, money, or other private information from your Pastor, Church Staff, Leaders, or FPC Members

Scammers are sending false emails, text messages, or phone messages impersonating your Pastor, Staff, or FPC Members.

Scammers try to trick you into sending them gift cards, money, or personal information.

Sometimes they just leave a message asking you to respond to them.

**Please don't respond.**

They are trying to trick you into communicating with them.

Even if you think the request may be real, **do not respond to it.**

Instead, call the Church Office and speak personally with Dr. Kling, Kristin, or a Staff Member.



## HELP THE FPC YOUTH SUPPORT THE GREATER HUNTSVILLE HUMANE SOCIETY!

The FPC Youth will be collecting the items listed below until Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>! We are so grateful for the generous support of our congregation at the Palm Sunday Bake Sale! All proceeds from the sale will also benefit GHHS.

If you'd like to donate, please bring items labeled donation box inside the GBH entrance!

### **FOOD & PET ESSENTIALS**

- FANCY FEAST WET CAT FOOD
- GREENIE'S PILL POCKETS
- FRESH NEWS PELLET LITTER
- GUINEA PIG BEDDING
- GUINEA PIG TIMOTHY HAY

### **SHELTER SUPPLIES**

- DISINFECTING BLEACH
- PAPER TOWELS
- TOILET PAPER
- CLOROX WIPES
- 13-GALLON FORCE FLEX BAGS
- AAA/AA BATTERIES
- POSTAGE STAMPS
- PET SUPPLIES PLUS GIFT CARDS

## APPLY FOR THE FPC SCHOLARSHIP!

1. Granted to students pursuing post-secondary education.
2. High School seniors and current undergraduate, graduate, and students in other programs may apply!
3. Scan the QR code to get an application
4. Completed applications should be emailed to Leigh Brown, [lbrown8991@gmail.com](mailto:lbrown8991@gmail.com), no later than **April 14, 2026**.

Scan this QR code to access the application.



## Goodtimers 2.0

### Down Memory Lane

Options:

*Bring memorabilia to share!  
Flowers in vintage vase  
guided by Flower Guild!  
Just come and enjoy!*



**THURSDAY, APRIL 16  
AT 2:00 - 3:30 PM**



**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

# THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

## April 12 - April 19

### Sunday, April 12, 2026

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105/106  
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH  
8:45am –9:30am Children's Church GBH Youth room  
9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class GBH Living RM  
9:45am –10:30am LEAD Youth GBH 3rd floor  
9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers JAH  
9:45am –10:30am Combined Sunday School GBHB  
9:45am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH  
10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH  
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH  
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church GBH Youth Room  
12:00pm –2:00pm PKC Mission Fun FH  
12:15pm –1:30pm Session Meeting/CH with lunch

### Monday, April 13, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
10:00am –12:00pm PW Circle 1 FH  
10:00am –12:00pm PW Circle 2 CH  
4:30pm –6:00pm PW Evening Circle FH

### Tuesday, April 14, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
9:30am –10:30am First Friends Theater FH  
10:00am –11:00am Church Staff Meeting GBHLR  
5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

### Wednesday, April 15, 2026

7:00am –8:00am Men's Bible Study FH  
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
9:30am –10:30am Construction Meeting FH  
11:30am –12:30pm Moms at the Well GBHB  
1:30pm –3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH  
7:00pm –8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH

### Thursday, April 16, 2026

8:45am –9:30am Donuts with Dad in classrooms  
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
10:15am –10:30am First Friends Chapel FH  
11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB  
12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon CH  
2:00pm –3:30pm Goodtimers 2.0 Down Memory Lane FH

### Friday, April 17, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
Church Office Closed

### Saturday, April 18, 2026

12:30 - 2:00pm Youth volunteer at GHHS

### Sunday, April 19, 2026

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105/106  
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH  
8:45am –9:30am Children's Church GBH Youth room  
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11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church GBH Youth Room  
12:15pm –1:30pm Deacon Meeting w/Lunch FH

### Calendar Legend:

<b>CH</b> - Carriage House (GBH)	<b>JAH</b> - John Allan Hall (GBH)
<b>FH</b> - Fellowship Hall	<b>GBHDR</b> - Gideon Blackburn House Dining Room
<b>GBH</b> - Gideon Blackburn House	
<b>GBHB</b> - Gideon Blackburn House Basement	

Due to space limitations during construction, we are currently not accepting flower donations. Any donations made since the beginning of the year will be used when we return to the sanctuary.

## 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:**

Susan Livingston  
Betty Thompson family and friends  
Day and King families  
Alice Gardner  
Ida Jo Daughtry  
Betty Loeb  
Paula Weider  
Stella Wilson  
Sandra Stewart  
Frances Byrd  
Anne Whitfield  
Bob Monroe  
Ed Green  
Becky Buckner  
Alicia Beam  
Charlie Watkins  
Barbara (Bonny) Morris  
Cay Lambert  
Amelia Beimrohr

### **Friends and Family:**

Kirby and Shelia Stevenson - friends of Peggy and Dave Galloway  
Charles Johnson- friend of Bo and Nancy Lundy  
Bettie Lewter - friend of Genie and Bob Miller  
Liz Goldman - friend of Bruce & Janis Williams.  
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  
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  
Sam Eidt - friend of Betty and Ed Green  
Patty Monnett- friend of Katy Bryan

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

Hoyt Harris (Brookdale)  
Marlyn Harris (Flemming Farms Memory Care)  
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

# Leadership at First Presbyterian Church

## Ministry Team and Staff

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Dr. Karl Kling, *Transitional Senior Pastor*.....seniorpastor@fpchsv.org  
Lora Bohan, *First Friends Director*.....ffdirector@fpchsv.org  
Ellen DeAngelo, *Director of Finance & Administration*.....finance@fpchsv.org  
Kathy Gillmore, *Director of Christian Education*.....dce@fpchsv.org  
Dr. Patricia Hacker, *Director of Music*.....music@fpchsv.org  
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  
Libby Rentz-Christian Education  
Sherry Smith-Worship

### Pastor Nominating Committee:

Davis Carter  
Heath Causey  
Woodward Howard  
Stephanie Hyatt  
James Lee  
Barbara Rahrer  
Janis Williams

### 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

### Church Nominating Committee:

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

### Trustees:

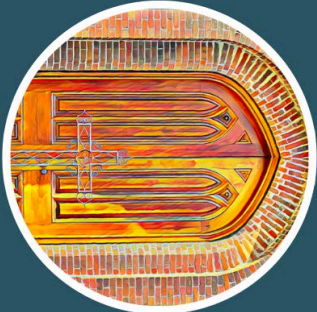
Class of 2026  
Roy McCorkle  
Angela Rawls

Class of 2027  
Ryan Parker  
Melissa Rowe

Class of 2028  
Mac Martinson  
Andy Watson

### Presbyterian Women:

Stella Wilson, Moderator



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