

“Blessed to be a Blessing”



Second Sunday in Lent
First Presbyterian Church
Gideon Blackburn House

March 1, 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.
- 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 room 105 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.

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

WELCOME

Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

On Eagle's Wings

Arr. Douglas Wagner

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: Worship God who gives us joy in all circumstances.

People: The Lord gives us strength to follow our Savior.

Leader: Worship God who leads us to serve our neighbors.

People: The Lord pours his love into all our relationships.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN of PRAISE 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, this past week we missed opportunities to hear your voice. Worries distracted us from the needs of others. Sometimes we focused on our own comfort instead of your call. Forgive our pride and selfishness. Please help us to listen to your call to be generous servants.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Dr. Karl Kling,
Transitional Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee,
Pianist
Chancel Choir

Ushers:
8:30 am -
Chuck & Jodie Karr

11:00 am -
Jim Slate
Bo Lundy
Patty Frierson

Communion
Preparer:
David Young

Communion Servers:
8:30 am-
Libbie Rentz
David Young

11:00-
Erin Cobb
Caitlin Thomas
Diann Berry

Lay Liturgist:
8:30 am -
Anne Dillon Loflin

11:00 am -
David Alan Smith

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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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All have sinned and fall short of God's call. But the free gift of God is grace and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Hear and receive the good news: In the name of 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.)

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.*

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 room 105 as needed.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 121:1-8

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? ² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸ The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

Lord Jesus Think of Me
Chancel Choir

Arr. Georgiann H. Toole

*Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;
From earth-born passions set me free and make me pure within.
Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery be Thou my health and life.
Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me stray;
Through darkness and uncertainty, point Thou the heavenly way.
Lord Jesus, think on me, that when this life is past,
I may eternal brightness see and share Thy joy at last.
Share Thy joy at last!*

SECOND READING

Genesis 12:1-4

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SERMON

Dr. Karl Kling

SILENT MEDITATION

*HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

When I Survey

Arr. Bob Walters

*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

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



FOR ONLINE GIVING

**Those who are able, please stand*

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. He calls all people who open their hearts to meet him at this table.

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.

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).

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. Approach the table by the center aisle in a single-file line and eat the bread and drink the cup as you receive them. Return to your seat by the side aisle and place the cup in the basket provided.

If you are seated in the carriage house or the living room, please remain seated and communion will be passed to you.

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 of SENDING 816 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Barcarolle

Camille Saint-Saëns

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30-9:30 and 11:00-12:00
Gideon Blackburn House

Faith Formation

9:30-10:30

Youth LEAD (GBH-Basement)
Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)
Charles Danner Seminar (Library Rm 104)

10:00-10:30

Combined Children's Sunday School (Rm010)
Faith & Life Class (Carriage House)

9:30-10:00 & 10:30-10:55

Fellowship Time (Carriage House)

Faith & Life Class

The Analog Christian

LIVING YOUR FAITH
IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Six Sessions on Keeping Focus
in a World Full of Constant Distractions

analog vs. digital

digital rules

digital failures

why Christ came when he did

embrace the Holy Spirit as a catalyst

avoid society's digital divide

February 22-March 29

analog living in action

10:00-10:30

Carriage House

PRAYER

Milestone

**MARCH
8TH
9:30 -10:30**

**FOR 1ST- 3RD GRADERS
and older children**



Register at
fpchsv.org/events

or here



PKC

FOR 3RD-
5TH
GRADERS

Down on the farm

MAR 8, NOON - 3:30



Ride a horse!
Feed animals!
Picnic Lunch!

\$20 per person

register



Leadership at First Presbyterian Church

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Pastor Nominating Committee: Davis Carter Heath Causey Woodward Howard Stephanie Hyatt James Lee Barbara Rahrer Janis Williams	Church Nominating Committee: Erin Cobb Nicole Schroer Lucinda Shreeder Glen Adams Patty Conley Bob Frank Smith	Presbyterian Women: Stella Wilson, Moderator

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.

Church Members:

Day and Kling families
Alice Gardner
Lindsay and Thomas Birchfield and extended family
Michael & Mary Leah Hooker
Fowler family and friends
Joseph & Allison Davis and family
Ida Jo Daughtry
Betty Loeb
Paula Weider
Stella Wilson
Sandra Stewart
Frances Byrd
Anne Whitfield
Bob Monroe
Betty Thompson
Ed Green
Becky Buckner
Alicia Beam
Charlie Watkins
Barbara (Bonny) Morris
Cay Lambert
Amelia Beimrohr

Friends and Family:

Jim Leonard - friend of Mary Darsey
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
April Woods- great-niece of Dave & Peggy Galloway
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
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

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

March 1- March 8

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Holy Communion
8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH
8:45am –9:30am Children's Church RM 205
9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class LIB
9:30am –10:30am Confirmation Class FH
9:30am –10:30am LEAD Youth GBH
9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers BR
10:00am –10:30am Combined Children's Sunday School-Lent Special Series 010
10:00am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir RM
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
5:00pm –6:30pm PYC GBH

Monday, March 2, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
10:00-12:00 PW Gathering FH
5:30pm –6:30pm Worship Committee Meeting LIB RM 104

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

7:00am –8:00am Men's Bible Study FH
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
11:30am –12:30pm Moms at the Well GBH
1:30pm –3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group LIB
5:00pm –7:00pm Children's WNL FH
5:30pm –7:00pm Adult WNL LIB
7:00pm –8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice CR
7:00pm –8:00pm PYC Small Groups LIB/GBH

Thursday, March 5, 2026

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
7:00pm –8:30pm PNC Meeting LIB RM 104

Friday, March 6, 2026

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

Sunday, March 8, 2026

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH
8:45am –9:30am Children's Church RM 205
9:30am-10:30am "Pray with Me" Milestone JAH
9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class LIB
9:30am –10:30am Confirmation Class FH
9:30am –10:30am LEAD Youth GBH
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10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir RM
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
12:15pm –1:15pm Session Meeting/FH

Due to space, 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.

Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room (RM 204)	GBH - Gideon Blackburn House
CH - Carriage House (GBH)	HR - Historical Room
CR - Choir Room (RM 201)	JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)
FH - Fellowship Hall	SAN - Sanctuary
LIB - Library (RM 104)	