



Light of the World

First Presbyterian Church

August 17, 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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

The King's Majesty

Matthew Corl

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: We praise God for the gift of new life in Christ.

People: The Lord's goodness surrounds us.

Leader: We praise God for the gift of his never-failing love.

People: The Risen Christ offers grace to the whole world.

Leader: Let us worship God.



*OPENING PRAYER



*HYMN 749

Come, Live the Light

WE ARE CALLED

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Our Gracious God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as we should. Too often we do not show others the kindness you have showed us. Please forgive our sins. Help us to hear your call to new life in Christ.

We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

The Rev. Dr. Karl Kling,
Transitional Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee,
Piano/Organ

Chancel Choir

Liturgists:
8:30 am - Susie Conrad

11:00 am - Al Steenwyk

Ushers:
8:30 am- Roy & Marilyn
McCorkle, Virginia
Bouldin

11:00 am- Dan Gilfrich,
Beth Clapp, Lee &
Jonna Patterson

Acolyte: Anna Gilfrich

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

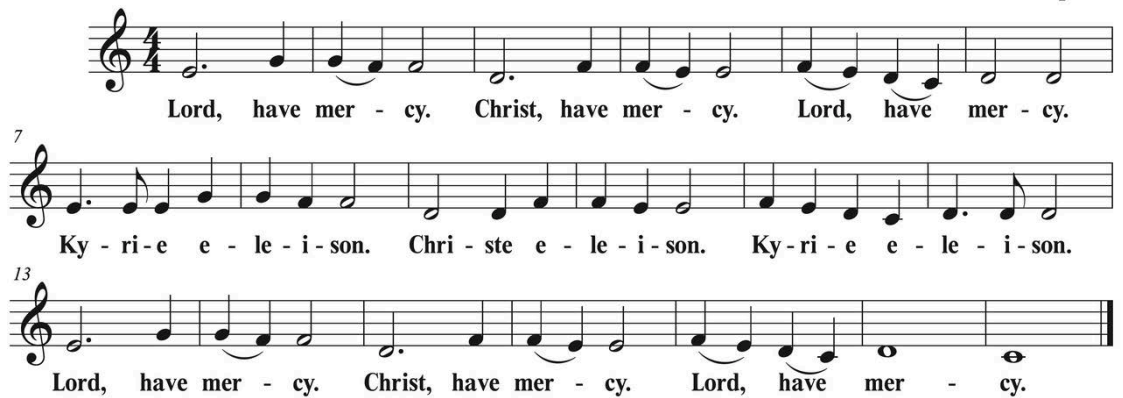
**Those who are
able, please stand*



KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and calls them by name. Hear and 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 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 welcome those who are new to our church community)*

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 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

Genesis 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.



Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

8:30 & 11:00

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Chancel Choir

K. Thomerson
Arr. B. Harlan

*I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.*

*Refrain
In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. (To refrain)*

*I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know of Jesus. (To refrain)*

-Two flower dedications were made today-

By Sharron & Damon Abernethy to the glory of God and in memory of Elliott Abernethy on the occasion of his birthday

By the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chris Hauer Jr. & the Rev. and Mrs. Billy J.T. Hauer
in memory of Miss Mary Hauer, Mr. Christian E. Hauer, & Mrs. Anna Lee Cotton Hauer

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.

**Those who are able, please stand*



SECOND LESSON

John 9: 1-7

¹ As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷ saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

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 192

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

SHINE, JESUS SHINE

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.

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

**Those who are able,
please stand*



PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY
8:30 & 11:00

Be Thou My Vision

Arr. Charles Callahan

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



FOR ONLINE GIVING



*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



*HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light is Come!

FESTAL SONG

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: And as God's people, we all say

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise
Chancel Choir*

Ronald Nelson

*Thankful heart and voices raise;
Tell everyone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord
Rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises
And lead your people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*POSTLUDE

Lauda Anima

Arr. Hal H. Hopson

Worship Resources Adapted From:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org
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**Those who are
able, please stand*

You are cordially invited to

OBOE, ORGAN, and PIANO
RECITAL

Feast of Music
from



30 SAT

AUG 30TH | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SANCTUARY | **2:00 P.M.**
307 GATES AVE SE
HUNTSVILLE, AL



PKC FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS

Let's make a video!

AUG 17, NOON - 2:00

Lights! Camera! Action!

REGISTER NOW



Village of
PROMISE
A Family Advancement Center

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 (4:00-6:00)
- Bakers to make dessert ahead of time

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

GOODTIMERS 2.0
Back To School
Mission in Motion



Share your school memories and some school supplies!

Help fill a student's backpack with...

Wednesday, August 20th
2:00-3:30
First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Copy Paper **CRAYONS**
COLORED PENCILS
MARKERS **GLUE** **INDEX**
CARDS **HIGHLIGHTERS**
SKINNY EXPO MARKERS

JUICE BOXES
FRUIT CUPS
SHELF STABLE MILK
CEREAL BARS
INDIVIDUAL:
• **BOXES OF CEREAL**
• **POP-TOP MEALS**

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

August 17- August 24

Sunday, August 17, 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 GBH
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
12:00pm –3:00pm Chancel Choir Retreat FH
12:00pm –2:00pm PKC FH
5:00pm - 6:30pm PYC CH

Monday, August 18, 2025

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

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
10:00am –11:00am Church Staff Meeting LIB
5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH
6:00pm –8:30pm HMC Rehearsal CR

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

7:00am –8:00am Men's Bible Study FH
9:00am –10:00am Construction Meeting RM 104 LIB
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
2:00pm –3:30pm Goodtimers 2.0 Back to School Mission FH
7:00pm –8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice CR

Thursday, August 21, 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

Friday, August 22, 2025

Office open 8:30-1:30

Sunday, August 24, 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 GBH
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11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
12:00pm –1:00pm Confirmation Youth & Parent Lunch FH
5:00pm - 6:30pm PYC CH

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

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:

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
Jordan & Taylor Stephens

Friends and Family:

Ella Bryan - daughter of Katy Bryan
June Galloway - daughter of Peggy & David Galloway
Marlene Stark - mother of Lisa Everett
Paige Olmo - daughter of Paula Weider
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
Patricia Edmondson - friend of Bruce & Janis Williams
Amber Barker
Brian Cain
John Kirk & family
Claudia Fahrner
Mike Moore
Diana Scheidker, friend of Patricia Hacker
Jared Breach
Mike & Lori Rogers

Family of Mike Galant - friends of Maxwell R. Carter
David Barnes - friend of Maxwell R. Carter
Elsa de Ramirez - mother of Patricia Hacker
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
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
Edward Smith - father of Bob Frank 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
Brandi Newberry Stephens-friends of Lisa Stephens

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

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
Molly Kathryn Cornelius, *Interim Director of Young Adults*.....mollykat34@gmail.com
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 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

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

Elections for the class of 2028 church officers to be held, today, during the congregational meeting after the 11:00 service.

Class of 2028 Officer Candidates

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



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