



First Presbyterian Church

August 9, 2026

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Son of God, you walk on the waters of turmoil
to meet us in the midst of your purposed journey for our lives.
Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promise,
rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm. 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.

August 9, 2026

8:30am and 11:00am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude

Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven

Arr. Jeff Bennett

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 85:8-13

One: God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

All: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

One: Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

All: Faithfulness springs up from the ground and righteousness looks down from the sky.

God gives what is good and we respond with abundant praise! Let us worship God!

*Hymn 238

Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCAEBUS

Call to Confession

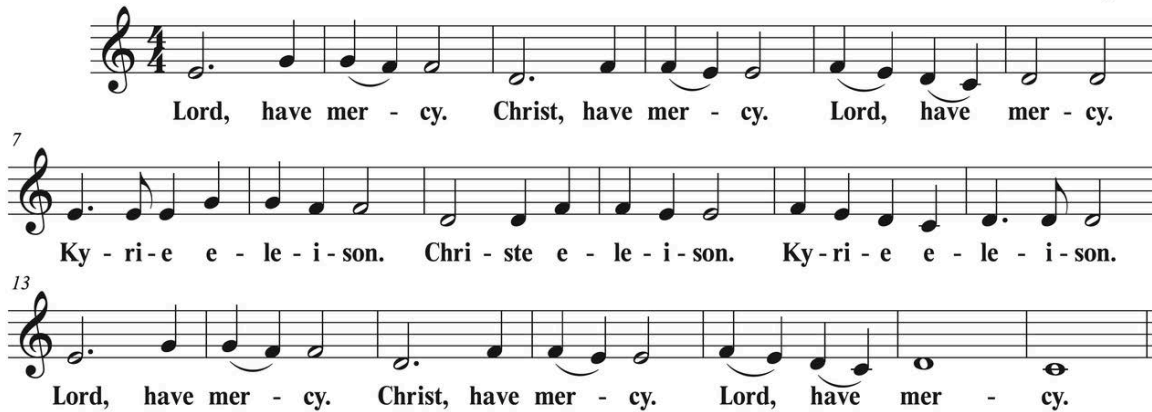
Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never fully aligned with yours. Forgive us when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice our faith. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy. Despite any distractions, allow us to hear your voice even when it is the sound of sheer silence. (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 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

***World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Time for Young Disciples

Blessing of the Backpacks

*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 also available between 8:15 and 12:00.*

Hymn 654

In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful

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Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:5-15, NRSV

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph,
Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois Lee, pianist

Chancel Choir

Ushers:

8:30 am:

Courtney, John,
&

Harper Allen

11:00 am:

Jim Slate

Patty Frierson

Patty Conley

Mary Margaret Cofield

Lay Liturgist:

8:30:

Bruce Peters

11:00:

Anne Dillon Loflin

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.*

Anthem

8:30

Eyes Hath Not Seen

Albert Robert Gaul

Patricia Hacker, mezzo soprano

*Eyes hath not seen, ears hath not heard,
Neither have entered into the heart of man.
The things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.
For He hath prepared for them a city, whose builder and maker is God.
There remaineth, therefore, a rest for the people of God;
Therefore, fear lest any come short of it.*

11:00

By Faith

Townend & Getty

Chancel Choir

*By faith we see the hand of God. In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.*

*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Christ, our soul's reward;
'Til the race is finished and the work is done we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

*By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the power of the gospel shall prevail;
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.
Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided, great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*By faith we see the hand of God. By faith this mountain shall be moved.
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33, NRSV

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Take Heart

Moment for Silent Meditation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

Excerpts from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory.

8:30

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Arr. Jack Schrader

11:00

Eyes Hath Not Seen

Alfred Robert Gaul

Patricia Hacker, Mezzo-soprano

*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

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 462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Benediction 549

May the Love of Our Lord

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***May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's spirit be upon you as you leave this place.***

Postlude

Sonata Op. 10, No. 2 1st Mov.
Nathan Jang, pianist

L.V. Beethoven

*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!"*

Sunday School meets between the two services at 9:30. Speak with Kathy Gillmore to learn more.

Children's Sunday School – starts TODAY from 9:30 to 10:30am!

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

Chancel Choir practices Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Speak with Patricia Hacker if interested.

PYC Youth Group (6th-12th graders) kicks off TONIGHT from 5:00pm-6:30pm.

Parents are invited to meet with David at 5:00pm before the youth have time together.

August is Rally Month at FPC! Come and worship with us as we grow in God's love through acts of learning, music, service, and community! All are welcome on Sunday, August 30, for a special communion worship and congregational lunch after the 11:00 service.

Kid's Club – starts Sunday August 30 from noon-2:00pm.

K- 5th graders plan to join us once a month for faith, food, fun, and friends!

The Session has called a congregational meeting, Sunday, August 23

for the purpose of approving: 1) a slate of 4 Elders for the class of 2029,

2) a slate of three Deacons for the class of 2029, 3) a slate of two Trustees for the Class of 2029, and 4) a slate of four members to serve on the 2027 Nominating Committee.

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 9, 2026

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room GBHB
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH
w/ Blessing of the Backpacks
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 –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH
w/ Blessing of the Backpacks
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church GBHYR
5:00pm-6:30pm PYC GBHB

Monday, August 10, 2026

9:00am –12:00pm FF Teacher work day

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

9:00am –12:00pm FF Teacher work day
10:00am –11:00am Church Staff Meeting GBHLR
5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

9:00am –12:00pm First Friends Open House Meet
the Teachers
9:30am –10:30am Construction Meeting CH
1:30pm –3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH
6:00pm –7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH

Thursday, August 13, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends
11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB
12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon CH

Friday, August 14, 2026

Church Office Closed

Sunday, August 16, 2026

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room GBHB
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
9:30am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church GBHYR
12:15pm-Diaconate Meeting CH

Calendar Legend:

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:

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

Friends and Family:

Family of Charles Trainosky (son of Julie Trainosky),
Wendy Remple (family member of Diann Berry),
Ann Crigler, 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),
Rusty Skinner (Uncle of Lindsay & Thomas Birchfield),
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), Marlene Stark (mother of Lisa Everett),
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, Frances Kyser (friend 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),
David, Jessi, and Emma Grace Hill (friends of Davis Carter), Claudia Fahrner,
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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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
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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