

# Blessed to be Blessing



First Presbyterian Church  
Gideon Blackburn House

June 7, 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

June 7, 2026  
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

*Praeludium in Bb major*

J.S. Bach

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: Jesus, the Good Shepherd leads us to still waters and green pastures.

**People: God gives us strength and help during times of trouble.**

Leader: The Lord provides what we need in all circumstances.

**People: God's grace and guidance surround us all the days of our lives.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 755

*Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

WEISSE FLAGGEN

COMMISSIONING OF THE PARTICIPANTS ON MISSION TRIP WITH AIR GUATEMALA

Karen Madison

David Young

Ashley Connor

Patricia Hacker

Hislina Servin

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (**unison**)

**Merciful God, we confess that too often we blame others for our own failures. We compare ourselves to neighbors instead of focusing on your call to love them. We fail to trust you and overlook opportunities to share kindness. Please forgive our sin. Help us to live the new life that Christ gives to all who trust in him. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Dr. Karl Kling,  
Transitional Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,  
Director of Music

Dr. Lois Lee, pianist

Chancel Choir

Ushers:  
8:30 am:  
Susan Lewis

11:00 am:  
Mary Margaret Cofield  
Jason Duke

Communion  
Preparer:  
David Young

Communion Servers:  
8:30 am:  
Houston Matthews  
James Lee

11:00:  
Erin Cobb  
Nicole Schroer

Lay Liturgist:  
8:30 am:  
Bo Lundy

11:00:  
Melissa Rowe

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.

13  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus healed the sick and forgave those who struggled with failure. Now he forgives your sin and gives you new life. Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: 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

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 basement for Children's Church. Infant and toddler care is available there as needed.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-3

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

#### ANTHEM

*Sing a New Song*  
Chancel Choir

Arr. Mark Schweitzer

*Sing a new song, sing to God with a voice of triumph,  
Make his praises known to all the nations;  
Sing the honor of His name.*

#### SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:8-10

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

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 817 *We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Lamb of God*

Arr. Loyd Larson

\*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

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!**

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FOR ONLINE GIVING

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

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.**

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. Beginning with the Back rows, please come forward by the center aisle. Eat the bread and drink the cup as it is served. Then place your empty cup in the bowls on either side and return to your seats by the side aisles.)

Come, all has been prepared! This is the Feast of God for the People of God.

#### 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 541      *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*      RANDOLPH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION      Dr. Karl Kling

\*POSTLUDE      *Great is Thy Faithfulness*      Arr. Bob Walters



Please join us after the 11:00 service to wish Pastor Karl and Susan Kling our best, until we meet again.

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

**Worship Resources Adapted From:**

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# Leadership at First Presbyterian Church

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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  
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](mailto:admin@fpchsv.org).

### **Church Members:**

Anne Michael Causey  
Eleanor and George Harsh  
Harris Family  
Stephens family and friends  
Daughtry family and friends  
Barbara Martin and Evelyn Hurdle families  
Alice Gardner  
Betty Loeb  
Stella Wilson  
Sandra Stewart  
Frances Byrd  
Anne Whitfield  
Bob Monroe  
Ed Green  
Becky Buckner  
Alicia Beam  
Charlie Watkins  
Barbara (Bonny) Morris  
Cay Lambert

### **Friends and Family:**

Rusty Skinner-Uncle of Lindsay & Thomas Birchfield  
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  
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  
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)  
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

## May 3- May 10

### **Sunday, June 7, 2026**

HOLY COMMUNION

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 Class GBH Living RM

9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers JAH

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-1:00pm Farewell Reception GBH

### **Monday, June 8, 2026**

5:30pm –6:30pm Mission and Evangelism Meeting CH

### **Tuesday, June 9, 2026**

10:00am –11:00am Church Staff Meeting GBH Living Room

5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

### **Wednesday, June 10, 2026**

7:00am –8:00am Men's Bible Study CH

9:30am –10:30am Construction Meeting FH

### **Thursday, June 11, 2026**

11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB

12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon CH

### **Friday, June 12, 2026**

Church office closed

### **Sunday, June 14, 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 Class GBH Living RM

9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers JAH

9:45am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH

11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH

11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church GBH Youth Room

#### 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

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.



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PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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