

First Presbyterian Church
June 20, 2021

I believe



**What We Mean
When We Affirm Our Faith**

WELCOME

June 20, 2021

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Thank you for joining us for worship.

We ask that you follow the CDC's recommendation of wearing a mask if you are not fully vaccinated.

Child Care during worship is open for young children in Room 110/111 in Education Wing.

If you need assistance in finding the room, please ask an usher.

This service can be heard on 98.1 FM radio or viewed at fpchsv.org.

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Come Holy Spirit

W. GAITHER/BOCK

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather this day to remember that the Holy Spirit is at work.

Many: **Light pierces the darkness.**

One: Love calms fear.

Many: **Joy chases away sadness.**

One: Hope lifts up despair.

Many: **Peace disarms anger.**

One: Kindness dances around hostility.

Many: **Music sings away troubles.**

One: The Holy Spirit is at work!

Many: **Let us worship the triune God together!**

***OPENING PRAYER**

***OPENING HYMN 395 *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word* LIEBSTER JESU**

In worship a congregation is called to listen to God and to respond in faith and prayer. The Call to Worship states our intention to make this worship time solely about the Lord God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your law shows the way of righteousness, but we forsake your commandments. We have not provided for the poor or aided the disabled. We have not been truthful in our daily business; we have been unjust in our judgment of others. We have sought vengeance against our enemies; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins and rouse us to sincere repentance. By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us to live as your holy people with Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

KYRIE

HOPSON

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, the God who judges us has been made known in Jesus Christ, who died for our sake. The Good News of the Gospel is this: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and through the work of the Holy Spirit we are made new.

Many: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

*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.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering

1 PETER 3:13-22

Confession acknowledges that we are not worthy of the gift of Christ's coming into the world. And yet, because of God's great love, we are granted mercy and grace.

Want to learn more about the Scripture used in worship this week? Listen to our podcast Rocket City Lift! Found on iTunes, Spotify, Sound Cloud, and Google Play.

**Those who are able, please stand*

should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

I Will Sing with The Spirit

Chancel Choir

JOHN RUTTER

*I will sing with the spirit, alleluia!
And I will sing with the understanding also: alleluia.
I will sing with the spirit, alleluia!*

SECOND LESSON

JOHN 14:15-20

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SERMON

"I Believe: Creeds and Confessions: Spirit"
The Rev. Brett Gudeman

SILENT MEDITATION

There is a time of silent meditation after the sermon. During this time, you might ask yourself, "From what I've heard and experienced during worship today, what do I believe God wants me to do or be? Is God inviting me to change in any way?"

**Those who are able, please stand*

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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

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

I Know In Whom I Have Believed

MARY MCDONALD

Haley Flemons, soprano

*I know not why God's wondrous grace to me He has made known,
Nor why unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for His own.
But I know in whom I have believed; and I know whose grace I have
received,*

*And I know that He will keep me safe with Him until the day
He comes again. I know not how this saving faith to me He did impart,
Nor why believing in His Word wrought peace within my heart.
But I know in whom I have believed; and I know whose grace I have
received,*

*And I know that He will keep me safe with Him until the day He comes again.
I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noonday fair;
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him, or meet Him in the air!
But I know in whom I have believed; and I know whose grace I have
received,
And I know that He will keep me safe with Him until the day He comes again.
He will keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day!*

In response to the Word, prayers are offered. In these prayers, we acknowledge God's presence in the world and in daily life. We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. God sent Jesus who died for it. God is working to lead the world toward the new future God has planned for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as wide as God's love and as specific as God's tender compassion for the least among us. (From the Common Book of Worship, 1993)

*Those who are able,
please stand

**WORSHIP
LEADERSHIP:**

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Brett Gudeman, Associate Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker, Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee, Pianist/Organist

Kathy Gillmore, Director of Christian Education

Haley Flemons

Chancel Choir

Liturgists:
8:30 am- Fred Stucky
11:00 am- Anne Dillon

Ushers:
8:30 am- Glen Adams, Barbara Rahrer, Sandra Valley
11:00 am- Jerry Gattis, Roy and Marilyn McCorkle

Video and Sound:
Mike Hyatt, Tom Stroud,
Brian Bulger, Jeff Hyatt, Dave Young

**Those who are able,
please stand*

***DOXOLOGY 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*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**

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

***HYMN 702**

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *May the Love of the Lord*
Chancel Choir

SOON TI

May the love of our 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**

Get All Excited/He is so Great

BUDDY LAWSON

Worship Resources Adapted From:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org
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FELLOWSHIP CAMP

Join Us at Camp Maranatha for a Weekend of Fun and Fellowship!

August 6-August 8



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GREEK 101



GREEK WORDS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

A New Sermon Series Beginning
June 27, 2021

SAVE THE DATES
COME AND LEARN MORE ABOUT
OUR CHURCH!

New Member Class

JULY 11, 18, & 25
AT 9:45 A.M.

Intergenerational

Summer Series

Sunday School Class for All Ages

Welcome All: The Big Table- June 20
9:30 am - 10:30 am
Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

June 20-June 27

Sunday June 20, 2021

8:30 am Worship Service SAN

9:30 am - 10:30 am Summer Intergenerational Series- Welcome All: God's Big Table FH

9:30 am - 10:30 am Charles Danner Seminar Zoom & LIB

9:30 am - 10:30 am Comrades Sunday School Room 106

11:00 am Worship Service SAN

Monday, June 21, 2021

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Vacation Bible School

7:00 pm PYC Concert in the Park

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

7:00 am - 8:00 am Men's Bible Study FH & Zoom

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Vacation Bible School

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry LIB

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice CR

Thursday, June 24, 2021

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Vacation Bible School

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Prayer Group Zoom

Sunday June 27, 2021

8:30 am Worship Service SAN

9:30 am - 10:30 am Charles Danner Seminar Zoom & LIB

11:00 am Worship Service SAN

Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room

LIB - Library

CH - Carriage House (GBH)

SAN - Sanctuary

CER - Christian Ed Resource
upstairs

SMR - Stephen Ministry Room
(GBH)

CR - Choir Room

Green- Children's program

FH - Fellowship Hall

Yellow- Youth program

GBH - Gideon Blackburn House

Red- Adult program

HR - Historical Room

Blue- Music

JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)



First Presbyterian is a Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

We welcome you as a participant in worship today. We pray that you will find this service meaningful. Worship is but one of the many ministries of First Presbyterian Church.

If you would like to receive our Weekly E-News, please send your name and email address to communications@fpchsv.org.

FLOWER GUILD HONORS AND MEMORIALS
The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God.



Worship of the Living God is not confined to one place or time. We encourage you to take this bulletin home and use it to guide you in private moments of worship for the next week.

Discuss: How have you seen the Spirit at work in the world and in your life?

Read:
Monday- Luke 21:29-36
Tuesday- Luke 21:37-22:13
Wednesday- Luke 22:14-23
Thursday- Luke 22:24-30
Friday- Luke 22:31-38
Saturday- Luke 22:39-51

Pray: Pray that you would have eyes to see the Spirit's work, and ears to discern the Spirit's call in your life.

MUSIC MINISTRY

AT FPCHSV

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**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

GROW IN FAITH
AT FPCHSV

Chancel Choir Practice

Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.

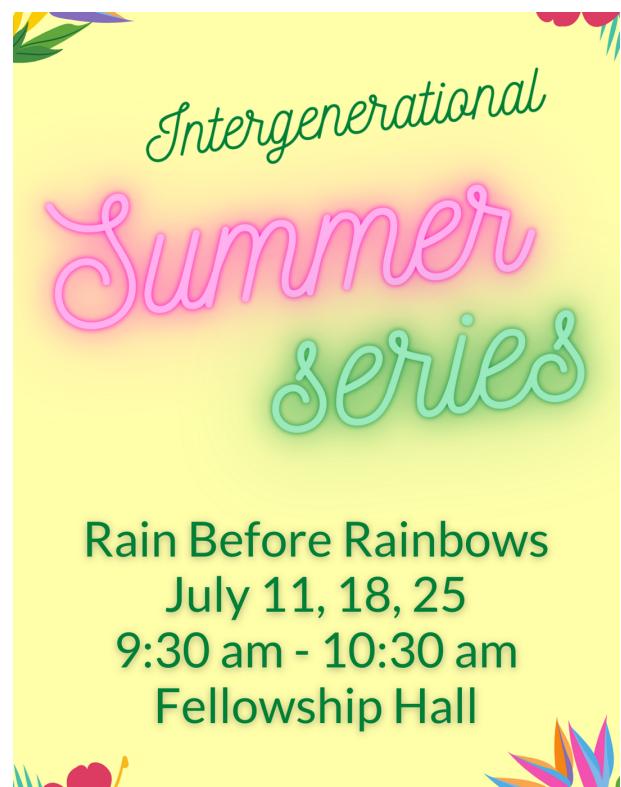
Sundays 8:00 am and 10:30 a.m.

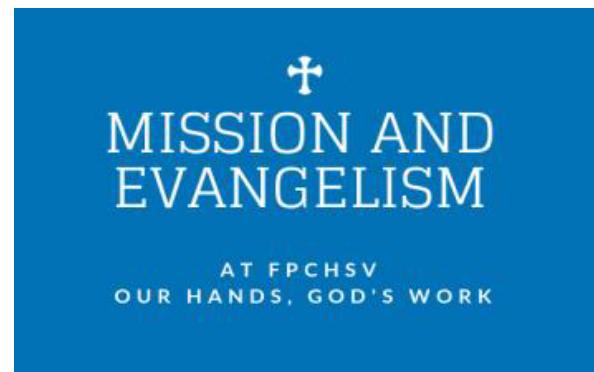
*Please note Oakwood donations
will be collected until the end of
June.*

Vacation Bible School 2021

Children! Join us as Knights of North Castle, June 21 - 24, 9:00 a.m. - Noon. We'll sing, dance, craft, play games, and learn about the Armor of God! All children entering PreK (4 years old by 9/1/2021) through entering 5th grade are welcome. Register [HERE](#) or on our website on the Registration tab.

VBS at Home! If you cannot attend this year, sign up for our "At Home" kit to experience VBS with your family and friends at home, in a smaller group, and at a time of your choosing. Register [HERE](#) or on our website on the Registration tab.





Mission of the Year 2021

The Backpack Ministry is an ongoing mission opportunity. About 20 kits are taken weekly and discreetly provided to need-identified children on Friday afternoons.

How Can I Help?

We will need one group a week to make food bags. The work will be done in a classroom on the second floor of GBH, which is accessible by elevator. Register [**HERE**](#) or on our website on the Missions tab. You may also help by:

- Donating specific foods from the list below
- Place food in the Food Pantry Box.
- Donate money to purchase food.
- Volunteer to deliver the food packs to AAA.
- Pray for AAA and the Back Pack Ministry

For more info please email karenmadison@comcast.net.

Backpack Ministry Shopping List:

- Juice Boxes - 100% juice, 6.75 oz
- Fruit Cups - 4 oz
- Breakfast Cereal - single serve boxes
- Shelf stable milk - single serve boxes
- Single Serve Poptop Entrees, such as
 - Macaroni and Cheese
 - Chicken and Rice with Vegetables
 - Chef Boyardee pasta meals

Hands on Volunteer Opportunity

We are proud to be providing dinner for 150 people at the Village of Promise summer program on June 28. We have multiple opportunities for you to get involved.

Sunday 6/27-4:00-5:30 at the church kitchen for food preparation

Monday 6/28-3:30-4:30 for warming and packing up the food, **4:30-6:30** for delivering, serving, and clean up at VOP

Please contact Nancy Lundy nlundy@knology.net to sign up.

June Mission of the Month

The Good Samaritans ministry was established out of a need in Huntsville, Alabama, to minister to the homeless. There are many organizations available to provide food and essentials, but this group meets the people on their home turf. Besides providing food, clothing, and necessities for daily life, they listen to their friends and build relationships with them.

This month, we have two ways to support them. Donations of comfort items for the hot summer months (listed below) should be brought to the church and placed in the [Historical Room](#). Additionally, monetary donations may be made by writing a check to FPC with “Good Samaritans” written in the memo section. The deadline for this collection will be June 30, 2021.

They have expressed great appreciation for the support and prayers of First Presbyterian. In addition, if you would like to give money to Good Samaritans, you may do that through the church.

ITEMS NEEDED

For Good Samaritans



- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick
- Collapsible water bottles
- UV sunglasses
- Hats
- Bandanas
- Anti-fungal foot powder
- Antibiotic cream
- bandaids
- Allegry medications--small bottles
- Tylenol and Ibuprofen--small bottles
- Hairbrushes
- Deodorant--full size
- Bars of soap
- Washcloths
- Shampoo--small bottles
- Deodorant--full size
- Bars of soap
- Washcloths
- Shampoo--small bottles
- \$10 gift cards to McDonalds, Burger King, Subway, Dairy Queen, Sonic

Our Hands, God's Work
Mission at FPCHSV

PRAYER LIST

To add a prayer request, please visit our website

To remove a prayer request, please email communications@fpchsv.org

New prayer requests are in bold print

In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Dr. Bulger at 256-655-1818

Church Members:

Tish Hammer and family
Joanne Horn and family
Mickey Childers
Dot Miree
Linda McAllister
Mary Darsey
LaRhue Johnson
Nan McBride
Ginny Bouldin
Barbara (Bonny) Morris
Cay Lambert
Mary Lou Danner

Friends and Family:

Terry McHugh- brother-in-law of Betty and Ed Green
Linda Edwards-Hamlett – friend of Marilyn Schild
John Bolton- son of Bill and Miriam Bolton
Kristi Herbert - friend of Sharon Hudson
Friend of Lisa Stephens
Lively Family
Carol Salter- friend of Tish Hammer
Sandy Kagan - daughter of Betty Dunaway
Shirley Forbes
Josh Saliba - nephew of Donna and John Basore
Marcos Servin - brother-in-law of Patricia Hacker
Calvin Ronald Dahl - nephew of Peggy Galloway
Caitlin Greiner - granddaughter of Cay Lambert
Jack Bolton - grandson of Bill and Miriam Bolton
John and Maryetta Bitzer - friends of Peggy and Dave Galloway
Family of Pat Golley
Kathy Winfree - sister of Bill Bolton
Pat Richeson - friend of Glen Adams
Stella Fair - sister of David Galloway
Beverlee Leo - mother of Lori Smith
Scott Sedlitz - stepson of Annewhite Fuller
Leigh Vincent - friend of Linda and Woodward Howard
Paige Olmo - daughter of Paula Weider
Sean Larkin - friend of Linda Howard and Bryce Connor
Dylan Greiner - son of Cay Lambert
Dale Brown - brother of Doug Brown
Nell Pike - mother of Charlie Pike
Rachel Beard - friend of Tam Bevel

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:

Carlotta Gattis (Whitesburg Gardens)
Kathleen Perry (Valley View)
Dolly Shuey (WBC @ Magnolia Trace)
Jean Walker (Regency)

The Church:

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger and her family
The Rev. Brett Gudeman and his family
First Presbyterian Church, the Session, the Board of Deacons, the North Alabama Presbytery, and for all the church staff
NAP seminary student Joe Lundy (First, Huntsville).

Military & International:

All those serving in the armed forces; particularly ENS Connor Howard, U.S. Navy Flight School

Our Nation: President Biden, Vice President Harris, and all who govern our nation

First Presbyterian Missions & Ministries:

Appalachia Service Project (ASP)
Good Samaritans
International Missionary Fellowship (HaitiHospital.org)
The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center
The Presbyterian Home for Children
Second Mile Preschool
The CUP program
Camp Maranatha
Mission Aviation Fellowship

Other Prayers:

Let us pray for all those struggling with health and economic hardship during this pandemic. Let us also pray for communities as they express the deep hurt they feel, as well as for safety and peace for all.

Leadership at First Presbyterian Church

Ministry Team and Staff

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Dr. Lois K Lee, *Organist/Pianist*

ELDERS:

Class of 2021

Andrew Bevel, Mission and Outreach Committee
Al Steenwyk, Worship Committee
Angela Rawls, Finance Committee
Mary Adams, Christian Education Committee

Class of 2022

Bob Frank Smith, Christian Education Committee
Vicky Goodwin, Mission and Outreach Committee
Lori Smith, Worship Committee
Brian Clayton, Finance Committee

Class of 2023

Janis Williams, Christian Education Committee
David Young, Worship Committee
Jeff Hyatt, Mission and Evangelism Committee
Ryan Parker, Finance Committee

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Class of 2021

Willie Anderson, Care Committee
Marilyn McCorkle, Hospitality Committee
Karen Clayton, Fellowship Committee

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Rob Wermuth, Care Committee
Dale Gillmore, Hospitality Committee
Patrick Rentz, Fellowship Committee

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Susie Conard, Care Committee
Marshall Corlew, Hospitality Committee
Allison Peters, Fellowship Committee

TRUSTEES:

Class of 2021

Dag Rowe
Gary Tucker

Class of 2022

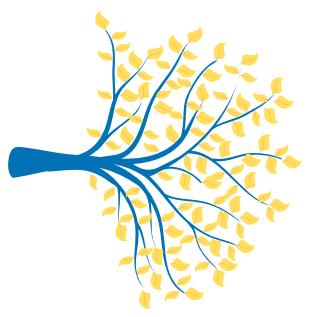
Wayne Bonner
Doug Madison

Class of 2023

Lucinda Schreeder
John Wessel

Presbyterian Women

Patty Conley, Moderator



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