



First Presbyterian Church

July 12, 2026

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Redeeming God, you come to us in Christ to rescue us from captivity
and lead us in peace. Guide us by the wisdom of the cross,
and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness. 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.
- Children of all ages are a welcome blessing in worship! Children are invited to come forward during *Jesus Loves Me* for a message and prayer. Children may then go to the Youth Room in GBH for Children's Church. Nursery care is available anytime between 8:15 am and 12:00 pm for infants and toddlers in the Youth Room of GBH as needed. Children's Ministry Assistants are available for assistance.
- If you would like to give your offering via credit card, please scan the QR code.



July 12, 2026

8:30am and 11:00am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

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.

Prelude

Trumpets of Praise

Matt Limbaugh

*Call to Worship

One: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

All: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

One: Blessed are those who hunger for justice,

All: for they will be filled.

One: Blessed are the pure in heart,

All: for they will see God.

One: Blessed are the peacemakers,

All: for they will be called children of God.

One: Blessed are we when we gather to hear God's Word,

All: for we will be nurtured and sustained!

Let us live to be a blessing; Let us worship God!

*Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

Call to Confession

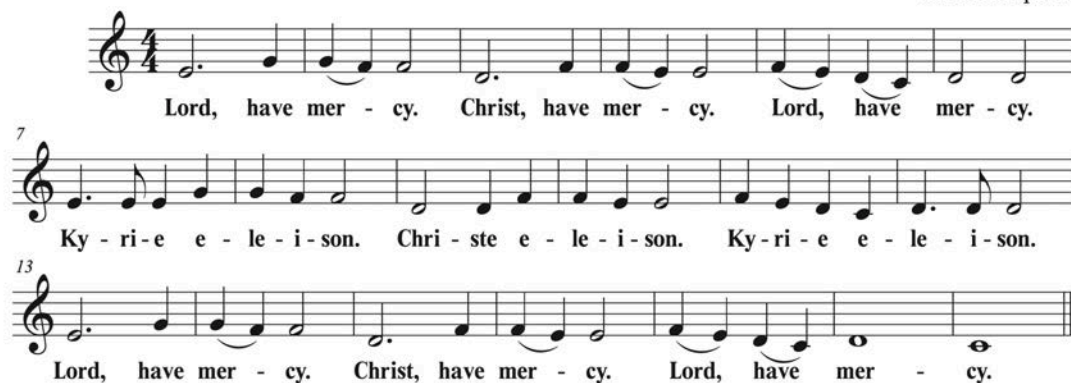
Prayer of Confession

Surprising God, you have made foolish the wisdom of the world, teaching that the meek shall inherit the earth and heaven belongs to those who suffer for the sake of justice. But we cling to the values of this world, things that enhance our status but cheat our souls. We seek comfort in simple answers and easy outs. We disregard the marginalized and mock weakness, forgetting that Christ lifted up the lowly and made a home among the vulnerable. God of blessing, reorient our hearts and renew our minds, so that we might act with justice, practice kindness, and walk humbly with you. (A time for 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 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.*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Time for Young Disciples

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 available there as needed.

*Hymn 59

*The Steadfast Love of the Lord
(please sing twice)*

PSALM 105

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph,
Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois Lee, pianist

Chancel Choir

Ushers:

8:30 am:

Marilyn McCorkle
Joyce Stephens

11:00 am:

Patty Frierson
Jim Slate

Lay Liturgist:

8:30:

Roy McCorkle

11:00:

Anne Dillon Loflin

Communion Preparer:

Dave Young

Communion Servers:

8:30

Dave Young

11:00:

Erin Cobb,
Dave Young

Video and Sound:

Tom Stroud

Dave Young

Maxwell R. Carter

**Those who are
able, please stand.*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1-8, NRSV

Anthem

Laudamus Te

A. Vivaldi

Elizabeth Wright and Patricia Hacker

*Laudamus te,
Benedicimus te
Adoramus te,
Glorificamus te.*

*We Praise Thee Lord,
We give blessing to Thee,
We adore the Lord,
We glorify The name.*

New Testament Reading

Matthew 5:1-12, NRSV

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Blessed to be Children of God”

Silent Meditation



Louise and Nathan Degrafinried

Affirmation of Faith

The Christ Hymn

Philippians 2:5-11, NRSV

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Arr. John Innes

*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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Sharing of the Bread and Cup by Intinction

*Beginning with the back rows, please walk down the center aisle.
Take the bread, dip it in the cup, and eat. Return to your seat by the side aisles.
Please let an usher know if you would like a server to come to you.*

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 80

You Shall Go Out with Joy

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Benediction

O Christ Surround Me

GREEN TYLER

*God, be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to move my voice;
God be the strength to now uphold me; O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

Postlude

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Robert Lowry

*"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
the doors and opens a safe place in the name of Jesus. The Lord says **ALL ARE WELCOME!**"*

Things Happening in the Life of the Church

Sunday School happens between the two services. Speak with Kathy Gillmore to learn more.

GoodTimers 2.0 goes to the Damson Classic Car Museum on July 23.

Youth Group is headed to the Botanical Gardens on July 14, RSVP to Anne Dillon Loflin

Chancel Choir starts July 15 in John Allan Hall, speak with Patricia Hacker if interested in joining.

Congratulations to Sierra and Conner Jones (and big brother Charlie Joseph)
on the arrival of their daughter/sister, Cameron Shields Jones, on July 6th!

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 12, 2026

Sacrament of Communion

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room GBHB

8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH

8:45am –9:30am Children's Church GBHYR

9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar GBHLR

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

9:45am –10:30am Interger Summer Faith GBHYR

10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH

11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH

11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church GBHYR

5:30pm –7:30pm Session Meeting FH

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

11:00am –12:00pm Church Staff Meeting GBHLR

12:00pm –1:00pm Program Quarterly Meeting

5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

6:45pm –8:00pm PYC Botanical Gardens

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

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

1:30pm –3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH

7:00pm –8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH

Thursday, July 16, 2026

11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB

12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon CH

Friday, July 17, 2026

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room GBHB

8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH

8:45am –9:30am Children's Church GBHYR

9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar GBHLR

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CH- Carriage House (GBH)

FH- Fellowship Hall

GBH- Gideon Blackburn House

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Basement

HR- Historical Room

JAH- John Allan Hall (GBH)

GBHLR- Gideon Blackburn House
Living Room

GBHYR- Gideon Blackburn House
Youth Room

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:

Anne Michael Causey, Eleanor and George Harsh, 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, Sheree Adams, Family of Brian Weems (brother of Sharon Hudson)

Friends and Family:

Friends and family of Bettie Lewter, Ashley McCrary, friend of Leigh Brown, Rusty Skinner-Uncle of Lindsay & Thomas Birchfield, Charles Johnson- friend of Bo and Nancy Lundy, 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, 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, Patty Monnett- friend of Katy Bryan

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:

Hoyt Harris (Brookdale), Cay Lambert (Huntsville Health & Rehab), Annwhite 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, Allen Pepper



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