



First Presbyterian Church

July 19, 2026

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Merciful God, you remind us through Scripture that you desire mercy and not sacrifice. You showed us an example of your mercy in the life and actions of Jesus Christ. Let your church live out that mercy for others, as the healing and compassionate presence that Jesus was in the world. In his name we gather to pray. 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.

July 19, 2026

8:30am and 11:00am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Please sign in on the pew pads found at the end of each row and share them 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.

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude

God and God Alone

Phill McHugh

*Call to Worship

Matthew 10: 1, 7

One: Jesus Christ summons us to answer God's call of mercy.

**All: Christ gathers us and gives us power to be healed and to heal,
to be forgiven and to forgive,
to be freed from sin and to set others free,
to tell one another and the world:**

One: God's presence is at hand.

All: The Kingdom of Heaven has come near. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 749

Come! Live in the Light

WE ARE CALLED

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of calling, you have called disciples of every generation and given them the strength needed to follow you. You called an entire people out of slavery with care and compassion to live as a light of your abundant love. You also call us, but sometimes we prefer to close our eyes and cover our ears, turning our backs to your will. Forgive us, O God. Grant us the confidence and peace that we need to follow when you call.

(A Time of Silent Confession) **Amen**

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.

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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 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph,
Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois Lee, pianist

Chancel Choir

Ushers:

8:30 am:

Tom & Susie Conard

11:00 am:

Jason Duke

Mary Margaret Cofield

Marian Bevel

Lay Liturgist:

8:30:

Bo Lundy

11:00:

Melissa Rowe

Presenter:

Karen Madison

Video and Sound:

Tom Stroud

Dave Young

Maxwell R. Carter

**Those who are
able, please stand.*

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 35-38, NRSV

Anthem

Come and Follow Me
Chancel Choir

Robert S. Cohen

*Follow, come and follow me, leave all that you have behind,
Follow, come and follow me, all my blessings you will find.
Follow me, I'll show you the way to life,
Let your heart just believe that my peace will end your strife.*

*Follow, come and follow me, see the miracles I do,
Follow, come and follow me, greater things I'll do through you.
Follow me, let your praise my love proclaim,
Come, my true servants be, spread through all the world my name.*

*Follow, come and follow me, let my Spirit lead the way,
Follow, come and follow me, to the Kingdom's brand new day!
Follow me, let my grace your soul renew,
Take by bread, and receive my abundant life in you.
Come follow me.*

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 10:1-15, NRSV

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Come Near

Silent Meditation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

*If you would like to give your offering via credit card,
please scan the QR code.*



Offertory.

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Naida Hern

*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 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM LORD

*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

Healer of Broken Hearts

Georgia Stiffler

*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. Speak with Kathy Gillmore to learn more.

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

Chancel Choir has Wednesday practice. Want to make a joyful noise? Speak with Patricia Hacker.

Save the date for FPC's Blessing of the Backpacks on August 9.

All are welcome to participate in this annual tradition by bringing your backpack to worship.

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room GBH Basement
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

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

10:00am –11:00am Church Staff Meeting GBHLR
11:00am –1:00pm Program Quarterly Meeting
5:30pm –6:30pm CE Committee Meeting CH
5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, July 22, 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 23, 2026

11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group GBH Basement
12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon CH

Friday, July 24, 2026

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 26, 2026

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room GBH Basement
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH
8:45am –9:30am Children's Church GBHYR
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Calendar Legend:

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

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:

family of Bettie Lewter (friend of Bob and Genie Miller), 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 Streecker, 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:

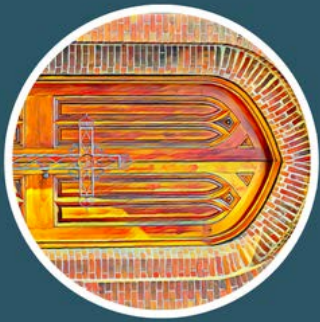
Hoyt Harris (Brookdale), Cay Lambert (Huntsville Health & Rehab), Annewhite Fuller (Whitesburg Gardens)

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, Allen Pepper

Please contact the church office a (256) 536-3354
or via email at admin@fpchsv.org
to make any updates to your prayer request(s).



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