

“Jesus in the Wilderness”



First Sunday in Lent
First Presbyterian Church
Gideon Blackburn House
February 22, 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 throughout the service 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 Room 105 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 Room 205 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,
or listen to sermons later in the week, at:



FOR APPLE



FOR ANDROID

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Jesus came not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for all. Hear and receive the Good News of the Gospel. In 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 THE PEACE

Stephanie Hyatt

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 welcome those who are new to our church community)*

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 Room 205 for Children's Church. Infant and toddler care is available in room 105 as needed.

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*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

A prayer for illumination may be offered before the reading and proclaiming of the scripture. This prayer seeks the illumination of the Holy Spirit and calls upon God to make us receptive to the life-giving Word, which comes to us through the scripture.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM 8:30

I Want to Be Like Jesus

Arr. Tom Fettke

Katie Buckner and Sherry Smith

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

I have one deep, supreme desire that I may be like Jesus.

To this I fervently aspire that I may be like Jesus.

I want my heart His throne to be, so that a watching world may see

His likeness shining forth in me. I want to be like Jesus.

O perfect life of Christ, my Lord! I want to be like Jesus.

My recompense and my reward that I may be like Jesus.

His Spirit fill my hungering soul; His power all my life control.

My deepest prayer, my highest goal that I may be like Jesus.

In my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus.

11:00

How Majestic is Your Name

Mark Patterson

WNL Children's Choir

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the Earth.

You have set your glory high above the heavens;

The lips of children will sing to give you praise.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the Earth.

When I see the heavens, the work of your fingers,

The moon and stars which you have set in place.

O Lord God, I wonder, who am I that you should care for me?

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the Earth.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Rev. Bob Phelps

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP 166 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (**unison**)

THE 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 (**unison**)

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.

We respond to God's word of forgiveness and love by affirming our faith, offering our resources, and singing our praise.

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS OFFERTORY

8:30 *"Are ye able," said the Master* Arr. by Hyun Ahn

11:00 *I Want to Be Like Jesus* Arr. Tom Fettke
Katie Buckner and Sherry Smith

*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

*HYMN of Sending 545 *Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace* LAND OF REST

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Bob Phelps

Leader: And as God's people, we all say

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*POSTLUDE *Standing on the Promises* Arr. Bruce Greer

Want to give your offering via credit card? Scan below.



FOR ONLINE GIVING

Worship Resources Adapted From:

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

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Congregational Meeting

We will select the members of the 2026 Church Nominating Committee.

Two elders: Erin Cobb "Chair"
Nicole Schroer "Session Representative"

Deacons will designate one Deacon

The Nominees for members-at-large are:
Lucinda Schreeder, Glen Adams,
Patty Conley, Bob Frank Smith

TODAY!! **Sunday,**
February 22nd

Following the 11:00 service
John Allan Hall

Faith & Life Class

The Analog Christian

LIVING YOUR FAITH
IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Six Sessions on Keeping Focus
in a World Full of Constant Distractions

analog vs. digital

digital rules

digital failures

why Christ came when he did

embrace the Holy Spirit as a catalyst

avoid society's digital divide

February 22-March 29

analog living in action

10:00-10:30

Carriage House

Goodtimers 2.0

Let's plan the scoop for 2026!!



Seasonal and locally sourced
ice cream from

Big Spoon
CREAMERY

will be provided.

February 26th

2:00 - 3:30

Fellowship Hall



You can learn how to
help in an emergency.

March 1st

9:45-10:15

Choir Room

The more who know, the better for all!

Come learn about ways to assist your fellow
church members/visitors in case of a medical
emergency and get familiar with the medical
equipment available at our church.

All adults welcome to participate.



THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

February 22 - March 1

Sunday, February 22, 2026

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105
 8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH
 8:45am –9:30am Children's Church RM 205
 9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class LIB
 9:30am –10:30am Confirmation Class FH
 9:30am –10:30am LEAD Youth GBH
 9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers BR
 10:00am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
 10:00am –10:30am Combined Children's Sunday School-Lent Special Series 010
 10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal CR
 11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH
 11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
 12:00pm –12:10pm Called Congregational Meeting JAH
 12:15pm –1:30pm Deacon Meeting w/Lunch FH
 5:00pm –6:30pm PYC GBH

Monday, February 23, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
 5:30pm –6:30pm Mission and Evangelism Meeting LIB

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
 9:30am –11:30am First Friends Theater FH
 10:00am –11:00am Church Staff Meeting LIB
 5:30pm –6:30pm CE Committee Meeting Rm 207
 5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

7:00am –8:00am Men's Bible Study FH
 9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
 11:30am –12:30pm Moms at the Well GBH
 1:30pm –3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group LIB
 5:00pm –7:00pm Children's WNL FH
 5:30pm –7:00pm Adult WNL LIB
 7:00pm –8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice CR
 7:00pm –8:00pm PYC Small Groups LIB/GBH

Thursday, February 26, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
 10:15am –10:30am First Friends Chapel FH
 11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group LIB/Zoom
 12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon GBH
 2:00pm –3:30pm Goodtimers 2.0 FH
 5:30pm –7:00pm Maranatha Board Meeting/LIB
 7:00pm –8:30pm PNC Meeting LIB RM 104

Friday, February 27, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Holy Communion
 8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105
 8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH
 8:45am –9:30am Children's Church RM 205
 9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class LIB
 9:30am –10:30am Confirmation Class FH
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 9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers BR
 9:45am –10:15am AED Class History Rm
 10:00am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
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 10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir RM
 11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH
 11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
 5:00pm –6:30pm PYC GBH

Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room (RM 204)	GBH - Gideon Blackburn House
CH - Carriage House (GBH)	HR - Historical Room
CR - Choir Room (RM 201)	JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)
FH - Fellowship Hall	SAN - Sanctuary
LIB - Library (RM104)	

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:

Day and King families
Alice Gardner
Lindsay and Thomas Birchfield and extended family
Michael & Mary Leah Hooker
Fowler family and friends
Joseph & Allison Davis and family
Ida Jo Daughtry
Betty Loeb
Paula Weider
Stella Wilson
Sandra Stewart
Frances Byrd
Anne Whitfield
Bob Monroe
Betty Thompson
Ed Green
Becky Buckner
Alicia Beam
Charlie Watkins
Barbara (Bonny) Morris
Cay Lambert
Amelia Beimrohr

Friends and Family:

Charles Johnson- friend of Bo and Nancy Lundy
Bettie Lewter - friend of Genie and Bob Miller
Liz Goldman - friend of Bruce & Janis Williams.
Roger Holliday- father of Hamilton Holliday
Mary Streecter
Sarah Hankins
Tate Grueling - friend of Harriet Bibb
Jan Thompson- sister of Gail Sparks
Tonya Carano- friend of Bruce & Janis Williams
April Woods- great-niece of Dave & Peggy Galloway
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)
Marlyn Harris (Flemming Farms Memory Care)
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

Leadership at First Presbyterian Church

Ministry Team and Staff

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Dr. Karl Kling, *Transitional Senior Pastor*.....seniorpastor@fpchsv.org
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Ellen DeAngelo, *Director of Finance & Administration*.....finance@fpchsv.org
Kathy Gillmore, *Director of Christian Education*.....dce@fpchsv.org
Dr. Patricia Hacker, *Director of Music*.....music@fpchsv.org
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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
Libby 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

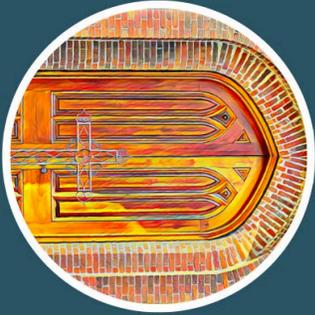
Class of 2028
Mac Martinson
Andy Watson

Pastor Nominating Committee:

Davis Carter
Heath Causey
Woodward Howard
Stephanie Hyatt
James Lee
Barbara Rahrer
Janis Williams

Presbyterian Women

Stella Wilson, Moderator



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