



First Presbyterian Church

October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, you set before us every day a bounty of good things.

Bring us to your feasting table, hungry for your Word,
eager to rebuild the cities you have made, and ready to receive strangers
so that we may rejoice at all times and in all places the peace which is life in you.
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.

October 4, 2026

8:30am and 11:00am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Arr. Douglas Wagner

Words of Welcome

Please sign in on the pew pads found at the end of each row and share those with your neighbor.

*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.*

*Call to Worship

One: You have been summoned to the banquet.

All: This is the feast.

One: You have been called to rejoice!

All: This is the feast of life and light.

One: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

All: We have come to the banquet that has no end.

Alleluia! Let us worship God!

*Hymn 510

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

COME, SHARE THE LORD

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

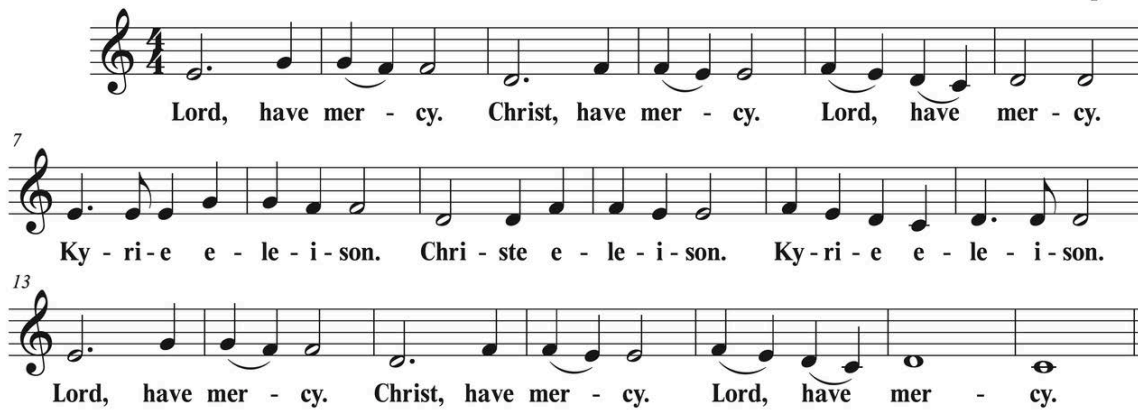
You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come willingly. You beg us to rejoice in life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done, O God. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might rejoice in you.

(A Time of 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 634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory; great things He has done!
So loved He the world that he gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He has done!

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 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Holy Manna

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9, NRSV

Anthem

8:30

All Creatures of Our God and King
Stacy Owens, Flute

Arr. Steve Lancaster

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph,
Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Stacy Owens, flutist

Chancel Choir

Ushers:

8:30 am:

Barbara Rahrer

11:00 am:

Beth Clapp

Jim Slate

Patty Frierson

Mary Margaret Cofield

Lay Liturgist:

8:30:

Bo Lundy

11:00:

Al Steenwyk

Communion Preparer:

David Young

Communion Servers:

8:30:

Nancy Lundy

Bo Lundy

Dave Young

11:00:

Sherry Smith

James Lee

Houston Matthews

Dave Young

Video and Sound:

Tom Stroud

Dave Young

Maxwell R. Carter



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your offering via credit card,
please scan the QR code.

Anthem

11:00

Celtic Communion
Chancel Choir-Stacy Owens, flute

Mark Hayes

*Bread of the World in mercy broken, wine of the Soul in mercy shed,
By Whom the words of life were spoken, and Whose death our sins are dead.
Look at the heart by sorrow broken; look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Your feast to us the token that by Your grace our souls are fed!
Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, One in Three;
Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ within me, Three in One. Amen.*

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:1-9, NRSV

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rejoice in the Lord

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

Offertory.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Stacy Owens, flute

R. Robinson Arr. S. Lancaster

***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.

One: Lift up your hearts.

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

All: And also with you.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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 front rows, please walk down the center aisle.
Take the bread, and 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.*

Congregational Hymn During Communion 507

Come to the Table of Grace

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 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

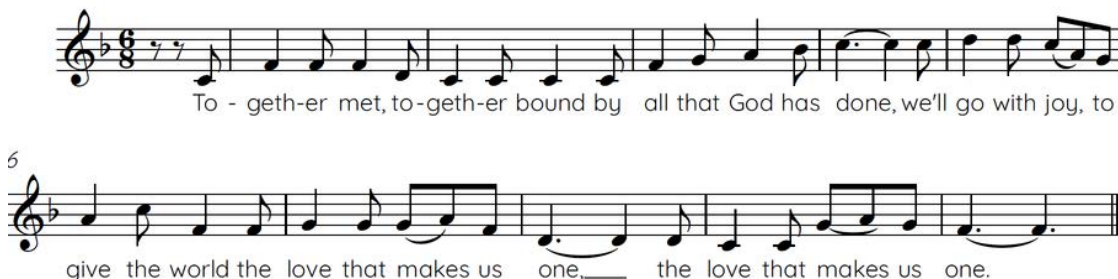
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*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Benediction 515

I Come with Joy (V. 5)

DOVE OF PEACE



Postlude

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Arr. Sue Mitchell -Wallace

*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!"*

Things Happening in the Life of the Church

Children and Youth Sunday School is from 9:30 to 10:30am in GBH Basement.

Join us for hands-on, mission-based classes for preschoolers, elementary students, and youth.
Speak with Kathy Gillmore and Anne Dillon Loflin to learn more.

Volunteers are needed to help get the Sanctuary ready for worship after the 11:00am service on October 11.
Speak with David if you are willing to stick around and help.

FPC returns to the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 18! Worship includes musical guests, the Aeolians, followed by a congregational lunch in JAH. Kids Club meets at 12:45pm for K-5th graders, and childcare is available for our littlest Presbyterians. Join us for an afternoon of faith, fun, friends, and music!

FPC's Book Club meets on Wednesday, October 21 from 5:30-6:30pm. Come and enjoy conversation about our first book, Joyful Anyway, by Kate Bowler. Copies can be ordered online or by calling the church office.

Save the Date for this year's Trunk or Treat in partnership with the Greene Street Market on Thursday, October 29 from 5:00-6:00pm! All are welcome to participate in this fun intergenerational event. Volunteers are needed to sponsor trunks, and candy donations are appreciated. Speak with Kathy for more details.

Goodtimers 2.0 invite you to meet Mr. Lincoln October 13th at 2:00pm in JAH.

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 4, 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
9:30am -10:30am Children and Youth Sunday School GBHB

10:30am -11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
11:00am -12:00pm Worship Service GBH
11:15am -12:00pm Children's Church GBHYR

Monday, October 5, 2026

5:30pm -6:30pm Worship Committee Meeting CH

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

10:00am -11:00am Church Staff Meeting GBHLR
5:30pm -8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

7:00am -8:00am Men's Bible Study CH
9:30am -10:30am Construction Meeting CH
11:30am -12:30pm Moms at the Well Bible Study GBHB

1:30pm -3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH
6:00pm -7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH

Thursday, October 8, 2026

10:15am -10:30am First Friends Chapel Basement Rm 10

11:00am -12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB
12:00pm -1:00pm Al-Anon CH

Friday, October 9, 2026

Church Office Closed

Sunday, October 11, 2026

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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
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

Betty Dunaway
Family of Frances Byrd
Family of Tom Hudson
Thomas Causey
Anne Michael Causey
Eleanor and George Harsh
Alice Gardner
Stella Wilson
Sandra Stewart
Anne Whitfield
Bob Monroe
Ed Green
Becky Buckner
Alicia Beam
Charlie Watkins
Barbara (Bonny) Morris
Sheree Adams
Virginia Bailey

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.
All those serving in the armed forces;
LT Connor Howard, U.S. Navy Pilot
Allen Pepper

Friends and Family

Karen Farrell (friend of Katy Bryan)
Jim Davenport (father of Drew Davenport)
David and Claire Bailey (family of Harald Bailey)
Family of Moon Soon Kwak (Lois Lee's father)
Sam Eidt (friend of Ed and Betty Green)
James Neely (grandson of Serena Neely)
Wendy Remple (family member of Diann Berry)
Joan Mitchell and family (grandmother of Mitch Carroll)
Harper Grace Rice (daughter of Mindy and Alan Nettles)
Randy Miller (friend of the Lee family)
Ashley McCrary (friend of Leigh Brown)
Family of Bettie Lewter (friend of Bob and Genie Miller)
Roger Holliday (father of Hamilton Holliday)
Mary Streeter
Sarah Hankins
Tate Grueling (friend of Harriet Bibb)
Jan Thompson (sister of Gail Sparks)
Misty Short Anderson and family and friends
Maggie Day & Josie (cousins of George Harsh)
The Wilmer Family (friends of Katy Bryan)
Chet Johnston (friend of Frederick Wessel)
Melinda Thompson (daughter of Mary Edith Thompson)
Rob Klouw & Katherine Randall (friends of Rachel Harrod)
Family and friends of Maxwell Carter
Kyser family (friends of Tam Bevel & Judy Howard)
Deborah Lamb (family member of the Huarotos)
Nathan Harsh Brown Chitty (cousin of George Harsh)
Bennie Jacks (friend of George & Eleanor Harsh)
Grant Adams (brother of Glen Adams)
Emily Neely (daughter-in-law of Serena Neely)
Patty Monnett (friend of Katy Bryan)
Marie Mitchell (mother of Libby Smith)
Antony Leo (brother of Lori Smith)
Claudia Fahrner
David, Jessi, & Emma Grace Hill (friends of Davis Carter)
Hislena Servin (sister of Patricia Hacker)

Leadership at First Presbyterian Church

Ministry Team and Staff

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Rev. J. David Randolph, *Senior Pastor*.....david@fpchsv.org
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Kathy Gillmore, *Director of Christian Education*.....dce@fpchsv.org
Dr. Patricia Hacker, *Director of Music*.....music@fpchsv.org
Dr. Lois K. Lee, *Organist/Pianist*
Anne Dillon Loflin, *Youth Director*.....youth@fpchsv.org
Kristin Pepper, *Administrative Assistant*.....admin@fpchsv.org
Gary Whited, *Facilities Coordinator*.....facilities@fpchsv.org

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- Chair, Session
Nicole Schroer- Session
Lucinda Shreeder
Glen Adams
Patty Conley
Bob Frank Smith
Jenny Schreeder- Deacons

Presbyterian Women:
Stella Wilson, Moderator

