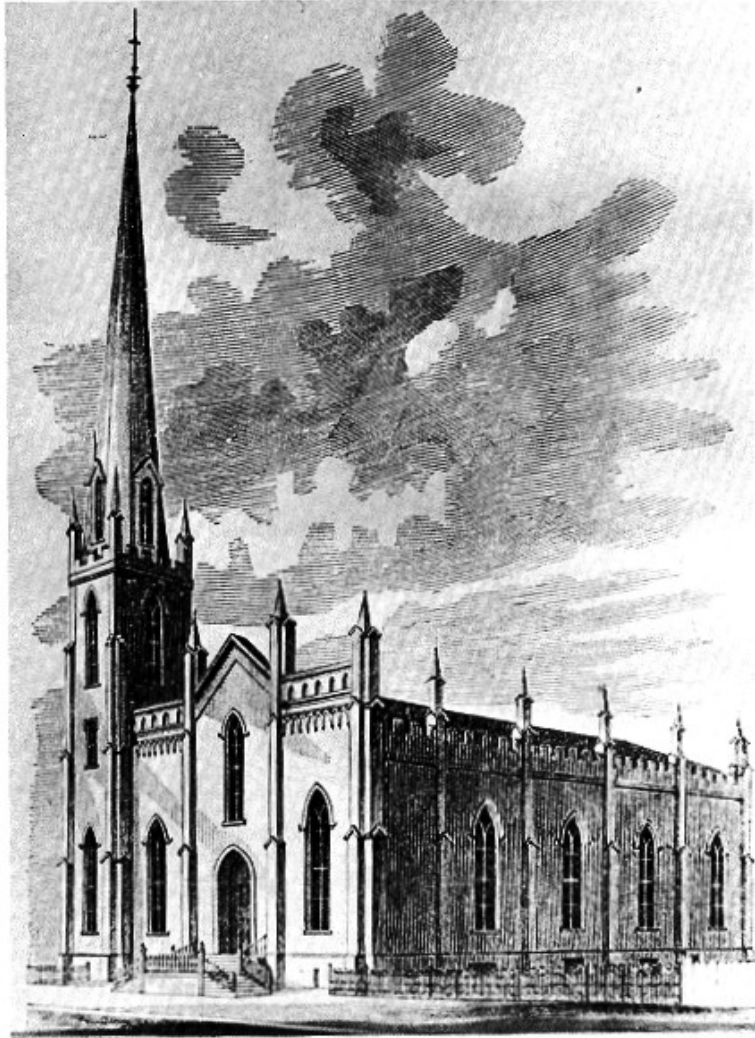


Christ the Cornerstone



First Presbyterian Church

September 14, 2025

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 Rooms 105 and 106 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.
- We use the following icons to include our early and non-readers in worship participation. We invite you to point these out to children you may worship with and help engage them in the worship service.



PRAYER



SPEAKING



BIBLE



MUSIC



COMMUNION



OFFERING



BAPTISM

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

WELCOME

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *Sonata for Harpsichord* Edwin McLean

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Leader: Let us worship God.



*OPENING PRAYER



*HYMN 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

We celebrate the baptism of Robert Franklin Smith III (Bo), son of Robert Franklin Smith Jr. and Peyton Smith.



Hymn of Baptism 188 *Jesus Loves Me*

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Our Gracious God, you call us to excellence, but there are times when we don't give you our best. You want our decisions to reflect your love, but too often we focus on ourselves. We trust in our own desires rather than loving you and our neighbors. In Christ, have mercy on us and forgive our sin. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Dr. Karl Kling,
Transitional Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee,
Piano/Organ
Daniel Lee, oboe

Chancel Choir

Liturgists:
8:30 am -
Stephanie Hyatt

11:00 am -
Stephanie Hyatt

Ushers:
8:30 am-
Courtney, John &
Harper Allen

11:00 am-
Patty Frierson, Jim
Slate & Clinton Wann

Acolyte:
Cora Davis

Video and Sound:
Tom Stroud
Dave Young
Maxwell R. Carter

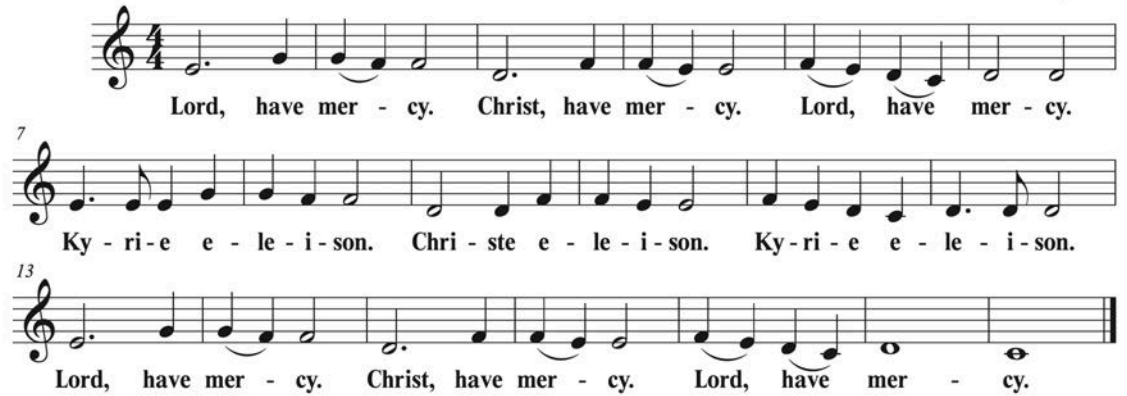
**Those who are
able, please stand*



KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Friends, the prophet Joel promises that everyone who opens their heart and calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. 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.*

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.

*THE PASSING OF PEACE

Dr. Kling



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 rooms 105 and 106 as needed.

*Those who are able,
please stand



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



FIRST LESSON

Psalm 118: 22-26

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.



Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM
8:30

Oboe Concerto in C Major-Allegro Spiritoso
Daniel Lee, oboe

J. Haydn

11:00

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Chancel Choir

Dale Wood

*Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the Head and Cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With Thy wonted loving kindness
Hear Thy servants as they pray,
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.*

*Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
While unending ages run.*

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.

**Those who are able, please stand*



SECOND LESSON

Matthew 16: 13-17

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!



PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Dr. Kling

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION



Hymn 361

O Christ, the Great Foundation
(VERSES 1, 2, 4)

AURELIA

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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



*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.



PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

8:30

I'm Pressing on the Upward Way

C.H. Gabriel

11:00

Oboe Concerto in C Major-Allegro Spiritoso

J. Haydn

Daniel Lee, oboe



*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 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Let Us Now Depart
Chancel Choir

Lee Hasting Bristol

*Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus.
Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts.
Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties.
Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of Thee. Amen.*

*POSTLUDE

Scherzo

Gaston M. Dethier

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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**Those who are able, please stand*

Register Now for the Fall Semester

Sep 10 - Nov 19

5:00 - 7:00

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE



Preschool Bible & Color Handbells
Children's Bible & Children's Choir
Children sing in worship Oct 19
Christmas Pageant at 11:00 Dec 14
Youth Dinner & Small Groups
Adult Class



Scan for more info or to register!

Goodtimers 2.0

Join
The Goodtimers 2.0 for an afternoon
filled with Presbyterian Church history
and music by Anne Dillon Loflin.

Gather with friends
old and new!

Contact the church
office to RSVP.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
2:00 - 4:00 PM



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL



We are excited to announce the Kirkín O' The Tartans worship service will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 26, at the 11:00 worship service. For those of you who are new to our church, this service is a celebration of unity for all, in honor of our Scottish heritage of Presbyterianism. We will give thanks for the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church and celebrate the history of the Christian faith throughout the world. There will be a procession of clan tartan flags, led by the stirring sound of a bagpiper. Those who want to present their country flag, if not a member of a clan, you may raise your flag when your country is called. As the Scots' Confession professes, we worship one God alone and believe in our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All members, visitors, and our Huntsville community are invited to celebrate with us!

Contact Peggy Galloway plgalloway@aol.com or Sharron Abernethy abernes@uah.edu for more information.

TODAY!!!

PKC

FOR 3RD - 5TH
GRADERS

Sep 14

NOON - 2:00

adorable

Meet
Stephanie Hyatt's
rabbits

pets!

Includes
Lunch



register here



Watercolor painting
too!

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

September 14- September 21

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105/106
 8:30am –9:30am Worship Service SAN
 8:45am –9:30am Children's Church RM 205
 9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class LIB
 9:30am –10:30am LEAD Youth GBH
 9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers BR
 10:00am –10:30am Connect 4th & 5th RM 012
 10:00am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class JAH
 10:00am –10:30am Holy Moly K- 3rd RM 010
 10:00am –10:30am Peepers SS (Preschool) RM 108/109
 10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir RM
 11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service SAN
 11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
 12:00pm –2:00pm PKC FH
 1:00pm - PYC Off Site
 5:30pm - session meeting

Monday, September 15, 2025

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

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

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 –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

7:00am –8:00am Men's Bible Study FH
 9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
 9:30am –10:30am Construction Meeting RM 104 LIB
 1:30pm –3:00pm Pray Shawl Group Rm 104 LIB
 5:00pm –7:00pm WNL Fall Semester
 5:30pm - 6:30pm WNL Adult Class JAH
 7:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Small Groups
 7:00pm –8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice CR

Thursday, September 18, 2025

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
 10:15am –10:30am First Friends Chapel SAN
 11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group LIB/Zoom
 12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon GBH
 2:00pm –4:00pm Goodtimers 2.0 Presbyterian Heritage FH
 3:00pm –7:00pm Greene Street Market

Friday, September 19, 2025

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
 8:30-1:30 - Church office open

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105/106
 8:30am –9:30am Worship Service SAN
 8:45am –9:30am Children's Church RM 205
 9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class LIB
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 12:00pm –1:00pm Confirmation Youth & Mentor Lunch FH
 5:00pm - 6:30pm PYC CH/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

New prayer requests are in bold print.

In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Dr. Kling at seniorpastor@fpchsv.org.

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:

Stewart Family
Bob Frank Smith and family
Coats family
Frances Byrd
Anne Whitfield
Bob Monroe
Mindy Nettles
Betty Thompson
Richard McElveen
Ed Green
Maxwell R. Carter and family
Becky Buckner
Alicia Beam
Paul Buxton
Janice Fowler
Charlie Watkins
Ted Buckner
Ted Paludan
Barbara (Bonny) Morris
Cay Lambert
Jan Nickoloff
Carol Cotney
Amelia Beimrohr

Friends and Family:

Gayla McKinney Plott-friend of Bruce & Janis Williams
Marlene Stark - mother of Lisa Everett
Paige Olmo - daughter of Paula Weider
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
Patricia Edmondson - friend of Bruce & Janis Williams
Amber Barker
Brian Cain
John Kirk & family
Mike Moore

Family of Mike Galant - friends of Maxwell R. Carter
David Barnes - friend of Maxwell R. Carter
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
Vickie Boone - friend of Nancy Lundy
Mr. Bookout - friend of Ron & Lisa Stephens
Jared Cantrell - cousin of Maxwell R. Carter
Mr. Wade - friend of Ron & Lisa Stephens
Nathan Harsh Brown Chitty - cousin of George Harsh
Jean Hindman - friend of George & Eleanor 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
Nancy Neely Harris - sister of Mary Margaret Cofield
Mike & Linda Davis - parents of Joseph Davis
Fred Applegate - friend of Katy Bryan
Marie Mitchell - mother of Libby Smith
Antony Leo - brother of Lori Smith
Charles Trainosky - grandson of Charlie Watkins
Grant Adams - brother of Glen Adams
The Zapototskyi Family - FPC's sponsored Ukrainian family
David, Jessi, and Emma Grace Hill-friends of Davis Carter
Jared Breach
Mike & Lori Rogers
Claudia Fahrner

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:

Marlyn and Hoyt Harris (Brookdale)
Cay Lambert (Huntsville Health & Rehab)
Chuck Hooker (Floyd E. Tut Fann State Veteran's Home)
Annwhite Fuller (Whitesburg Gardens)
Kathleen Perry (Valley View)

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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Anne Dillon Loflin, *Youth Director*.....youth@fpchsv.org
Kristin Pepper, *Administrative Assistant*.....admin@fpchsv.org
Gary Whited, *Facilities Coordinator*.....facilities@fpchsv.org

Your Pastor Nominating Committee At Work

Our Pastor Nominating Committee has been meeting for several weeks. At our first gathering, we selected Stephanie Hyatt as chair, Janis Williams as secretary, and James Lee and Stephanie to manage technology. Other members are Davis Carter, Heath Causey, Woodward Howard, and Barbara Rahrer. Our liaison with the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry is Carol Copeland. We will provide updates along the way and ask for your continued prayers.

Our first assignment was to prepare our Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP). This document provides prospective pastors with a clear and detailed picture of our church. That work is now finished, and the MDP has been reviewed by our Session. The next step is a review by the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry before we submit it to the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) for prospective pastors.

The next stage is interacting with candidates and discussing our observations and responses as a committee. We recognize that this process is not a sprint but a marathon.

Together we have worked to represent our church—its people, programs, and opportunities for service—in a way that will connect with our new pastor.

We ask for both your prayers and your patience as we continue.



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