



First Presbyterian Church

September 20, 2026

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Gracious God, we thank you for being ever present with us.
We know that we are never alone. Your mercies have been faithful and rich.
Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might do the work of your will and
rejoice in the gift of your grace. 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.

September 20, 2026

8:30am and 11:00am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude *Morning Has Broken* Young/Arr. Bock

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.

*Call to Worship

One: Listen, O people, to holy teaching; tune your ears to hear God's word

All: We gather to proclaim our sacred story, to tell of God's wondrous deeds.

One: Come, O people, into holy space to worship the Lord, our sustainer and guide.

All: Let us rejoice with prayer and praise; let us worship God!

*Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Call to Confession

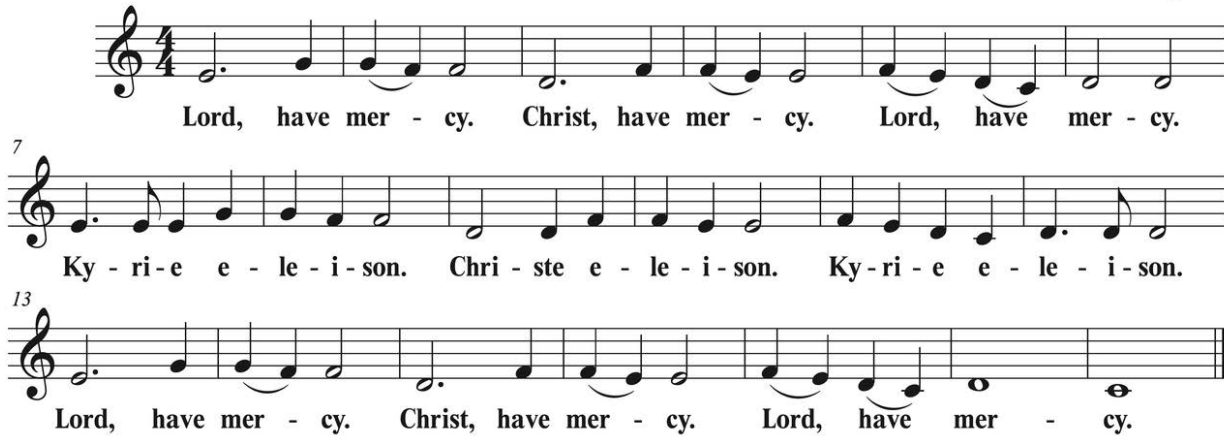
Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, we confess that we have not lived as your obedient children. We have honored you with our words, but we have denied you with our actions. We have not pursued the mind of Christ, who took the form of a servant, for we have acted with selfish ambition. We have put our interests before the interests of others and have not regarded them in humility. Forgive us our arrogance, awaken our hearts to sincere repentance, and enable us to rejoice in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. (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 also available between 8:15 and 12:00.

*Hymn 821

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading

Psalms 25:1-9, NRSV

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph,
Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

David Jones, Pianist

Emmanuela Seide,
Soprano

Anaeya Perry, Soprano

Marc Morgan, Bass

Chancel Choir

Ushers:

8:30 am:

11:00 am:

Patty Frierson

Jim Slate

Melissa & Dag Rowe

Lay Liturgist:

8:30:

11:00:

Eric Adams

Adam Rentz

Video and Sound:

Tom Stroud

Dave Young

Maxwell R. Carter



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

**Those who are
able, please stand.*

Anthem

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God
Anaeya Perry, Patricia Hacker, Marc Morgan Jr.

K. Getty and S. Townend
Arr. L. Shackley

*The perfect wisdom of our God revealed in all the universe;
All things created by His hand and held together at His command.
He knows the mysteries of the seas; the secrets of the stars are His.
He guides the planets on their way and turns the earth through another day.
The matchless wisdom of His way that marks the path of righteousness;
His words a lamp unto my feet, His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And O, the mystery of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost
So that the fool might shame the wise and all the glory might go to Christ.
O grant me wisdom from above to pray for peace and cling to love.
And teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of Your sov'reignty.
Each strand of sorrow a place within this tapestry of grace
So through the trials I choose to say, "Your perfect will in Your perfect way."
Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace.
So through the trials I choose to say, "Your perfect will in Your perfect way."*

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:1-13, NRSV

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rejoice in Christ

Moment for Silent Meditation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

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.

Minute for Ministry

Serving as the Hands and Feet of Christ

Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

*Our God is love, unchanging love, and can we ask for more?
Our prayer for love's increase is vain; 'twas infinite before.
Ask not the Lord with breath of praise, more than we accept;
The open fount is free to all; God's promises are kept.
Our God is mind, the perfect mind, intelligence divine;
Shall mortal man ask Him to change His infinite design?
The heart that yearns for righteousness, with longing unalloyed,
In such desire sends up a prayer that ne'er returneth void.
Our God is love, unchanging love; how can we ask for more?
O loving Father, well we know that words alone are vain,
That those who seek Thy will to do, the true communion gain.
Then may our deeds our pure desire for growth in grace express,
That we may know how love divine forever waits to bless!
Our God is love unchanging love; how can we ask for more?*

*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 DedicationPrayers 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 837*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

SHOWATER

*Charge and Benediction*Congregational Benediction 515*I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE



*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

The Pew Pad is located in every row to help each of us welcome our neighbors by name.
Please let us know you were here by sharing your contact info.

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.

Congregational Lunch, Intergenerational Bible Study & Kids Club after the 11:00 worship service

Home Communion will be offered on Sunday, October 4 as part of FPC's World Communion Sunday celebration. Please contact the church office if you, or someone you know, would like to receive the sacrament after worship.

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 20, 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
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
12:00pm -1:00pm Congregational Lunch
12:45pm -2:00pm Kids Club
1:00pm-1:45pm Intergenerational Bible Study w/Pastor David
5:00pm -6:30pm PYC GBHYR

Monday, September 21, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends
5:30pm -7:00pm Session Meeting CH

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends
10:00am -11:00am Church Staff Meeting GBHLR
5:30pm -8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

7:00am -8:00am Men's Bible Study CH
9:00am -1:00pm First Friends
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, September 24, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends
10:15am -10:30am First Friends Chapel Basement Rm 10
11:00am -12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB
12:00pm -1:00pm Al-Anon CH
4:30pm -6:00pm Maranatha Board Meeting GBHLR

Friday, September 25, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends
Church Office Closed

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Sleep in the Deep (PKC & PYC) off site
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 Class GBH Living RM
9:30am -10:30am Children and Youth Sunday School GBH Basement
10:30am -11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
11:00am -12:00pm Worship Service GBH
11:15am -12:00pm Children's Church GBHYR

Calendar Legend:

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:

Family of Frances Byrd, Family of Tom Hudson (husband of Sharon 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

Friends and Family:

Lois Lee, Sam Eidt (friend of Ed and Betty Green), James Neely (grandson of Serena Neely),
Family of Charles Trainosky (son of Julie Trainosky),
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 (aunt of Kaitlyn Huaroto, sister of Pam Huaroto),
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, and Emma Grace Hill (friends of Davis Carter),
Hislena Servin (sister of Patricia Hacker)
Trusting in God's grace, we pray for our enemies

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; LT Connor Howard, U.S. Navy Pilot, Allen Pepper

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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Dr. Lois K. Lee, *Organist/Pianist*
Anne Dillon Loflin, *Youth Director*.....youth@fpchsv.org
Kristin Pepper, *Administrative Assistant*.....admin@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
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

