

Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven



First Presbyterian Church

Gideon Blackburn House

February 1, 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.
- 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

WELCOME
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
February 1, 2026
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* Arr. H.Percy Smith

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: The Lord is our Shepherd; we have everything we need.

People: God provides for us even during times of trouble.

Leader: The Lord gives us new beginnings every day.

People: God's grace surrounds us all the days of our lives.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN of Praise 396 *Brethren We Have Met to Worship* HOLY MANNA

CELEBRATION of CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Grace Anderson and Corbin Bishop

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (**unison**)

Merciful God, we confess that sometimes we blame others for our own failures. Too often we compare ourselves to our neighbors instead of focusing on your kingdom. We fail to trust you and withhold kindness from neighbors. Please forgive our sin and help us to live the new life that Christ gives. 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,
Pianist

Emmanuela Seide,
soprano

Ushers:
8:30 am -
Courtney & John Allen

11:00 am -
Patty Frierson
Jim Slate
Daniel Bryant
Ashley Connor

Communion
Preparers:
Vida Wann
David Young

Communion Servers:
8:30 am-
Libbie Rentz
David Young
Houston Matthews

11:00-
Erin Cobb
Nicole Schroer
Ashley Connor

Lay Liturgist:
8:30 am -
Al Steenwyk

11:00 am -
Angela Rawls

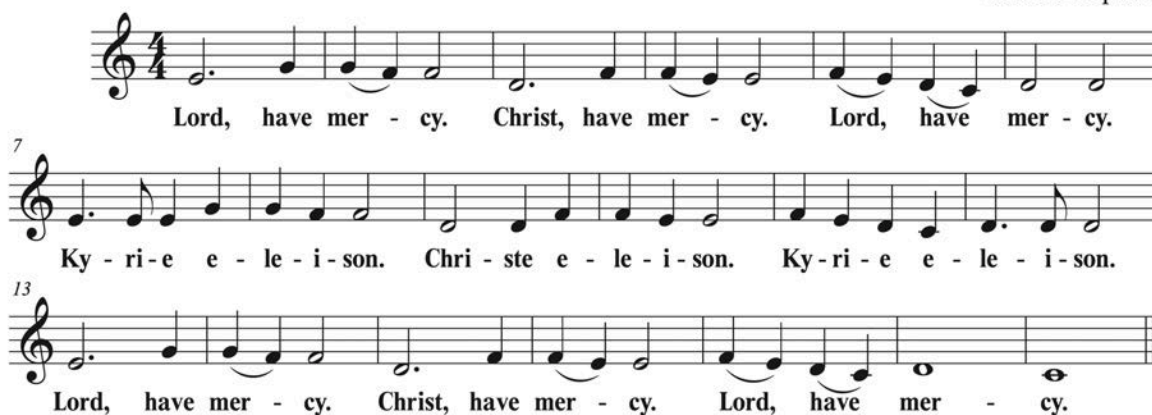
Video and Sound:
Tom Stroud
Dave Young
Maxwell R. Carter

**Those who are
able, please stand.*

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: As Jesus healed the sick and forgave those who struggled with failure, he forgives your sin and gives you new life. Friends, hear and receive the good news: In the name of 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 PEACE

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 extend a special welcome those who are new to our church community.)

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.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Ain'-a That Good News?

Arr. Mark Patterson

Chancel Choir

I've got good news, my Lord!

I got a crown up in a that kingdom, ain'- a that good news?

I'm gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up a my cross,

Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus ain'-a that good news?

I got a robe up in-a that kingdom, ain'-a good news?

I got a Savior in- a that kingdom, ain'-a that good news?

SECOND READING

Matthew 5:1–11

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SERMON

Dr. Kling

SILENT MEDITATION

*HYMN of Discipleship 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Come Sunday

D. Ellington/Arr. L.Rosen

Emmanuela Seide, soprano

Come Sunday, that's the day.

Lord, dear Lord above: God Almighty, God of Love.

Please look down and see my people through.

I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.

I don't mind the gray skies 'cause they're just clouds passing by.

Heaven is a goodness time, a brighter light on high.

Do others as you would have them do to you:

And have a brighter by and by.

Lord, dear Lord above: God Almighty, God of love,

Please look down and see your people through.

I believe God is now, was then and always will be.

With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.

Lord, dear Lord above: God Almighty, God of love,

Please look down and see my people through.

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FOR ONLINE GIVING

*Those who are able, please stand

*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 HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Our Gracious God, we worship you for creating and redeeming the world through your never-failing love. We glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise with all your people saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

We praise you for Jesus Christ, who ate with sinners and taught ordinary people. He visited the sick, sent harvesters into the fields, and invited all people to receive his grace.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And so, he shared himself in bread and cup with his followers and now with us. As we remember Christ's death and resurrection, we proclaim the miracle of faith saying:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Table, having been set, the one presiding then leads the people in the great prayer of thanksgiving. This prayer, with its emphasis on thankful praise, has been of central importance to this sacrament from very early centuries in Christian worship. Thanksgiving is so important to this sacrament that it has been given the name of Eucharist (from the New Testament Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving).

Merciful God, we ask you to pour out your Spirit so this meal will unite us as your people. Make all who share this bread and cup one with Christ. And now, as your daughters and sons, help us to pray with confidence the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Communion bread is gluten-free. Approach the table by the center aisle in a single-file line and eat the bread and drink the cup as you receive them. Return to your seat by the side aisle and place the cup in the basket provided.

If you are seated in the carriage house or the living room, please remain seated and communion will be passed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in deep gratitude we give ourselves to you. Help us to live as transformed people because we have shared this bread and cup together. Give us your love and joy to share with others. We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*HYMN of Sending 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*
SICILIAN MARINERS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: And as God's people, we all say
People: Alleluia, Amen!

*POSTLUDE *We're Marching to Zion* Arr. Joel Raney

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30-9:30 and 11:00-12:00

Gideon Blackburn House

Faith Formation

9:30-10:30

Youth LEAD (GBH-Basement)
Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)
Charles Danner Seminar (Library Rm 104)

10:00-10:30

Peepers Preschool (Rm108/109)
Children's Sunday School (Rm010)
Faith & Life Class (Carriage House)

9:30-10:00 & 10:30-10:55

Fellowship Time (Carriage House)

Jesus' Teachings for Today

The teaching of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke

Scripture exploration
and
discussion

How do Jesus' teachings apply to our lives?

Adult Class
Wednesday Night Live

January 14-March 25
with Rev. Dr. Richard Brooks

5:30-6:30
Library (room 104)

Baptism Ed Workshop and
Milestone Celebration
for 5th graders

*walk
with
me*

Feb 8

9:30 - 10:30 am

John Allan Hall

Register here



PRAYER
Milestone

**MARCH
8TH
9:30 - 10:30**

**FOR 1ST - 3RD GRADERS
and older children**



Register at
fpchsv.org/events

or here



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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
Dave Goodwin-Hospitality
Brent Cobb-Fellowship

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

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:

Michael & Mary Leah Hooker-upon loss of Chuck Hooker
Fowler family and friends
Buckner family and friends
Perry and Whitfield families and friends
Fee 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:

Lindsay and Thomas Birchfield and extended family
Roger Holliday- father of Hamilton Holliday
Mary Streeter
Sarah Hankins
Tate Grueling - friend of Harriet Bibb
Jan Thompson- sister of Gail Sparks
Tanya 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:

Marlyn and Hoyt Harris (Brookdale)
Cay Lambert (Huntsville Health & Rehab)
Chuck Hooker (Floyd E. Tut Fann State Veteran's Home)
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

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

February 1- February 8

Sunday, February 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
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 CH
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 GBH
11:15am – 12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
5:00pm – 6:30pm PYC GBH

Monday, February 2, 2026

9:00am – 1:00pm First Friends Preschool
5:30pm – 6:30pm Worship Committee Meeting LIB RM 104

Tuesday, February 3, 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 – 8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, February 4, 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 Rm 104 LIB
5:00pm – 7:00pm Children's WNL Spring Semester
5:30pm – 7:00pm Adult WNL Spring Semester
7:00pm – 8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice CR
7:00pm – 8:00pm PYC Small Groups LIB/GBH

Thursday, February 5, 2026

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
7:00pm – 8:30pm PNC Meeting LIB RM 104

Friday, February 6, 2026

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

Sunday, February 8, 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
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11:15am – 12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
5:30pm - PYC offsite
5:30pm – 6:30pm Session Meeting/FH

Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room (RM 204)	GBH - Gideon Blackburn
CH - Carriage House (GBH)	House
CR - Choir Room (RM 201)	HR - Historical Room
FH - Fellowship Hall	JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)
LIB - Library (RM 104)	SAN - Sanctuary