



First Presbyterian Church

August 30, 2026

Silent Prayer of Preparation

God, our source and our salvation,
in love you made us and by love you have redeemed us.
Make your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others,
that in this life we may know your all-embracing compassion
and in the world to come receive the everlasting joy of fellowship
you share with your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. 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.

August 30, 2026

8:30am and 11:00am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude *Come, Sound His Praise Abroad* Aaron Williams

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

Adapted from 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

One: The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world;

All: But to us it is the power of God!

One: We proclaim the scandal of Christ crucified.

All: The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than our strength.

One: Let the faithful sing for joy;

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 341

O God, Show Mercy to Us

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Call to Confession

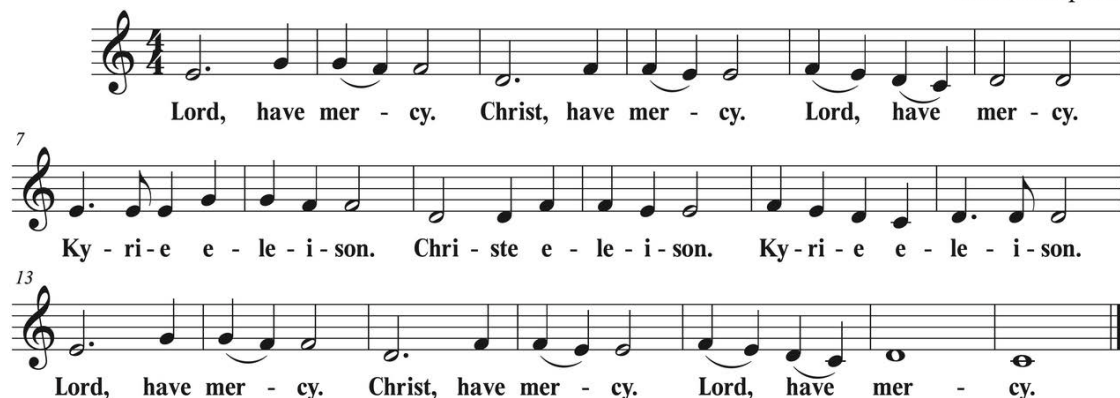
Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us, but we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us, but we have not forgiven others. You have loved us, but we have not loved ourselves, nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, O God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through 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 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

***World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

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 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy GLORY TO GOD

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph,
Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois Lee, pianist

Chancel Choir

Ushers:

8:30 am:

Barbara Rahrer
Susan Lewis

11:00 am:

Dag & Melissa Rowe
Mary Margaret Cofield
Danny Bryant

Lay Liturgist:

8:30 & 11:00

Rev. Dr. Richard Brooks

Communion Preparer:
David Young

Communion Servers:
8:30:
Houston Matthews
David Young

11:00:
Erin Cobb
Serena Neely
Houston Matthews
James Lee

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.*

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:15-20, NRSV

Anthem

8:30

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Anne Dillon Loflin, soprano

Keith Green

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.*

11:00

Father, Forgive
Chancel Choir

Lee Dengler

*O Father, forgive our sins. We are helpless. We have lost our way.
O Father, forgive our sins. In your mercy save us! Hear our cry!
On a cross of grief and pain, Jesus suffered for our shame.
Such amazing love He showed. What a debt to Him we owe.
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
O Father, forgive our sins. In your mercy save us! Hear our cry!*

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35, NRSV

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Word Problems

Moment of Silence

*Affirmation of Faith

The Christ Hymn – Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Minute for Ministry

Sleep in the Deep

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:30	<i>Through it All</i>	Arr. Fred Bock
11:00	<i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i> Anne Dillon Loflin, soprano	Keith Green

*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 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 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Benediction 549

May the Love of the Lord

SOON TI

Postlude

Sonata Op. 93 No. 2

A. Khachaturian

*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

All are welcome to enjoy a congregational lunch today at noon!

Kids Club then kicks off from 12:30-2:00 pm for K- 5th graders, and childcare is available for our littlest Presbyterians. Join us for a fun filled afternoon of faith, fun, friends, and music!

The Seminar Sunday School class meets between the two services at 9:30.

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.

***PYC Youth Group** (6th-12th graders) meets tonight from 5:00pm-7:00pm offsite.

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 30, 2026

8:15am -12:00pm Nursery Room GBH Basement
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 -10:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
11:00am -12:00pm Worship Service GBH
11:15am -12:00pm Children's Church GBHYR
12:00pm -1:00pm Fellowship Lunch
12:30pm -2:00pm Kids Club
5:00pm -7:00pm PYC offsite Pool Party

Monday, August 31, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends

Tuesday, September 1, 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 2, 2026

7:00am -8:00am Men's Bible Study CH
9:00am -1:00pm First Friends
9:30am -10:30am Construction Meeting CH
1:30pm -3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH
6:00pm -7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH

Thursday, September 3, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends
10:15am -10:30am First Friends Chapel Basement Rm 009
11:00am -12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB
12:00pm -1:00pm Al-Anon CH

Friday, September 4, 2026

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

Sunday, September 6, 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 -10:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
11:00am -12:00pm Worship Service GBH
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CH- Carriage House (GBH)

FH- Fellowship Hall

GBH- Gideon Blackburn House

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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:

Anne Michael Causey, Eleanor and George Harsh, Alice Gardner, Stella Wilson,
Sandra Stewart, Frances Byrd, Anne Whitfield, Bob Monroe, Ed Green, Becky Buckner,
Alicia Beam, Charlie Watkins, Barbara (Bonny) Morris, Cay Lambert, Sheree Adams,
Family of Brian Weems (brother of Sharon Hudson), Virginia Bailey, Langley Polk

Friends and Family:

David and Claire Bailey (brother and sister-in-law of Harald Bailey),
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), Ann Crigler,
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),
Rusty Skinner (Uncle of Lindsay & Thomas Birchfield),
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), Marlene Stark (mother of Lisa Everett), 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),
Annwhite 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, 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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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

