

Easter
Sunday

A Celebration of the Resurrection

First Presbyterian Church
April 20, 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 Room 106.
- Older children are encouraged to worship with their families, and children aged Kindergarten and younger are welcome (but never required!) to go to Room 106/107 for Children's Church after the Time for Young Disciples.
- 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

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

An Easter Fanfare

CARLA J. GIOMO

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**

One: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord has conquered the grave.

Many: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Sin and death shall reign no more.

Many: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Let this place resound with joy.

Many: **Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**



***OPENING PRAYER**



*HYMN 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

“Easter” comes from an old English word related to dawn and shining. At Easter we stand in light of the resurrection to see a new creation, transformed by the grace and glory of God. We celebrate the presence and power of the risen Christ in his church, proclaiming his good news through Word and Sacrament. The Resurrection of the Lord is the very heart of the gospel. Easter Sunday is something like the keystone of an arch —the top and center stone upon which all the others lean and depend—especially in terms of our theology. Theologically, the faith we claim and the life we live depend on the affirmation, celebration, and proclamation of Christ’s resurrection.

**Those who are able, please stand*



KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson

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13
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Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - - cy.

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Having confessed our sin, we remember the promises of God's redemption, and the claims God has on all human life. The assurance of God's forgiving grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ. We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, God raises us to new life.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News! God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Many: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**



*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

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: **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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Following the Time for Young Disciples, children are invited to join Kathy Gillmore in Room 106 for Children's Church.)



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



FIRST LESSON

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

An Easter Jubilation

ARR. JOHNNY MANN

Chancel Choir, Brass Quartet, Westminster Ringers

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing ye heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen, His the scepter, His the throne.

Alleluia! Christ has triumphed. His the victory alone.

Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus, out of ev'ry nation, has redeemed us by His blood."

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.

Hark, how the heav'ly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee.

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name. Let angels prostate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Soar now where Christ has led. Alleluia!

Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!



SECOND LESSON

JOHN 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

**Those who are able, please stand*

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FOR ONLINE GIVING

In addition to your regular giving, you are invited today to give in support of The One Great Hour of Sharing. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports three programs within our denomination: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Program. These three programs make an incredible difference in the communities they serve and you are invited to support it by giving. You may also go online at specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs_and_give.

*Those who are able, please stand

He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**



PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Karl Kling

SILENT MEDITATION



*HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

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.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

The Rev. Dr. Karl Kling,
Transitional Senior
Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee,
Piano/Organ

WNL Children's Choir
Westminster Ringers

Musicians:
Joe Bader, trumpet
Zack Hill, trumpet
Hanna Hill, trombone
Doug Black, tuba
Brenton Nash,
trombone

Liturgists:
8:00 am - Stephanie
Hyatt
11:00 am - Stephanie
Hyatt

Ushers:
8:30 am- Marilyn & Roy
McCorkle, Barbara
Rahrer, Susan Lewis
11:00 am- Mary
Margaret Cofield,
Doug Madison, Melissa
& Dag Rowe, Marian
Bevel

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

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Thine is the Glory ARR. STEPHEN WALTERS
Organ and Brass Quartet

*DOXOLOGY 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.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

*HYMN 246

Christ is Alive

TRURO

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

We invite the congregation to come to the chancel area and sing With the Chancel Choir the Hallelujah Chorus. Music will be provided.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Hallelujah

G.F. HÄNDEL

*POSTLUDE

Toccata

WIDOR

*There will be a called
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27,
FOLLOWING THE 11 A.M. SERVICE FOR
THE DISMISSING OF THE ASSOCIATE
PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND
REQUESTING THE NOMINATING
COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A SEARCH
FOR A PASTOR NOMINATING
COMMITTEE**

FLOWER GUILD HONORS AND MEMORIALS

The flowers were given to the Glory of God and in honor or memory of:

- In loving memory of Jerry, Sr. & Diane Weiler and Kerry Weiler by Jerry, Jr., Susan & Anna Weiler
- In loving memory of our son, Robert Guynes by June & Buddy Guynes
- In honor of the Flower Guild Members
- In loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Lastovic by Michael & Karen Lastovic
- In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Sims Stucky, Jr. by Amy & Fred Stucky, III
- In honor of their 27th wedding anniversary on April 25 by Amy & Fred Stucky, III
- In loving memory of The Rev. Dr. Bill Bolton and his dedicated and compassionate service in ministry by The Bolton Family
- In loving memory of Stan Fee by Ann Fee
- He is risen! Hallelujah! by Pegge & Ed Murphy
- In honor of June and Buddy Guynes and in loving memory of Robert Guynes by Pat & Sara Graves
- In honor of Bobbie O'Farrell and in loving memory of Dean and Dean, Jr. by Pat & Sara Graves
- In honor of Sharron & Elliott Abernethy by Mary Claire Sefton
- In loving memory of The Rev. Dr. James W. Roberts for his never-ending faith in God by The Roberts Family
- In loving memory of our parents, Morgan & Jimmie Williams and Fred & Janett Ridout by Bruce & Janis Williams
- In honor of the Flower Guild Members
- In honor of Sharron & Elliott Abernethy by Susie & Tommy Harper
- In loving memory of Jack & Marjory Kling, Jim Day, Sr., and John Wesley Day by The Rev. Dr. Karl & Susan Kling
- In loving memory of Mary Edith Thompson and Mary Hart Brown by Melinda Thompson
- In loving memory of Irmie Hamner by Roger Hamner
- In loving memory of loved ones by Al Steenwyk
- In honor of John Randall Howard, III for his graduation from high school by The John R. Howard Family
- In loving memory of Kara Howard by The John R. Howard Family
- In loving memory of Dot Reggie and Trey Miree by Marian Bevel
- In honor of Harriet Bibb and Kathy Gillmore by Marian Bevel



PKC

FOR 3RD - 5TH
GRADERS

Apr 27

NOON - 3:00



register



JOIN US!

YOUTH-LED WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 27th, 6pm

John Allan Hall

All are welcome!

AN EVENING OF WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP
LED BY FPC MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLERS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

YOUTH BOOK DRIVE

BENEFITTING
VANDERBILT
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



APRIL 6 - APRIL 27

DONATIONS SUPPORT
VANDERBILT CHILDREN'S
CLEFT, CRANIOFACIAL
& SPINA BIFIDA CLINICS

HOW TO SUPPORT:

- SELECT AN EASTER EGG FROM BASKETS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. EACH EGG INCLUDES A REQUESTED BOOK TITLE FOR DONATION!
- PURCHASE REQUESTED BOOK(S) FROM ONLINE WISH-LIST, OR SELF PURCHASE
- ADDITIONAL K-12 BOOK DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!
- BRING ALL BOOK DONATIONS TO THE BOXES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

VIRTUAL WISH-LIST LINK

CONTACT ANNE DILLON AT YOUTH@FPCHSV.ORG WITH QUESTIONS!



YOUNG ADULTS at the Farm!



May 10th 3-6pm

SNACKS | DRINKS | FELLOWSHIP

Join us for a great afternoon and evening at Houston Matthews' Farm! Drinks and snacks will be provided. More detailed directions coming soon!

266 Kelly Spring Road

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

April 20 - April 27

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

8:15 am - 12:00 pm Nursery RM 106
8:30 - 9:30 am Worship Service SAN
8:45 - 9:30 am Children's Church RM 106/107
9:30 - 10:30 am Easter Breakfast FH
10:00 - 10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt SAN
11:00 am Worship Service SAN
11:15 am - 12:00 pm Children's Church RM 106/107

Monday, April 21, 2025

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

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool
9:30 - 10:30 am First Friends Theater FH
10:00 - 11:00 am Staff Meeting RM 104
6:00 - 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 70 GBH
7:00 - 8:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 70 GBH

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

7:00 - 8:00 am Men's Bible Study FH
9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool
1:30 - 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry LIB
7:00 - 8:00 pm Small Groups RM 104
7:15 - 8:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal CR

Thursday, April 24, 2025

9:00 - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool
12:00 - 1:00 pm Al-Anon GBH

Friday, April 25, 2025

Office Closed

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

Sunday, April 27, 2025

8:15 am - 12:00 pm Nursery RM 106
8:30 - 9:30 am Worship Service SAN
8:45 - 9:30 am Children's Church RM 106/107
9:30 - 10:30 am Sunday School

- Peepers (Preschool) RM 108/109
- Godly Play (K & 1st grade) RM 009
- Holy Moly (2nd & 3rd grade) RM 010
- Connect (4th & 4th grade) RM 012
- Charles Danner Seminar Class RM 207
- Lenten Bible Study JAH

9:30 - 10:25 am Adult Handbell Rehearsal BR
10:30 - 11:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal CR
11:00 am Worship Service SAN
11:15 am - 12:00 pm Children's Church RM 106/107
12:00 pm - Called Congregational Meeting SAN
12:00 - 2:00 pm PKC Mother's Day Prep FH
5:00 - 7:00 pm PYC GBH
6:00 - 7:00 pm Youth Led Worship Service JAH

Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room

CH - Carriage House (GBH)

CR - Choir Room

FH - Fellowship Hall

GBH - Gideon Blackburn

House

HR - Historical Room

JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)

SAN - Sanctuary

PRAYER LIST

New prayer requests are in bold print.

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

In order to conserve paper and printing costs, 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 Isabel Evans, Administrative Assistant, at admin@fpchsv.org.

Church Members:

The Case Family for the passing of Allen Case

Bob Monroe

Ida Jo Daughtry and family for the passing of Jim

Daughtry

Mindy Nettles

Lois Grey

Peggy Galloway

Harriet Bibb

Betty Thompson

Richard McElveen

Ed Green

Maxwell R. Carter and family

Becky Buckner

Alicia Beam

Paul Buxton

Janice Fowler

Frances Byrd

Charlie Watkins

Ted Buckner

Ted Paludan

Barbara (Bonny) Morris

Cay Lambert

Friends and Family:

Patricia Edmondson - friend of Bruce & Janis Williams

Family of Mike Galant - friends of Maxwell R. Carter

David Barnes - friend of Maxwell R. Carter

Elsa de Ramirez - mother of Patricia Hacker

John Kirk & family - friends of Marian Bevel

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

George & Kathryn Mahoney - friends of Bob & Genie Miller

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

Jay & Geoff Murdock - family of Mark Huaroto

Emily Neely - daughter-in-law of Serena Neely

John Wilmer - friend of Katy Bryan

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

Edward Smith - father of Bob Frank 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

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)

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



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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