

First Presbyterian Church

Gideon Blackburn House

January 11, 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.
- 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 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

Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**WORSHIP
LEADERSHIP:**

Dr. Karl Kling,
Transitional Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Lois K. Lee,
Pianist

Chancel Choir

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Wade in the Water

Arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Karl Kling

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: Jesus said, "All power and honor has been given to me."

People: Therefore, we share His grace with all people.

Leader: We baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

People: We learn about the joy of His call.

Leader: Remember, He will be with us each step of the way.

All: Let us worship God!

Liturgists:
8:30- Anne Dillon Loflin
11:30 am -
Melissa Rowe

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 409

God is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Ushers:
8:30 am-
Barbara Rahrer
Susan Lewis

CALL TO CONFESSION

11:00 am-
Karen & Doug Madison,
Mary Margaret Cofield,
Beth Clapp

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of all nations, hear our confession. Sometimes, we fail to trust others who could be our friends. We overlook your compassion and miss opportunities to build new relationships. Too often, we don't allow your Spirit to lead us in the path of peace. Forgive our sin and help us to forgive our neighbors. We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.

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

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

**Those who are
able, please stand*

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a '4' indicating 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The second staff begins with a '7' above the clef, and the lyrics are: 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' The third staff begins with a '13' above the clef, and the lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, grace to you and peace from God who gave himself for our sins. Trusting in God's promises, receive the good news: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

*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 THE 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 room 105 as needed.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-4

¹ But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

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.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Like a Flowing River
Chancel Choir

Robert Powell

*Like a flowing river is God's perfect peace.
Glorious forever in its bright increase;
Perfect yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day;
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.*

*Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand.
No foe can follow, or traitor ever stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.*

*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest;
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.
We may trust Him in all we do;
they who trust Him wholly, find Him wholly true.*

**Those who are
able, please stand*

SECOND LESSON

Luke 3:21-22

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

LITANY CELEBRATING SERVICE IN CHIRST'S NAME

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through different people in different ways,

People: But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: To use it for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: And individually members of him.

PROMISES OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Down to the River to Pray
Arr. Michael Sinshack

*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.*

Want to give your offering via credit card? Scan below.



FOR ONLINE GIVING

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

*HYMN 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGFOLD

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Kling

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

People: Alleluia! Amen.

Congregational meeting following the 11:00 service in GBH.

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

Annual Congregational Meeting TODAY!

Following the 11:00 am service in GBH

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)

PRAYER Milestone

JAN 25
9:30 -10:30

FOR 1ST - 3RD GRADERS
and older children



Register at
fpchsv.org/events

or here



Register Now for the Spring Semester

Jan 14 - Mar 25

5:00 - 7:00

For all ages!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT



Preschool Bible & Color Handbells
Children's Bible & Children's Choir
Preparing for Children's Sunday Mar 29

Youth Dinner & Small Groups

Adult Class



Scan for more info or to register!

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

January 11 - January 18

Sunday, January 11, 2026

8:15am -12:00pm Nursery Room 105/106
8:30am -9:30am Worship Service GBH Install Session Members
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 Faith & Life Adult Class CH
10:00am -10:30am Combined Children's Sunday School 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 Install Session Members
11:15am -12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
12:00pm -12:15pm Called Congregational Meeting GBH
5:00pm -7:00pm PYC Off Site
5:30pm -7:00pm Session Meeting FH

Monday, January 12, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends Preschool
10:00am -12:00pm PW Circle 1 CH
10:00am -12:00pm PW Circle 2 RM 104 LIB
4:30pm -6:00pm PW Evening Circle CH

Tuesday, January 13, 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
6:30pm -8:30pm HMC CR

Wednesday, January 14, 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 LIB
7:00pm -8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice CR
7:00pm -8:00pm PYC Small Groups LIB/GBH

Thursday, January 15, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends Preschool
10:15am -10:30am First Friends Chapel FH
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, January 16, 2026

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

Sunday, January 18, 2026

8:15am -12:00pm Nursery Room 105/106
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 Westminster Ringers BR
10:00am -11:00am Combined Sunday School FH
10:00am -10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
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

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
LIB - Library (RM104)	(GBH)
	SAN - Sanctuary

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:

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
Janice Fowler
Charlie Watkins
Barbara (Bonny) Morris
Cay Lambert
Amelia Beimrohr

Friends and Family:

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

Leadership at First Presbyterian Church

Ministry Team and Staff

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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
Brent Cobb-Fellowship

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

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



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