



First Presbyterian Church

September 27, 2026

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, Maker of heaven and earth, out of your great love for the world
you sent us your beloved Son, but we sent him to his death.

Have mercy on us, O Lord; forgive us, renew us,
restore us so that we may be your people
who rejoice and bear good fruit for your holy realm;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 27, 2026

8:30am and 11:00am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Arr. Nancy Lions Smith

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 Psalm 19:1-4

One: The heavens declare the glory of God!

All: The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

One: The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,

**All: the night expounds God's knowledge without a word,
and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.**

One: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

All: Let us rejoice in the Lord; Let us worship God!

*Hymn 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name GROSSER GOTT WIR LOBEN DICH

Call to Confession

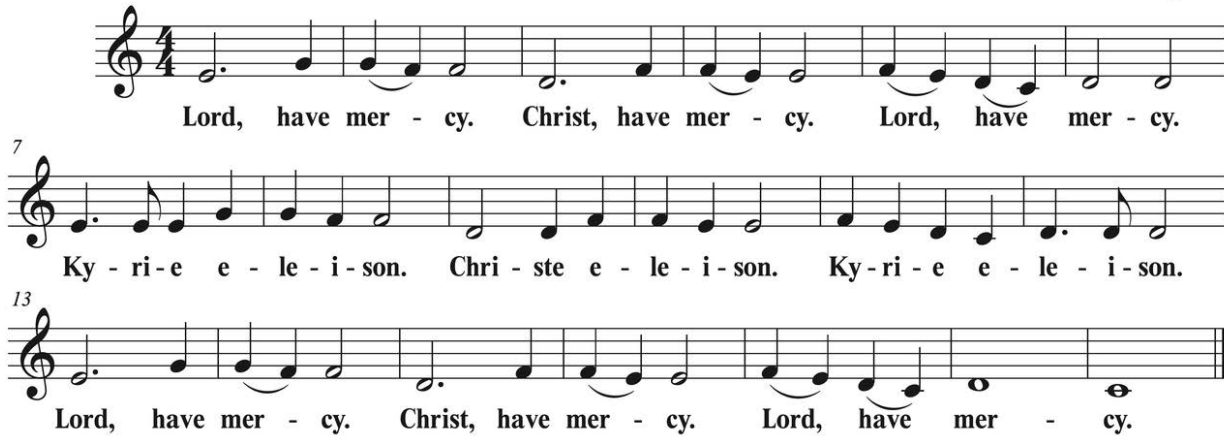
Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that our confidence is often misplaced. We put it in our abilities rather than in your love. We put it in our belongings rather than in your generosity. We put it in ourselves rather than in you. Forgive us for our misgivings, O God. Redirect us according to your Spirit and your will. Help us to follow your ways and find our freedom in your heavenly calling. Open us to new levels of trust and joy as we press on towards your goal. (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 63

The Lord is God

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading

Psalm 19:7-14, NRSV

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph,
Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Diann Berry, Pianist
Alan Mitchell,
saxophone

Chancel Choir

Ushers:
8:30 am:
Roy & Marilyn McCorkle

11:00 am:
Houston, Benjamin &
Thomas Matthews

Lay Liturgist:
8:30:
Bo Lundy
11:00:
Melissa Rowe

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

8:30

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Alan Mitchell, Sax-Diann Berry, Piano

Rev. Thomas A. Dorsey

11:00

I Will Arise
Chancel Choir

Gwyneth Walker

*Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus ready, stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.*

*All ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify.
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.*

*Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness He requires is to feel your love of Him.*

*Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and mangled by the fall,
If you tarry 'till you're better, you will never come at all.*

*Walk to heaven, walk in glory, walk with vision in your eyes.
When your Savior, walks beside you, you will live in Paradise.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.*

Epistle Reading.

Philippians 3:1-16, NRSV

Sermon

Rejoice in Holding Fast

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Law of God from Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words, saying, I am the Lord your God.

You shall have no other gods before me.

**You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is
in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.**

You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house;

you shall not covet your neighbor's [spouse], or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:30 *Be Thou My Vision* Don Wyrzten

11:00 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Rev. Thomas A. Dorsey
Alan Mitchell, Sax-Diann Berry, Piano

*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

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 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* CORONATION

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Benediction 515 *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

To - geth-er met, to-geth-er bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to

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give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Postlude *Jesus, Name Above all Names* Naida Hearn

*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.

Sunday School meets between the two services at 9:30. Speak with Kathy Gillmore to learn more.

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.

Are you interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church?

A New Member Class will be scheduled later this fall. Please contact the church office to get on the list.

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Sleep in the Deep (PKC+) off site
8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room GBHB
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH
8:45am –9:30am Children's Church GBH Youth room
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 GBH Youth Room

Monday, September 28, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends
5:30pm –6:30pm Mission and Evangelism Meeting CH

Tuesday, September 29, 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 30, 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, October 1, 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

Friday, October 2, 2026

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

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Sacrament of Communion
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
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Calendar Legend:

CH - Carriage House (GBH)	HR - Historical Room
FH - Fellowship Hall	JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)
GBH - Gideon Blackburn House	GBHLR - Gideon Blackburn House Living Room
GBHB - Gideon Blackburn House Basement	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
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

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.
All those serving in the armed forces;
LT Connor Howard U.S. Navy Pilot
Allen Pepper

Friends and Family

Family of Moon Soon Kwak (Lois Lee's father)
Sam Eidt (friend of Ed and Betty Green)
James Neely (grandson of Serena Neely)
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 (family member of the Huarotos)
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, & Emma Grace Hill (friends of Davis Carter)
Hislena Servin (sister of Patricia Hacker)

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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Kristin Pepper, *Administrative Assistant*.....admin@fpchsv.org
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

