Daily Discipleship
4th Sunday in Lent

First Presbyterian Church

Gideon Blackburn House

March 15, 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 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

March 15, 2026
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *Ivory Palace* Arr. Bob Walters

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: Worship the Lord at all times.
People: We open our hearts to God's goodness.
Leader: Trust in the Lord in all circumstances.
People: We open our hearts to God's promises.
Leader: Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN of Praise 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **(unison)**
Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you and each other. Too often we focus on our own desires and fail to see the needs of others. We overlook the suffering of neighbors and make excuses for our selfishness. You teach us the law of love, yet we follow the practice of self-interest. Forgive our sin and free us to follow where your Spirit leads. 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

Lois K. Lee,
Pianist
Chancel Choir
Katie Bucker

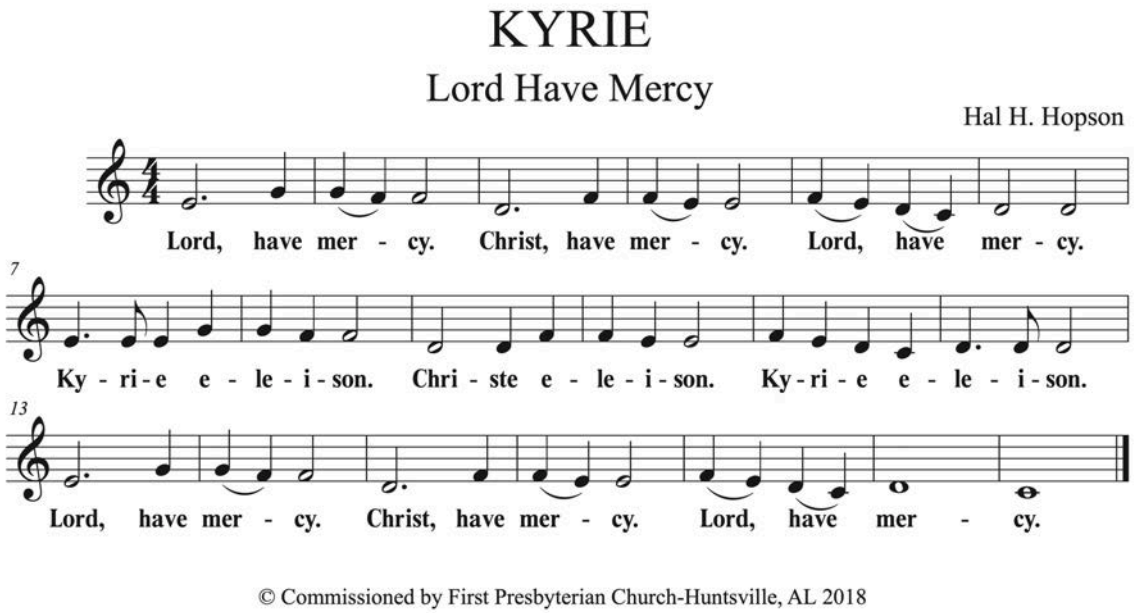
Liturgists:
8:30:
Susie Conard
11:00:
Houston Matthews

Ushers:
8:30 am-
Tom Conard
Joyce Stephens

11:00 am-
Patty Frierson
Jim Slate
Mary Margaret Cofield
Jason Duke

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

**Those who are able, please stand*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Friends, because of Christ's self-giving love, God has freed us from the power of sin and adopted us as his beloved children. Trusting in God's promises, receive the good news and live as God's new creation: In 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 THE PEACE Dr. Kling

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.

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

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.

FIRST READING Joshua 1:8–9

[8] This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. [9] I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Wondrous Love* Arr. Arlen Clarke
Chancel Choir

What wondrous love is this, o my soul.
What wondrous love is this
That cause the Lord of bliss
To lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

SECOND READING Luke 9:23–27

[23] Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. [24] For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. [25] What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? [26] Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. [27] But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God."

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

HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP 216 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST CHRISTOPHER

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (**unison**) THE 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.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (**unison**)

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Gethsemane* Sally DeFord

Katie Buckner, soprano

Gethsemane lay still and dark, creation watched in silent awe,
As Jesus suffered His Father's will, to satisfy unyielding law,
He knelt in earnest prayer alone, His friends, o'er come with sorrow, slept,
Beneath the burden of grief He groaned, beneath the weight of sin He wept,
And with His blood so freely spent, He bought my soul, He paid my debt,
What work of love was wrought for me, in the stillness of Gethsemane!

"This bitter cup wilt thou remove? Yet not my will, but thine be done."
Behold His anguish and weep anew for love of Christ the sinless one.
Woke His wounds my own are healed, my ev'ry pain o'ercome in His,
My shame, my weakness, my grief untold find ransom in His priceless gift.
For with His blood so freely spent, He bought my soul, He paid my debt,
What work of love was wrought for me, in the stillness of Gethsemane!

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

FOR ONLINE GIVING

*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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

*HYMN of Sending 542 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* GOD BE WITH YOU

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Kling

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

*POSTLUDE

One Great Hour of Sharing
February 18-April 5

Envelopes for donations are located in foyer of GBH.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Typically received during the season of Lent, this Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.

Worship Resources Adapted From:
Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org
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Holy Week

EVENTS & SERVICES

Palm Sunday- Sunday, March 29th	**WORSHIP AT 8:30 A.M. & 11 A.M.** *CHILDREN SING AT 11AM *BAKE SALE AT 12PM
Maundy Thursday- Thursday, April 2nd	**WORSHIP AT 5:30 P.M.** *WITH HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN'S CHURCH AFTER TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES
Good Friday- Friday, April 3rd	**WORSHIP AT 7 P.M.** *THE PRAYERS AT THE CROSS TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES DURING CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Easter Sunday- Sunday, April 5th	**WORSHIP AT 7:30AM (*GBH), 9AM & 11AM (FELLOWSHIP HALL)** *7:30AM SERVICE STREAMING ONLINE

Children's Church is available at every service!
There will not be an Easter egg hunt this year due to construction
However, children and youth will receive an Easter gift bag.

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE PET FOOD, ANIMAL ESENTIALS, AND CLEANING SUPPLIES FOR THE GREATER HUNTSVILLE HUMANE SOCIETY!

ITEM DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE DROPPED OFF IN THE LABELED BIN OUTSIDE JOHN ALLAN HALL, OR PURCHASED FROM THE QR CODE LINK BELOW.

ONLINE DONATIONS/PURCHASES

Goodtimers 2.0 Gathering

The Goodtimers 2.0 retired adults' ministry will get together for fellowship at Back Forty Beer Company. Each person buys lunch, a snack, or beverages off the menu.
Gather with friends old and new!

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 AT 1:00 PM

BACK FORTY BEER COMPANY
3254 LEEMAN FERRY ROAD

NO RSVP NECESSARY!

APPLY FOR THE FPC SCHOLARSHIP!

1. Granted to students pursuing post-secondary education.
2. High School seniors and current undergraduate, graduate, and students in other programs may apply!
3. Scan the QR code to get an application
4. Completed applications should be emailed to Leigh Brown, lbrown8991@gmail.com, no later than **April 14, 2026**.

Scan this QR code to access the application.

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV
March 15 - March 22

Sunday, March 15, 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 LIB
9:30am –10:30am LEAD Youth GBH
9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers BR
10:00am –10:30am Combined Sunday School RM 010
10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal/CR
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
12:00pm –2:00pm Choir Retreat FH

Monday, March 16, 2026
No First Friends Preschool

Tuesday, March 17, 2026
No First Friends Preschool
10:00am –12:00pm Church Staff Meeting LIB

Wednesday, March 18, 2026
No First Friends
1:30pm –3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group Rm 104 LIB
7:00pm –8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice CR

Thursday, March 19,2026
No First Friends
12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon GBH
7:00pm –8:30pm PNC Meeting LIB RM 104

Friday, March 20, 2026
No First Friends Preschool
Office Closed

Sunday, March 22, 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 LEAD Youth GBH
9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers BR
10:00am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
10:00am –10:30am Combined Sunday School RM 010
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
12:15pm –1:30pm Deacon Meeting w/Lunch FH

Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room (RM 204)
CH - Carriage House (GBH)
CR - Choir Room (RM 201)
FH - Fellowship Hall
LIB - Library (RM104)
B - Basement (RM 010)
GBH - Gideon Blackburn House
HR - Historical Room
JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)
SAN - Sanctuary

Palm Sunday, March 29, is also Children's Sunday!

Our Wednesday Night Live grade school children have worked hard all semester to learn about the parts of a worship service. They will lead worship as the liturgists and the choir singing the anthem!

All children are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday Processional!

All children - even very young ones - are welcome to process into John Allan Hall, waving palms, during the first hymn, *Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna*.

Here's what parents need to know:
10:50am - bring your children to the ramp by the door to Gideon Blackburn House
to line up and receive their palms.
(A parent or older sibling is welcome to accompany young ones!)

During the hymn children will enter John Allan Hall, process down the center aisle, and will return to the foyer - repeating until the song ends.

At the end of they hymn they will go sit with parents.

Due to space limitations during construction, we are currently not accepting flower donations.
Any donations made since the beginning of the year will be used when we return to the 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:
Betty Thompson family and friends
Day and King families
Alice Gardner
Ida Jo Daughtry
Betty Loeb
Paula Weider
Stella Wilson
Sandra Stewart
Frances Byrd
Anne Whitfield
Bob Monroe
Ed Green
Becky Buckner
Alicia Beam
Charlie Watkins
Barbara (Bonny) Morris
Cay Lambert
Amelia Beimrohr

Friends and Family:
Kirby and Shelia Stevenson - friends of Peggy and Dave Galloway
Charles Johnson- friend of Bo and Nancy Lundy
Bettie Lewter - friend of Genie and Bob Miller
Liz Goldman - friend of Bruce & Janis Williams.
Roger Holliday- father of Hamilton Holliday
Mary Streecter
Sarah Hankins
Tate Grueling - friend of Harriet Bibb
Jan Thompson- sister of Gail Sparks
Tonya Carano- friend of Bruce & Janis Williams
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
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:
Hoyt Harris (Brookdale)
Marlyn Harris (Flemming Farms Memory Care)
Cay Lambert (Huntsville Health & Rehab)
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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Dr. Karl Kling, *Transitional Senior Pastor*.....seniorpastor@fpchsv.org
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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 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

Pastor Nominating Committee:

Davis Carter
Heath Causey
Woodward Howard
Stephanie Hyatt
James Lee
Barbara Rahrer
Janis Williams

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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