

Emmaus Walk



First Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
April 19, 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 Youth Room of GBH 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 Youth Room in GBH 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

April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *O Worship the King* Arr. Joel Raney

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: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: We lift our voices in praise to the God of all creation.

Leader: Tell about God's salvation every day.

People: We lift our voices in praise to the God of mercy and grace.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN of Praise 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is good to those who come to him. God listens to the soul that searches for him. It is good for us to wait quietly for God's salvation. Let us admit our mistakes and open our hearts to the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of all nations, hear our confession. Sometimes we fail to trust others because they are different than we are. We miss opportunities to build new relationships. Too often, we don't allow your Spirit to increase our generosity to others. Please forgive our sin and selfishness. We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Dr. Karl Kling,
Transitional Pastor

Sherry Smith

Lois K. Lee,
Pianist

Chancel Choir

Gabriel Lugo

Liturgists:
8:30-
Anne Dillon Loflin

11:00-
Melissa Rowe

Ushers:
8:30 am-
Roy & Marilyn McCorkle

11:00 am-
Patty Frierson
Jason Duke
Ashley Connor
Mary Margaret Cofield

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

**Those who are able, please stand*

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, God gave himself for our sins and promises to forgive our failures. Receive the good news of God's mercy: 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

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 the Youth Room in GBH basement for Children's Church. Infant and toddler care is available there as needed.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Luke 24:13–27

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
Chancel Choir

Arr. James Kirby

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.*

*Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heav'nly grace,
Rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to God on high;
Alleluia! To the Savior who has gained the victory. Amen.*

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.

SECOND READING

Luke 24:28–35

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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.

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.

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

All Night, All Day
Gabriel Lugo, Tenor

Arr. Damien Sneed

*All night, all day,
Angels watching over me, my Lord.*

*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 702

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

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

Amen

Arr. Jack Schrader

12:00 Noon:

Meeting of the Congregation
Fellowship Hall

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FOR ONLINE GIVING

Worship Resources Adapted From:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org

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Scam



Alert

Please know that you will **NEVER** receive texts, emails or phone calls asking you for gift cards, money, or other private information from your Pastor, Church Staff, Leaders, or FPC Members

Scammers are sending false emails, text messages, or phone messages impersonating your Pastor, Staff, or FPC Members.

Scammers try to trick you into sending them gift cards, money, or personal information.

Sometimes they just leave a message asking you to respond to them.

Please don't respond.

They are trying to trick you into communicating with them.

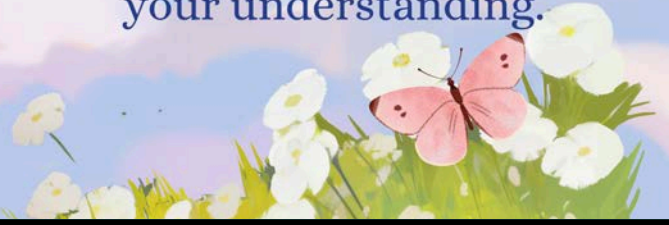
Even if you think the request may be real, **do not respond to it.**

Instead, call the Church Office and speak personally with Dr. Kling, Kristin, or a Staff Member.

Vacation Bible School Update



Due to construction and flooding renovation, we will unfortunately not have Vacation Bible School at FPC this summer. We are excited to welcome everyone back for Summer 2027! Thank you for your understanding.



Special Presbyterian Week at Camp Maranatha June 22-26, 2026



Overnight Camp for 5th-12th graders

Maranatha is partnering with Presbyterian (USA) churches in our presbytery and in the Birmingham area to all attend together and make this a great experience for the youth to build lasting friendships and strong churches.

Let Kathy Gillmore know if you are interested or if you have questions!

Register here!



Community Care Kits

to be Christ's Hands and Feet to those in Need

If you feel called by the Spirit to share Christ's love to people in need at intersections, on-ramps, and businesses, the Mission and Evangelism Committee is offering you an opportunity to pick up a few of these "Community Care Kits". These kits contain 2 kinds of food: non-perishable (fruit, meat, drink) and spiritual (devotional booklet). When you take up to 3 of these kits we ask that you scan the QR code to provide your name and email address so we can get feedback on how successful this outreach has been from your perspective. Based on your experience we can determine the best way to move forward in the future.

Kits are located in the GBH foyer for pick up.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in."

- Matthew 25:35



THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

April 19 - April 26

Sunday, April 19, 2026

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 Class GBH Living RM
 9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers JAH
 9:45am –10:30am Combined Sunday School GBHB
 9:45am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
 9:45am –10:30am LEAD Youth GBH 3rd floor
 10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
 11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service FH
 11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church GBH Youth Room
 12:00pm –12:30pm Congregational Meeting FH
 1:00pm –2:00pm Deacon Meeting w/Lunch CH

Monday, April 20, 2026

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

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
 9:30am –10:30am First Friends Theater FH
 10:00am –11:00am Church Staff Meeting GBH Living Room
 5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, April 22, 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 Basement
 1:30pm –3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH
 7:00pm –8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH

Thursday, April 23, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
 10:15am –10:30am First Friends Chapel FH
 11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group GBH Basement
 12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon CH
 5:30pm –7:00pm Maranatha Camp & Conference Center GBHD

Friday, April 24, 2026

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

Sunday, April 26, 2026

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room GBHB
 8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH
 8:45am –9:30am Children's Church GBH Youth room
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 11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church GBH Youth Room
 12:00pm –1:30pm Session/Confirmation Class FH w/lunch
 5:00pm –6:30pm PYC GBH

Calendar Legend:

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

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:

Barbara Martin and Evelyn Hurdle Families
Rusty Skinner-Uncle of Lindsay & Thomas Birchfield
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)
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

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

Pastor Nominating Committee:

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

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

Church Nominating Committee:

Erin Cobb- Chair, Session
Nicole Schroer- Session
Lucinda Shreeder
Glen Adams
Patty Conley
Bob Frank Smith
Jenny Schreeder- Deacons

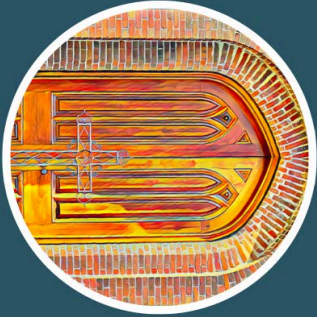
Trustees:

Class of 2026
Roy McCorkle
Angela Rawls

Class of 2027
Ryan Parker
Melissa Rowe

Class of 2028
Mac Martinson
Andy Watson

Presbyterian Women: Stella Wilson, Moderator



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