

The Gift of Repentance

Third Sunday in Lent



First Presbyterian Church
Gideon Blackburn House
March 8, 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

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Channels Only

Arr. Marianne Kim

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: The glory of creation proclaims God's goodness.

People: The Lord surrounds us with abundant grace.

Leader: Compassion and forgiveness reveal God's mercy.

People: The Lord lifts us up with loving kindness.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN of Praise 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that sometimes this past week we judged other people instead of loving them. We focused on our prejudices and failed to respect different points of view. We missed opportunities to speak words of compassion and hope. Please forgive our sin and renew us with your Spirit. 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

Westminster Ringers

Liturgists:
8:30-& 11:00
Stephanie Hyatt

Ushers:
8:30 am-
Susan Lewis
Barbara Rahrer

11:00 am-
Mary Margaret Cofield
Beth Clapp
Bo Lundy

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

**Those who are
able, please stand*

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson

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

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

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of all who trust in him. He was wounded for our sin and broken for our failures. Receive the good news: 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.*

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.

*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 READING

Isaiah 53:3–6

³ He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. ⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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.

ANTHEM

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Westminster Ringers

Arr. Bill Ingram

SECOND READING

Romans 5:6–8

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

1 *On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and
best for a world of lost sinners was slain.*

Refrain:

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

2 *O that old rugged cross, so despised by the
world, has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]*

3 *In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so
divine, a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and
died, to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]*

4 *To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far
away, where his glory forever I'll share.*

[Refrain]**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.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Westminster Ringers

Arr. Bill Ingram

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

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



FOR ONLINE GIVING

*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 541 *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* RANDOLPH

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

In Christ Alone

Arr. Larry Shackley



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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Faith & Life Class

The Analog Christian

LIVING YOUR FAITH
IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Five Sessions on Keeping Focus
in a World Full of Constant Distractions

analog vs. digital

digital rules

digital failures

why Christ came when he did

embrace the Holy Spirit as a catalyst

avoid society's digital divide

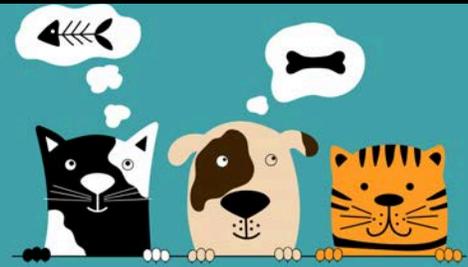
February 22-March 29

(not meeting Mar 15)

10:00-10:30

Carriage House

analog living in action



HELP THE FPC YOUTH SUPPORT THE GREATER HUNTSVILLE HUMANE SOCIETY!

The FPC Youth will be collecting the listed items
throughout March, leading up to their annual
Palm Sunday Bake Sale fundraiser on
Sunday, March 29th at 12pm.

If you'd like to donate, please bring items to the
labeled donation box inside the GBH entrance!

- **FOOD & PET ESSENTIALS**
- FANCY FEAST WET CAT FOOD
- GREENIE'S PILL POCKETS
- FRESH NEWS PELLET LITTER
- GUINEA PIG BEDDING
- GUINEA PIG TIMOTHY HAY
- **SHELTER SUPPLIES**
- DISINFECTING BLEACH
- PAPER TOWELS
- TOILET PAPER
- CLOROX WIPES
- 13-GALLON FORCE FLEX BAGS
- AAA/AA BATTERIES
- POSTAGE STAMPS
- PET SUPPLIES PLUS GIFT CARDS

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!**



June 14-21

2026 Mission Trip to Guatemala

Planting trees and hope

View video here
to learn more:



Are you interested in spending June 14-21, 2026
bringing hope to a family, a community, and the
world by planting trees with A.I.R. Guatemala?

3 spots open

Need a team of 8-10 people per week

- **What?**
Planting trees, building stoves, and having some
fun on a tourist day - to shop and see Maya ruins.
- **Who?**
Adults of all ages, who are able to walk 1/2 mile
on mountain roads to plant seedlings; youth at
least 16, and youth at least 12 with a parent.
- **Cost?**
\$600 - \$1000 approximate airfare HSV to GUA
plus
\$475 per person (\$975 cost - \$500 church defray)
 - Includes ground transportation, meals, hotel
 - Tourist day - Food and shopping not included



Sign up here



to indicate
interest and
receive more
information

For More Information

www.airguatemala.org

www.fpchsv.org/events

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

March 8 - March 15

Sunday, March 8, 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 Class LIB
 9:30am –10:30am Confirmation Class FH
 9:30am –10:30am LEAD Youth GBH
 9:30am –10:30am Pray with Me Milestone JAH
 9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers BR
 10:00am –10:30am Combined Children's Sunday School RM 010
 10:00am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
 10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal/CR
 11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH
 11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
 5:00pm –6:30pm PYC

Monday, March 9, 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 FH

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
 9:30am –11:30am First Friends Theater FH
 10:00am –12:00am Church Staff Meeting LIB
 5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GB

Wednesday, March 11, 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
 5:30pm –7:00pm Adult WNL
 7:00pm –8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice CR

Calendar Legend:

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

Thursday, March 12, 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, March 13, 2026

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

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 Class 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/Choir RM
 11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH
 11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
 12:00pm –2:00pm Choir Retreat FH

Holy Week

EVENTS & SERVICES

<i>Palm Sunday-</i> Sunday, March 29th	WORSHIP AT 8:30 A.M. & 11 A.M. *CHILDREN SING AT 11AM *BAKE SALE AT 12PM
<i>Maundy Thursday-</i> Thursday, April 2nd	WORSHIP AT 5:30 P.M. *WITH HOLY COMMUNION
<i>Good Friday-</i> Friday, April 3rd	WORSHIP AT 7 P.M. *THE PRAYERS AT THE CROSS
<i>Easter Sunday-</i> 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.
We are excited to bring back this special event next year!

Due to space, 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
Lindsay and Thomas Birchfield and extended family
Michael & Mary Leah Hooker
Joseph & Allison Davis and family
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 Streeter
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
Lora Bohan, *First Friends Director*.....ffdirector@fpchsv.org
Ellen DeAngelo, *Director of Finance & Administration*.....finance@fpchsv.org
Kathy Gillmore, *Director of Christian Education*.....dce@fpchsv.org
Dr. Patricia Hacker, *Director of Music*.....music@fpchsv.org
Dr. Lois K. Lee, *Organist/Pianist*
Anne Dillon Loflin, *Youth Director*.....youth@fpchsv.org
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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
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:

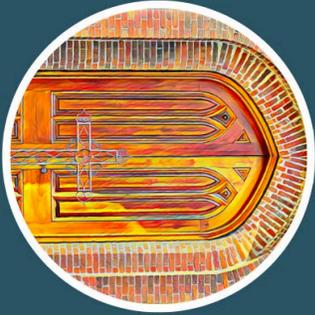
Class of 2026
Roy McCorkle
Angela Rawls

Class of 2027
Ryan Parker
Melissa Rowe

Class of 2028
Mac Martinson
Andy Watson

Presbyterian Women:

Stella Wilson, Moderator



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