



Renewed from Above

First Presbyterian Church

August 3, 2025

# 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 Rooms 105 and 106 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.
- We use the following icons to include our early and non-readers in worship participation. We invite you to point these out to children you may worship with and help engage them in the worship service.



PRAYER



SPEAKING



BIBLE



MUSIC



COMMUNION



OFFERING



BAPTISM

Want more information about the church?

Speak with an usher in the narthex, or visit our website at [fpchsv.org](http://fpchsv.org),  
or listen to sermons later in the week, at:



FOR APPLE



FOR ANDROID

## WELCOME

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### CHIMING OF THE BELL

### PRELUDE

*Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord*

R. Herbek

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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 Lord is our Shepherd; we have everything we need.

**People: God provides for us even during times of trouble.**

Leader: The Lord gives us new beginnings every day.

**People: God's grace surrounds us all the days of our lives.**

Leader: Let us worship God.



### \*OPENING PRAYER



### \*HYMN 475

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

### CALL TO CONFESSION



### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that sometimes we blamed others when we were frustrated. Or we compared ourselves to neighbors instead of focusing on your kingdom. We failed to trust you and were suspicious of people who needed our kindness. Please forgive our sin and help us to live the new life that Christ gives us. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

*(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)*

As we gather to worship God, let us remember that worship is the work of the Holy Spirit among us. In worship, God builds up the church. The elements of worship, word and prayer both spoken and sung, as well as sacraments—are the outward and ordinary means of grace.

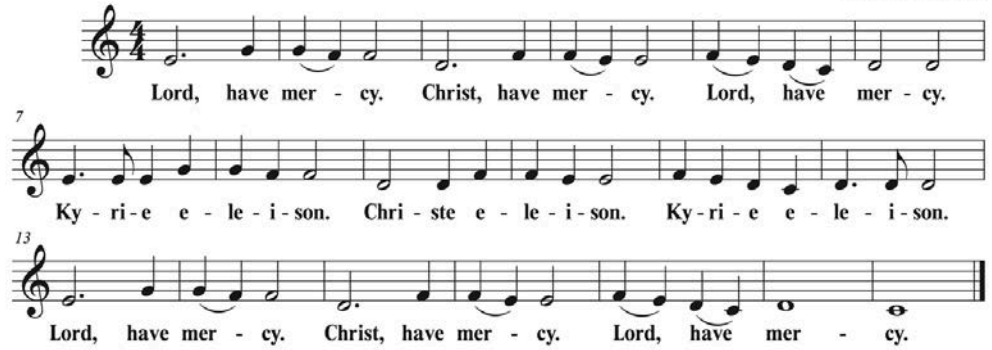
*\*Those who are able, please stand*



# KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson



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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As Jesus healed the sick and forgave those who struggled with failure, he forgives your sin and gives you new life. Friends, hear and receive the good news: In the name of 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 PEACE

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 extend a special welcome those who are new to our church community.)

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### 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 rooms 105 and 106 as needed.



## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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.

*\*Those who are  
able, please stand*





## FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-10

The Lord's power overcame me, and while I was in the Lord's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry. He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?" I said, "Lord God, only you know."

He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the Lord's word! The Lord God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. I will put tendons on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the Lord."

I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. When I looked, suddenly there were tendons on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them.

He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, human one! Say to the breath, The Lord God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live." I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Anthem  
8:30

*When I Think Upon Thy Goodness*  
Stacy Owens, soprano

F.J. Haydn

*When I think upon Thy goodness,  
And recall Thy tender care,  
Then, O Lord, my heart confesseth,  
How great Thy bounties are.  
For Thy love it ever floweth,  
Like the sea, it hath no bound.  
When in grief my heart was broken  
Then O Lord, was mercy found.*

11:00 a.m.

*To Be Born Again*  
Chancel Choir

Maxcine W. Posegate

*To be born again is to start all over with new life from above,  
To be born again is to have a soul stirring glimpse of God's love;  
To be born again is to leave behind all the sins and the guilt and the loss,  
All the wasted years and the futile tears at the foot of the Savior's cross.  
To be born again is to start a life that will last when this world is gone,  
To be born again is to find a goal for your life from now on,  
To be born again is to know life's greatest joy deep within;  
Jesus said, "Ye must be born again."*

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able, please stand*



## SECOND LESSON

JOHN 3:1-6

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born again (born anew), it’s not possible to see God’s kingdom.”

Nicodemus asked, “How is it possible for an adult to be born again? It’s impossible to enter the mother’s womb for a second time and be born, isn’t it?”

Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom. Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**



## PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SERMON

Renewed from Above

The Rev. Dr. Richard Brooks

SILENT MEDITATION



\*HYMN 288

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

## 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.**



## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

8:30 a.m.

*Let us Kneel to the Lord, Our Maker*

R. Herbek

11:00 a.m.

*When I Think Upon Thy Goodness*

F. J. Hadyn

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



FOR ONLINE GIVING

*\*Those who are able, please stand*



*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



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE



THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Our Gracious God, we worship you for creating and redeeming the world through your never-failing love. We glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise with all your people saying:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

We praise you for Jesus Christ, who ate with sinners and taught ordinary people. He visited the sick, sent harvesters into the fields, and invited all people to receive his grace.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And so, he shared himself in bread and cup with his followers and now with us. As we remember Christ's death and resurrection, we proclaim the miracle of faith saying:



**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Table, having been set, the one presiding then leads the people in the great prayer of thanksgiving. This prayer, with its emphasis on thankful praise, has been of central importance to this sacrament from very early centuries in Christian worship. Thanksgiving is so important to this sacrament that it has been given the name of Eucharist (from the New Testament Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving).

**WORSHIP  
LEADERSHIP:**

The Rev. Dr. Richard  
Brooks

Dr. Patricia Hacker,  
Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee,  
Pianist/Organist  
Stacy Owens  
Chancel Choir

Ushers:

8:30 am - Susan Lewis  
& Barbara Rahrer  
11:00 am - Joseph  
Lundy, Dag Rowe

Communion  
Preparers: Vida Wann

Communion Servers:

8:30 am- David Young  
11:00- Leigh Brown,  
Mary Margaret Cofield,  
Buddy Guynes,  
Caitlyn Thomas, Bruce  
Williams, Serena Neely

Lay Liturgist:

8:30 am - Bruce Peters  
11:00 am - Melissa  
Rowe

Children's Sermon:  
Karen Madison

Video and Sound:

Tom Stroud  
Dave Young  
Maxwell R. Carter

*\*Those who are  
able, please stand*

Merciful God, we ask you to pour out your Spirit so this meal will unite us as your people. Make all who share this bread and cup one with Christ. And now, as your daughters and sons, help us to pray with confidence the prayer that Jesus taught us:



**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.**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

Communion bread is gluten-free. Please eat the bread as it is shared as a sign of your individual trust in God's grace. Hold the cup and we will drink it together as a sign of our unity in Christ.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**



**Gracious God, in deep gratitude we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as transformed people because we have shared the living bread that gives us your love and joy to share with others. We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.**

**SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD**



\*HYMN 286

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\*POSTLUDE

*Tuba Tune in D Major*

C.S. Lang

**Worship Resources Adapted From:**

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org  
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FPC is preparing to support the "Inside" weekend at Limestone Prison Oct 16-19



Kairos Prison Ministry  
International

## Impacting *hearts and lives*

Learn more  
about Kairos  
Alabama



Are you interested in sharing  
the transforming love and  
forgiveness of Jesus Christ?  
Training starts soon.  
Contact us for more  
information.



## Aug 10 Rally Day

9:30 Celebrate Grade Promotions  
Gift Bible Presentations  
9:45 Sunday School Classes  
11:00 Blessing of the Backpacks  
12:00 Lunch

To Provide or Update  
Important Information

Age/Grade  
Allergy Info  
Contact Information



Register

Worship & Faith Formation & Fellowship

## NEW FALL SCHEDULE

**STARTING AUGUST 10**

New time for children!

To better support families and encourage participation, we're trying a new Sunday morning schedule this fall. The new schedule shortens the total time families spend at church, while still allowing space for Worship, Fellowship, and Faith Formation.

**Current Schedule:**

8:30-9:30 AM: Worship  
9:30-10:30 AM: Sunday School  
10:30-11:00 AM: Fellowship  
11:00-12:00 PM: Worship

**New Fall Schedule:**

8:30-9:30 AM: Worship  
9:30-10:00 AM: Fellowship Time  
10:00-10:30 AM: Children's Sunday School (and one adult class parents are encouraged to attend)  
10:30-11:00 AM: Fellowship Time  
11:00-12:00 PM: Worship

Note: Youth LEAD and Charles Danner Seminar classes continue 9:30-10:30 AM. Faith & Life adult class will try the new 30-minute format from 10:00-10:30 AM and will be a good fit for parents.

Stay connected at [fpchsv.org/events](http://fpchsv.org/events)  
for information on events at FPC!

FOR CHILDREN DURING BOTH 8:30 AND  
11:00 WORSHIP SERVICES

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH HAS MOVED TO ROOM #205!

A room dedicated to and designed for  
Godly Play worship for children



Infant and Toddler care remains in room 105 and 106 as needed,  
directly below the new Children's Church room!

## THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

### August 3 - August 10

#### Sunday, August 3, 2025

8:15 am - 12:00 pm Nursery RM 105  
8:30 - 9:30 am Worship Service SAN  
8:45 - 9:30 am Children's Church RM 205  
9:30 - 10:30 am Sunday School

- Combined Sunday School (all children) FH
- Charles Danner Seminar Class GBH
- Faith & Life Sunday School Class JAH
- LEAD Youth GBH
- Westminster Ringers BR

10:30 - 11:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal RM 201

11:00 am Worship Service SAN

11:15 am - 12:00 pm Children's Church RM 205

#### Monday, August 4, 2025

5:30 - 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting LIB

#### Tuesday, August 5, 2025

10:00 - 11:00 am Staff Meeting RM 104

5:30 - 8:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack 70 GBH

#### Wednesday, August 6, 2025

7:00 - 8:00 am Men's Bible Study FH

7:00 - 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice CR

#### Thursday, August 7, 2025

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Prayer Group LIB/Zoom

12:00 - 1:00 pm Al-Anon GBH

3:00 - 7:00 pm Greene Street Market

#### Friday, August 8, 2025

Office Closed

#### Sunday, August 10, 2025

- Rally Day with Lunch Celebration FH
- 8:15am - 12:00pm Nursery Room 105/106
- 8:30am - 9:30am Worship Service SAN
- 8:45am - 9:30am Children's Church RM 205
- 9:30am - 9:50am Rally Day Celebration and Gift Presentation
- 9:30am - 10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class GBH
- 9:30am - 10:30am LEAD Youth GBH
- 9:30am - 10:30am Westminster Ringers BR
- 10:00am - 10:30am Parent Meeting FH
- 10:00am - 10:30am Connect 4th & 5th RM 012
- 10:00am - 10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class JAH
- 10:00am - 10:30am Godly Play K & 1st RM 009
- 10:00am - 10:30am Holy Moly 2nd & 3rd 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 SAN
- 11:15am - 12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm Rally Day Lunch Celebration FH
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm Session Meeting/FH

#### Calendar Legend:

<b>BR</b> - Bell Room (RM 204)	<b>GBH</b> - Gideon Blackburn House
<b>CH</b> - Carriage House (GBH)	<b>HR</b> - Historical Room
<b>CR</b> - Choir Room (RM 201)	<b>JAH</b> - John Allan Hall (GBH)
<b>FH</b> - Fellowship Hall	<b>SAN</b> - Sanctuary

# PRAYER LIST

New prayer requests are in bold print.

In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Dr. Kling at [seniorpastor@fpchsv.org](mailto:seniorpastor@fpchsv.org).

In order to conserve paper and printing costs, 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](mailto:admin@fpchsv.org).

## **Church Members:**

Frances Byrd  
Anne Whitfield  
Bob Monroe  
Mindy Nettles  
Betty Thompson  
Richard McElveen  
Ed Green  
Maxwell R. Carter and family  
Becky Buckner  
Alicia Beam  
Paul Buxton  
Janice Fowler  
Charlie Watkins  
Ted Buckner  
Ted Paludan  
Barbara (Bonny) Morris  
Cay Lambert  
Jan Nickoloff

## **Friends and Family:**

Ella Bryan - daughter of Katy Bryan  
June Galloway - daughter of Peggy & David Galloway  
Marlene Stark - mother of Lisa Everett  
Paige Olmo - daughter of Paula Weider  
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  
Patricia Edmondson - friend of Bruce & Janis Williams  
Amber Barker  
Brian Cain  
John Kirk & family  
Claudia Fahrner  
Mike Moore  
Diana Scheidker, friend of Patricia Hacker

Family of Mike Galant - friends of Maxwell R. Carter  
David Barnes - friend of Maxwell R. Carter  
Elsa de Ramirez - mother of Patricia Hacker  
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  
Vickie Boone - friend of Nancy Lundy  
Mr. Bookout - friend of Ron & Lisa Stephens  
Jared Cantrell - cousin of Maxwell R. Carter  
Mr. Wade - friend of Ron & Lisa Stephens  
Nathan Harsh Brown Chitty - cousin of George Harsh  
Jean Hindman - friend of George & Eleanor Harsh  
Bennie Jacks - friend of George & Eleanor Harsh  
Jay & Geoff Murdock - family of Mark Huaroto  
Emily Neely - daughter-in-law of Serena Neely  
Katie Little Pickle - great niece of Dave & Peggy Galloway  
Nancy Neely Harris - sister of Mary Margaret Cofield  
Mike & Linda Davis - parents of Joseph Davis  
Fred Applegate - friend of Katy Bryan  
Marie Mitchell - mother of Libby Smith  
Edward Smith - father of Bob Frank Smith  
Antony Leo - brother of Lori Smith  
Charles Trainosky - grandson of Charlie Watkins  
Grant Adams - brother of Glen Adams  
The Zapototskyi Family - FPC's sponsored Ukrainian family

## **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)  
Kathleen Perry (Valley View)

## **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



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