

# “Feed My Sheep”



First Presbyterian Church  
May 4, 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 8:00 am and 12:00 pm for infants and toddlers in Room 106.
- Older children are encouraged to worship with their families, and children aged Kindergarten and younger are welcome (but never required!) to go to Room 106/107 for Children's Church after the Time for Young Disciples.
- 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

### Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

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

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### CHIMING OF THE BELL

#### PRELUDE

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ARR. DON HUSTAD

### 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

One: O Lord our God, we praise you.

Many: **We cried to you for help and you answered us.**

One: You have restored our lives;

Many: **You have rescued us from the grave.**



#### \*OPENING PRAYER



#### \*HYMN 645

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH



### CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30 am)

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism is Charlie Joseph Jones, son of Connor and Sierra Jones.

### CALL TO CONFESSION



#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel.**

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

St. Augustine once said, "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our hymn of praise!" He meant that the resurrection of Jesus was to be both celebrated and lived into. We should be a people who give evidence of the resurrection in all that we do and say.

The early Church, following Jesus, took three primary material elements of life — water, bread, and wine — to become basic symbols of offering life to God as Jesus had offered his life. Being washed with the water of Baptism, Christians received new life in Christ and presented their bodies to be living sacrifices to God. Eating bread and drinking wine they received the sustaining presence of Christ, remembered God's covenant promise, and pledged their obedience anew.

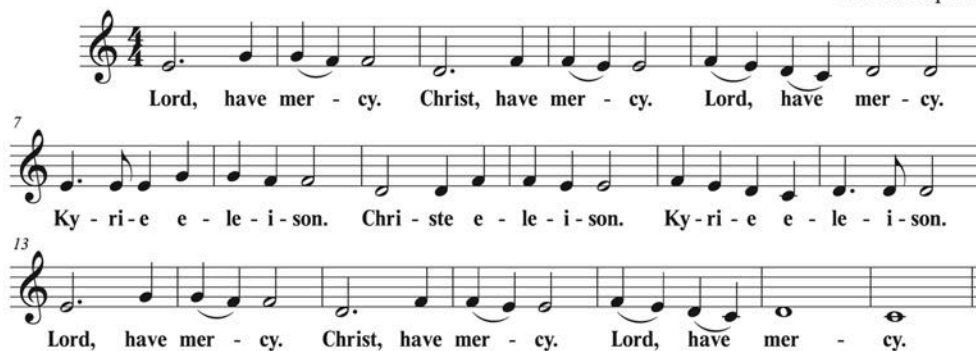
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# KYRIE

## Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson



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No matter what we bring before God, we have confidence in God's mercy and grace which forgives our darkest sins and our deepest hurts.



### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.  
Many: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**



### \*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

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
Many: **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

Children's Church  
Helper:  
Katherine Carter

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*(Following the Time for Young Disciples, young children are invited  
to join Kathy Gillmore in Room 106 for Children's Church.)*



### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



### FIRST LESSON

PSALM 19:7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of

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the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM     8:30 a.m.     *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*  
PESCADOR DE HOMBRES  
Gabriel Lugo and Patricia Hacker

*Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
You only asked me to follow humbly.*

**Chorus**

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
And while smiling have spoken my name,  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.*

*You need my hands, full of caring,  
Through my labors to give others rest  
And constant love that keeps on loving.  
(to chorus)*

*You, who have fished other oceans,  
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
My loving friend, as thus you call me.  
(to chorus)*

*Tu has venido a la orilla,  
No has buscado ni a sabios ni a ricos,  
Tan solo quieres que yo te siga.*

**Chorus**

*Señor, me has mirado a los ojos,  
Sonriendo has dicho mi nombre,  
En la arena he dejado mi barca,  
Junto a ti buscare otro mar.*

*Tu necesitas mis manos,  
Mi cansancio que a otros descanse,  
Amor que quiera seguir amando.  
(to chorus)*

*Tu, Pescador de otros lagos,  
Ansia eterna de almas que esperan  
Amigo bueno, que así me llamas.  
(to chorus)*

11:00 a.m.     *By Faith*     GETTY and TOWNEND  
Chancel Choir

*By faith, we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design,  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness.  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.*

*By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts.  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,  
A place where peace and justice reign.*

**Chorus**

*We will stand as children of the promise.  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

*By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear,  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave!*

*By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost,  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth. (To chorus)*

*By faith this mountain shall be moved,  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail!  
For we know in Christ all things are possible,  
To all who call upon His name! (To chorus)*



SECOND LESSON

JOHN 21:12-19

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the

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able, please stand*

Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**



#### PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Karl Kling

SILENT MEDITATION



\*HYMN 726

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

THE SUMMONS

#### Respond to God's Word



#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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.**

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FOR ONLINE GIVING

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#### PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

### *Deep River* FPC Ensemble

ARR. MARK HAYES

*Crossin' over Jordan, Oh, how I long to see my home,  
See that blessed Promised Land.  
I want to cross over into campground.  
Deep river, my home is over Jordan.  
Deep river, I want to cross over into campground.  
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,  
That Promised Land, where all is peace?  
Oh, deep river, my home is over Jordan.  
Oh, deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.  
Deep river, my home is over beautiful Jordan  
I want to cross over into campground.*



## \*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



## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE



## THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

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

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you, Lord God, for your history of salvation, for creating and redeeming the world through your promises to your people Israel. We thank you for your forgiveness and your transforming love. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we, too, glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise saying:

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).

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

We praise you for Jesus Christ, born of Mary. One of us, he ate with sinners; he taught the crowds; he visited the sick; he sent harvesters into the fields; he challenged his followers; he laughed and he cried; he died on the cross and he rose from the dead to give us new life...

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

... And so he shared himself in bread and cup with his followers and now with us. As we remember Christ's baptism, as we recall his life and ministry, as we follow him through death into the resurrection of new life, we proclaim that mystery called faith saying:



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

We praise you for your Spirit who guides us as we follow you. Pour out your Spirit that this meal may be one communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make all who share your feast one with Christ. And now, with the confidence of his children, let us pray as Jesus taught us, saying:



**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.*



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord God, in deep gratitude for this time of worship, for this meal, and for this church, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as transformed people because we have shared the living bread and we cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, and encourage many through us. May we each live to your glory, now and forever more, Amen.**



## SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD



\*HYMN 451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

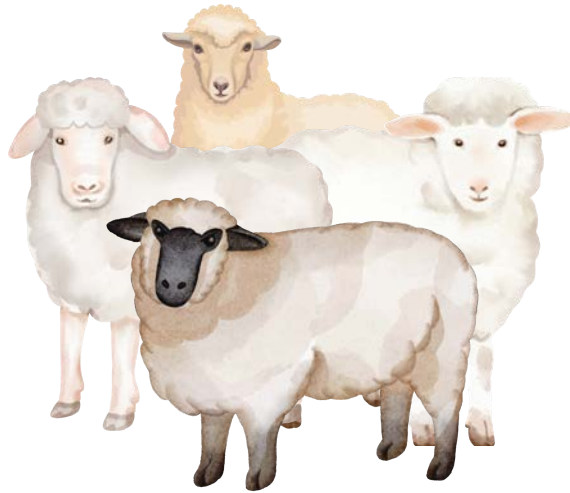
OPEN MY EYES

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Fanfare*

EURYDICE V. OSTERMAN



The flowers are given to the  
Glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Mary Edith Thompson and Mary Hart Brown  
by Melinda Thompson

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

The Rev. Dr. Karl Kling,  
Transitional Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,  
Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee,  
Pianist/Organist

Chancel Choir  
Gabriel Lugo  
FPC Ensemble

Acolyte:  
Emma Carter

Ushers:  
8:30 am - Susan Lewis,  
Barbara Rahrer  
11:00 am - Daniel  
Carter,

Communion  
Preparers:  
Dave Young

Communion Servers:  
John Howard, Jr.,  
Diann Berry, Nicole  
Schroer, Dave Young,  
Buddy Guynes, Serena  
Neely

Lay Liturgist:  
8:30 am - Roy McCorkle  
11:00 am - Melissa  
Rowe

Host:  
Bruce Williams

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



### Worship Resources Adapted From:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org  
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# YOUNG ADULTS at the Farm!

May 10th

3-6pm

## SNACKS | DRINKS | FELLOWSHIP

Join us for a great afternoon and evening at Houston Matthews' Farm! Drinks and snacks will be provided. More detailed directions coming soon!

266 Kelly Spring Road

## Goodtimers 2.0 Gathering Memorial Day Remembrance



Come join the Goodtimers 2.0 to share memories and stories honoring those who gave their lives in service for our country.

Bring your stories to share.

Entertainment by Alan Mitchell and Diann Berry.

Gather with friends old and new!



THURSDAY, MAY 15

2:00 - 4:00 PM



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
GBH

**NO RSVP  
NECESSARY!**

CELEBRATE OUR

# Graduates!

May 18, 2025

Celebrating high school grads in the May newsletter and with a special blessing on May 18.

Please contact Kathy Gillmore at [dce@fpchsv.org](mailto:dce@fpchsv.org) with information about your college grad for the June newsletter.

# orienteering event!

# lunch on the square!

PKC FOR 3RD - 5TH GRADERS

# May 18

NOON - 2:00

register





## THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

May 4 - May 11

### Sunday, May 4, 2025

#### **Holy Communion**

8:15 am - 12:00 pm Nursery RM 106  
8:30 - 9:30 am Worship Service w/ Baptism SAN  
8:45 - 9:30 am Children's Church RM 106/107  
9:30 - 10:30 am Sunday School

- Peepers (Preschool) RM 108/109
- Godly Play (K & 1st grade) RM 009
- Holy Moly (2nd & 3rd grade) RM 010
- Connect (4th & 5th grade) RM 012
- LEAD Youth GBH
- Charles Danner Seminar Class RM 207
- Adult Sunday School JAH

9:30 - 10:25 am Adult Handbell Rehearsal BR  
10:30 - 11:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal CR  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Worship Service SAN  
11:15 am - 12:00 pm Children's Church RM 106/107  
1:00 - 3:00 pm PYC offsite

### Monday, May 5, 2025

9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm PW May Gathering FH  
5:30 - 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting RM 104

### Tuesday, May 6, 2025

9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool  
9:30 - 10:30 am First Friends Theater FH  
10:00 - 11:00 am Staff Meeting RM 104  
6:00 - 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 70 GBH  
6:30 - 8:30 pm HMC CR, BR, SAN, FH  
7:00 - 8:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 70 GBH

### Wednesday, May 7, 2025

7:00 - 8:00 am Men's Bible Study FH  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool  
10:30 - 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry RM 104  
7:15 - 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal CR

### Thursday, May 8, 2025

9:00 am - 11:00 am First Friends Preschool  
10:15 - 10:30 am First Friends Chapel SAN  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Prayer Group RM 104/Zoom  
12:00 - 1:00 pm Al-Anon GBH  
2:00 - 4:00 pm Goodtimers 2.0 GBH  
3:00 - 7:00 pm Greene Street Market  
5:30 - 7:30 pm Maranatha Board Meeting RM 104

### Friday, May 9, 2025

Office Closed  
9:30 - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm FF Mother's Day Art Show

### Sunday, May 11, 2025

#### **Mother's Day**

8:15 am - 12:00 pm Nursery RM 106  
8:30 - 9:30 am Worship Service SAN  
8:45 - 9:30 am Children's Church RM 106/107  
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5:30 - 6:30 pm Session Meeting FH

#### **Calendar Legend:**

<b>BR</b> - Bell Room	<b>GBH</b> - Gideon Blackburn
<b>CH</b> - Carriage House (GBH)	House
<b>CR</b> - Choir Room	<b>HR</b> - Historical Room
<b>FH</b> - Fellowship Hall	<b>JAH</b> - John Allan Hall (GBH)
	<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 Isabel Evans, Administrative Assistant, at [admin@fpchsv.org](mailto:admin@fpchsv.org).

## **Church Members:**

Anne Whitfield

The Case Family for the passing of Allen Case

Bob Monroe

Mindy Nettles

Peggy Galloway

Betty Thompson

Richard McElveen

Ed Green

Maxwell R. Carter and family

Becky Buckner

Alicia Beam

Paul Buxton

Janice Fowler

Frances Byrd

Charlie Watkins

Ted Buckner

Ted Paludan

Barbara (Bonny) Morris

Cay Lambert

## **Friends and Family:**

**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

Family of Mike Galant - friends of Maxwell R. Carter

David Barnes - friend of Maxwell R. Carter

Elsa de Ramirez - mother of Patricia Hacker

John Kirk & family - friends of Marian Bevel

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

George & Kathryn Mahoney - friends of Bob & Genie Miller

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