

“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,
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!

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.



*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.**

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.



*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 CONFESSON



PRAYER OF CONFESSON

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.)

**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.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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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 descance,
Amor que quiera seguir amando.
(to chorus)*

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

11:00 a.m.

By Faith
Chancel Choir

GETTY and TOWNEND

*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

**Those who are
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

**Those who are able, please stand*



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).

**Those who are able, please stand*



**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

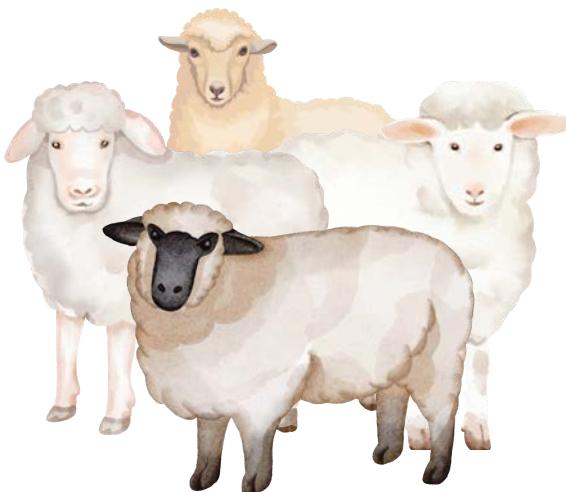
OPEN MY EYES

*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

**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

**MAY
Gathering**



**May 5, 2025
10:00 a.m. in the
Fellowship Hall**

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

**Those who are
able, please stand*

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

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 with information about your college grad for the June newsletter.

Goodtimers 2.0 Gathering

Memorial Day Rememberance

MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER & HONOR



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

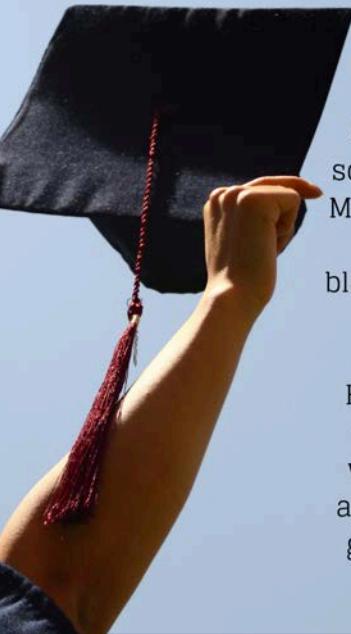
Bring your stories to share.

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!



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
9:30 - 10:30 am Sunday School

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5:30 - 6:30 pm Session Meeting FH

Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room

GBH - Gideon Blackburn

CH - Carriage House (GBH)

House

CR - Choir Room

HR - Historical Room

FH - Fellowship Hall

JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)

SAN - 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.

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.

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 Zapototsky 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