

Palm Sunday



Blessed is he,
that comes in the name of the
Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

First Presbyterian Church
Gideon Blackburn House

March 29, 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

Children Led Palm Sunday Service

March 29, 2026

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lloyd Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Kling

Please sign in on the red 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

Emme Sparks

Leader: On Palm Sunday, we worship Jesus because he comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **We praise the Son of God with palm branches, prayers, and songs.**

Leader: The stone that the builders did not want to use is the most important part of God's building.

People: **On Palm Sunday, we worship Jesus because he comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER OF PRAISE

Louise Causey

*HYMN OF PRAISE 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Houston Matthews

(update on construction and repair projects)

CALL TO CONFESSION

AllyMae Gilfrich

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (**unison**)

Marion Bevel

Dear God, sometimes we are mean to someone who is trying to be nice to us. Sometimes we are selfish and don't want to share. When we see people who are different from us, sometimes we don't want to be friends with them. Please forgive us when we don't do what you want us to do. Jesus, please help us to love our family, friends, and neighbors. We pray this in your name, Amen.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Dr. Karl Kling,
Transitional Senior
Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee,
Pianist

Sherry Smith
& Stacy Owens
Katie Buckner
Children's Choir
Directors
WNL Children's Choir

Ushers:
8:30 am-
Chuck & Jodie Karr

11:00 am-
Patty Frierson
Mary Margaret Cofield
Beth Clapp

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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PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Camille Lewis

Friends, God loves you so much. Jesus carries away the wrong things you do and makes you fresh and clean. Every time you open your heart, God gives you another chance. 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 PEACE

Saffy Lewis

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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dr. Kling

*(Following the Time for Young Disciples, children are invited
to join Kathy Gillmore in Room 105 for Children's Church.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Emma Carter/Jacob Davis

Thank you for responding to me; you've truly become my salvation!
 The stone the masons discarded as flawed is now the capstone!
 This is God's work. We rub our eyes—we can hardly believe it!
 This is the very day God acted— let's celebrate and be festive! Salvation now, God.
 Salvation now! Oh yes, God—a free and full life!
 Blessed are you who enter in God's name— from God's house we bless you!

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM 8:30

The Palms
 Sherry Smith & Stacy Owens

Jean Batiste Faure

*Blossoms and palms in varied beauty vie,
 Duck's is the road with fragrant flow'rs to greet Him,
 Jesus hath come a world's sad tears to dry,
 E'en now the throng rush forth with joy to meet Him.*

*Sing and rejoice with one accord,
 sing joyous songs for His sublime ovation.
 Hosanna! And prais'd be the Lord!
 Blessed is He who hath brought us salvation.*

*Gently He speaks, the people hear His voice,
 Freedom returns though from the earth long banish'd,
 All in a brotherhood again rejoice,
 Light has return'd and dreary darkness vanish'd.*

11:00

Procession of Praise
 WNL Children Choir

Joseph Martin

*Bells are ringing, people singing, lift your palms on high.
 Branches waving, children praising, hear the joyful cry!
 Sing Hosanna! Heav'n and earth reply!
 Sing Hosanna! The King is passing by!
 Sing Hosanna! To the King, sing Hosanna, let your music ring.
 List up your heads you mighty gates.
 Open the ancient doors. Let ev'ry heart be filled with praise!
 Oh, how the music soars!
 Sing Hosanna! Worship Christ the King of kings!*

When they neared Jerusalem, having arrived at Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples with these instructions: "Go over to the village across from you. You'll find a donkey tethered there, her colt with her. Untie her and bring them to me. If anyone asks what you're doing, say, 'The Master needs them!' He will send them with you." This is the full story of what was sketched earlier by the prophet: Tell Zion's daughter, "Look, your king's on his way, poised and ready, mounted on a donkey, on a colt, foal of a pack animal." The disciples went and did exactly what Jesus told them to do. They led the donkey and colt out, laid some of their clothes on them, and Jesus mounted. Nearly all the people in the crowd threw their garments down on the road, giving him a royal welcome. Others cut branches from the trees and threw them down as a welcome mat. Crowds went ahead and crowds followed, all of them calling out, "Hosanna to David's son!" "Blessed is he who comes in God's name!" "Hosanna in highest heaven!" As he made his entrance into Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken. Unnerved, people were asking, "What's going on here? Who is this?" The parade crowd answered, "This is the prophet Jesus, the one from Nazareth in Galilee."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Cora Lewis

SERMON

Dr. Kling

SILENT MEDITATION

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 363 *Rejoice the Lord is King*

DARWALL'S 148th

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Cora Davis

Questions and Answers from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Leader: Who are you?

People: **I am a child of God.**

Leader: What does it mean to be a child of God?

People: **That I belong to God, who loves me.**

Leader: What makes you a child of God?

People: **Grace – God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.**

Leader: Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

People: **No, God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.**

Leader: How do you thank God for this gift of love?

People: **I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.**

Leader: How do you love God?

People: **By worshipping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (**unison**) Dr. Kling
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 Rogan Araiinejad

OFFERTORY
8:30 *The Palms* Jean-Batiste Faure
Sherry Smith and Stacy Owens

11:00 *The Holy City* Stephen Adams
Katie Buckner, soprano

*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 Alice Davis

*HYMN OF SENDING 196 *All Glory Laud and Honor*
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Kling

*POSTLUDE *A Rose Breaks Into Bloom, Op.122, No.8* Johannes Brahms

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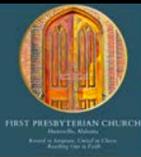


FOR ONLINE GIVING

Worship Resources Adapted From:

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



EVENTS & SERVICES

Maunder Thursday-
Thursday, April 2nd
GBH

WORSHIP AT 5:30 P.M.
*WITH HOLY COMMUNION
CHILDREN'S CHURCH AFTER
TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Good Friday-
Friday, April 3rd
GBH

WORSHIP AT 7 P.M.
*THE PRAYERS AT THE CROSS
THERE WILL BE TIME FOR
YOUNG DISCIPLES DURING
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Easter Sunday-
Sunday, April 5th
GBH & Fellowship Hall

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.
However, children and youth will receive
an Easter gift bag on Easter Sunday.*

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

**TODAY AT 12PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!**

FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE PET FOOD
AND CLEANING SUPPLIES FOR THE
GREATER HUNTSVILLE HUMANE SOCIETY!

ITEM DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE DROPPED OFF IN THE
LABELED BIN OUTSIDE JOHN ALLAN HALL, OR
PURCHASED FROM THE QR CODE LINK BELOW.



ONLINE
DONATIONS/
PURCHASES



IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO CONTRIBUTE
BAKED GOODS TO
THE SALE, PLEASE
CONTACT
YOUTH@FPCHSV.ORG

Goodtimers 2.0

Down Memory Lane

*Options:
Bring memorabilia to share!
Flowers in vintage vase
guided by Flower Guild!
Just come and enjoy!*



THURSDAY, APRIL 16
AT 2:00 - 3:30 PM



FELLOWSHIP HALL

APPLY FOR THE FPC SCHOLARSHIP!

1. Granted to students pursuing post-secondary education.
2. High School seniors and current undergraduate, graduate, and students in other programs may apply!
3. Scan the QR code to get an application
4. Completed applications should be emailed to Leigh Brown, lbrown8991@gmail.com, no later than **April 14, 2026**.

Scan this QR code to
access the application.



THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

March 29 - April 5

Sunday, March 29, 2026

8:15am - 12:00pm Nursery GBHB
8:30am - 9:30am Worship Service GBH
8:45am - 9:30am Children's Church GBHB
9:30am - 10:30am Charles Danner Seminar
Class GBHLR
9:30am - 10:30am Confirmation Class FH
9:30am - 10:15am Westminster Ringers JAH
10:00am - 10:30am Combined Sunday School
GBHB
10:00am - 10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH
10:30am - 11:00am Chancel Choir JAH
11:00am - 12:00pm Worship Service GBH
11:15am - 12:00pm Children's Church GBHB
12:00pm - 2:00pm Nominating committee
meeting CH
12:00pm - 1:00pm Palm Sunday Bake Sale FH

Monday, March 30, 2026

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

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

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

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

7:00am - 8:00am Men's Bible Study FH
9:00am - 1:00pm First Friends Preschool
9:30am - 10:30am Construction Meeting FH
11:30am - 12:30pm Moms at the Well GBHB
1:30pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH
7:00pm - 8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Maundy Thursday

9:00am - 1:00pm First Friends Preschool
10:15am - 10:30am First Friends Chapel FH
11:00am - 12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB/Zoom
12:00pm - 1:00pm Al-Anon CH
5:30pm - 6:30pm Maundy Thursday with Communion
JAH
5:45 - 6:30pm Children's Church GBHB
7:00pm - 8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH

Friday, April 3, 2026

Good Friday

No First Friends
7:00pm - 8:00pm Good Friday Service FH
7:00 - 8:00pm Children's Church GBHB

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

7:30am - 8:30am Sunrise Service GBH
7:45 - 8:30am Children's Church GBHB
8:15am - 12:00pm Nursery GBH Basement
9:00am - 10:00am Worship Service FH
9:15am - 10:30am Children's Church GBHB
9:30am - 10:15am Westminster Ringers JAH
10:30am - 11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
11:00am - 12:00pm Worship Service FH
11:15am - 12:00pm Children's Church GBHB

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	

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

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)

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
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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
Libbie 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:

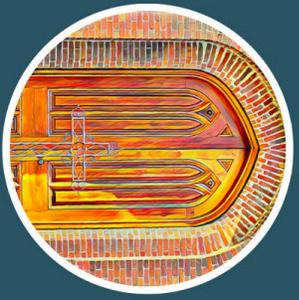
Class of 2026
Roy McCorkle
Angela Rawls

Class of 2027
Ryan Parker
Melissa Rowe

Class of 2028
Mac Martinson
Andy Watson

Presbyterian Women:

Stella Wilson, Moderator



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