

First Presbyterian Church  
January 23, 2022

The  
Abundant Life  
*in Christ*

Reflections on  
the gift of Jesus

# Welcome

to First Presbyterian Church of  
Huntsville, Alabama

## 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 are always welcome 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. There is a nursery available downstairs (just ask an usher) if you would prefer. We are so glad you are here.
- 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



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# WELCOME

January 23, 2022  
8:30 am & 11:00 am

## **GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

### CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

ARR. JOEL RANEY

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather this day to remember the Good News:

Many: **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

One: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,

Many: **but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

One: In deep gratitude and joy for this Good News,

Many: **let us worship God!**

Worship is at the heart of who we are as God's people. We enter this time ready to focus on God and God's word to us; offering our time and attention as a form of worship.



#### \*OPENING PRAYER



\*OPENING HYMN 634

*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

### CALL TO CONFESSION



#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships—with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, the Savior who has redeemed us, and has brought us into the community of faith. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace.**

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



KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

HOPSON

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.*

*Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*



### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another!

Many: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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.



*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.*

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD



#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



#### FIRST LESSON

PSALM 139:13-18

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

#### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

##### ANTHEM

Psalm 139

Chancel Choir

ARR. HAL H. HOPSON

*Refrain: Search me, O God, you know me completely.  
Be my sure guide, my hope and stay.*

*You, O Lord, have searched and know me, when I rest, and when I rise;  
Not a single thought I cherish is kept secret from your eyes.  
Every word my lips would murmur needs no speech to make it known.  
All I do in every venture is as done to you alone. (To refrain)*

*In the brilliance of your glory, darkest night is bright as day;  
Shadows flee the path before me, when your wisdom lights my way.  
You that knit my parts together, knew my life before my birth,  
Sees my faults, yet trusts my promise far beyond my feeble worth. (To refrain)*



#### SECOND LESSON

JOHN 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.'

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

#### PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SERMON

*“For God So Loved the World”*

THE REV. DR. TARA W. BULGER

#### SILENT MEDITATION



\*HYMN 353

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

#### 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.**

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



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

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PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

Give Me Jesus  
Natrickie Louissant, soprano

HAL H. JOHNSON



\*DOXOLOGY 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

## SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD



\*HYMN 772

*Live Into Hope*

TRURO

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Let Us Share God's Love*  
Chancel Choir

STAN PETHEL

*As we leave this sacred place,  
May heaven's light be on each face.  
May every heart be filled  
And let us share God's love.*

\*POSTLUDE

*The Solid Rock*

ARR. HAROLD DECOU

Ushers:

8:30 am- Marilyn & Roy  
McCorkle, Amy Stucky  
11:00 am- Ally Gudeman,  
Sharon Hudson, Barbara  
Rahrer, Melissa Rowe

Video and Sound:

Tom Stroud,  
Brian Bulger, Dave  
Young

We are in the process of updating the membership directory. Now is the opportunity to update your contact information or your picture. Pictures need to be jpeg, png, gif or bmp format. Keep in mind that landscape or horizontal pictures work best. Please send the information to Isabel Evans at [admin@fpchsv.org](mailto:admin@fpchsv.org) no later than Friday, January 28, 2022.

**Postponed until Sunday,  
January 23, 2022  
following the 11 am service.**

# Annual Congregational Meeting.

Agenda items:  
vote on pastors' terms of call,  
2021 financial report given and 2022 budget presented,  
and elect nominating committee for 2022.

# WORSHIP Service

THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 3 AT  
5:30 P.M. IN JOHN  
ALLAN HALL

## COME AND WORSHIP!



First Presbyterian is a Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

We welcome you as a participant in worship today. We pray that you will find this service meaningful. Worship is but one of the many ministries of First Presbyterian Church.

#### **FLOWER GUILD HONORS AND MEMORIALS**

*The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God.*

#### **In Memoriam**

Reba King Paludan

July 28, 1935 – January 5, 2022



Worship of the Living God is not confined to one place or time. We encourage you to take this bulletin home and use it to guide you in private moments of worship for the next week.

Discuss: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point? In baptism, we die to the old self to be born anew. What needs to die within you so that God can create new life there? What would you ask Jesus if you could meet him in the middle of the night?

Read:

Monday, John 3:22-30

Tuesday, John 3:31-36

Wednesday, Psalm 139:1-6

Thursday, Psalm 139:7-12

Friday, Psalm 139:13-18

Saturday, Psalm 139:19-24

Prayer: Light of the world, you sent Nicodemus by cover of night to learn from Jesus, and Jesus shone a light on the darkness many were living under. Shine your light on us so that we may be beacons for others. Amen.

#### **THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV**

**January 23-January 30**

#### **Sunday, January 23, 2022**

8:30 am Worship Service SAN

9:30 - 10:30 am Complex Topics in Under An Hour (Combined Adult SS) JAH

9:30 - 10:30 am Connect 4th & 5th Grades Room 012

9:30 - 10:30 am Godly Play K & 1st Grades Room 009

9:30 - 10:30 am LEAD Youth GBH Youth Room

9:30 - 10:30 am Peepers Sunday School Preschoolers Room 110/111

9:30 - 10:30 am Spark 2nd & 3rd Grades Room 010

9:45 - 10:30 am Handbells Rehearsal

10:30 - 11:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship Service SAN

#### **12:00 pm ANNUAL MEETING**

12:00 - 2:30 pm PKC Field Trip Offsite

5:00 - 6:15 pm PYC All Ages FH

#### **Monday, January 24, 2022**

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

5:00 - 6:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting Room 207/Zoom

5:30 - 6:30 pm Mission and Evangelism Meeting LIB

7:00 - 8:00 pm Youth Middle School Small Group LIB

#### **Tuesday, January 25, 2022**

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

6:30 - 8:30 pm HMC Rehearsal JAH/CH

#### **Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

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

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

1:30 - 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry LIB

5:00 - 7:00 pm WNL Children & Youth FH

5:30 - 6:30 pm WNL Adults LIB

6:30 - 7:00 pm WNL Dinner FH

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

#### **Thursday, January 27, 2022**

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

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

#### **Friday, January 28, 2022**

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

#### **Saturday, January 29, 2022**

5:00 pm Epiphany Party for Chancel Choir Offsite

#### **Sunday, January 30, 2022**

8:30 am Worship Service SAN

9:30 - 10:30 am Complex Topics in Under An Hour (Combined Adult SS) JAH

9:30 - 10:30 am Connect 4th & 5th Grades Room 012

9:30 - 10:30 am Godly Play K & 1st Grades Room 009

9:30 - 10:30 am LEAD Youth GBH Youth Room

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11:00 am Worship Service SAN

5:00 - 7:00 pm PYC All Ages FH

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

GROW IN FAITH  
AT FPCHSV

New special combined Adult education class at 9:30 am!  
**Complex Topics in Under An Hour** with Dr. Bulger on **Jan. 23 and 30** in John Allan Hall. This class will have two goals: giving a brief overview of four of these topics and sharing fellowship during the Sunday school hour. Topics presented will be the doctrine of the Trinity, the doctrine of Predestination, the Book of Revelation, and the theory of condemnation.

Register now for Wednesday Night Live! **January 12-March 9.** You can register on our website at [fpchsv.org/registration](http://fpchsv.org/registration) or scan the QR code with your phone below.



# MUSIC MINISTRY

AT FPCHSV

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If you would like to join the Chancel Choir, please contact Dr. Hacker at [music@fpchsv.org](mailto:music@fpchsv.org)

## Music Ministry Schedule

Wednesdays	5:00-7:00 pm	Children Choirs (During WNL)
Wednesdays	7:00-8:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsals
Sundays	8:00-8:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsals
Sundays	9:30- 9:45 am	Music at Sunday School
Sundays	9:45-10:30 am	Handbells Rehearsal
Sundays	10:30-10:55 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

# P Y C

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION  
AT FPCHSV

Sign up today to provide a meal for a Spring youth event! Visit our website at [fpchsv.org/youth](http://fpchsv.org/youth).

# MISSION AND EVANGELISM

AT FPCHSV  
OUR HANDS, GOD'S WORK

## January Mission of the Month – Backpack Ministry Kickoff for 2022

The Mission and Evangelism Committee has voted to continue the backpack ministry with AAA in 2022. We hope that this much needed service in our own community will continue to be an ongoing priority in your mission planning. The list of supplies for the kits can be found on the bulletin board at the church, on the website, and on a card in the pew racks.

Karen Madison will continue to be the contact person for The Backpack Ministry. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact her at [karenmadison@comcast.net](mailto:karenmadison@comcast.net).

Hands on mission opportunity in February! February 1, 3, 8, and 15 we will be providing lunches for Village of Promise. If you are interested in helping by preparing food or packing lunches, contact Nancy Lundy at [nlundy@knology.net](mailto:nlundy@knology.net).

## Scholarship Opportunity

The Scholarship Committee of FPC is pleased to announce that five \$1,000 scholarships will be granted to our students pursuing post-secondary education. High school seniors along with current undergraduate, graduate, and students in other programs are encouraged to apply. To apply, please stop by the Church office to pick up a packet or print the application from the Church website at [fpchsv.org/registration](http://fpchsv.org/registration). Completed packets are due in the office no later than March 15.

# PRAYER LIST

To add a prayer request, please visit our website

To remove a prayer request, please email [communications@fpchsv.org](mailto:communications@fpchsv.org)

New prayer requests are in bold print

In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Dr. Bulger at 256-655-1818

## **Church Members:**

### **Ted Paludan**

Reese Butler

Lee Lowery

Gail Sparks and family on the death of her sister June

Peggy McClure

Dr. Joe Sparks

Tim Grey

Mickey Childers

Ginny Bouldin

Barbara (Bonny) Morris

Cay Lambert

Mary Lou Danner

## **Friends and Family:**

### **Olivia Cate Yarbrough- friend of the Holliday and**

### **Thomas families**

Grant Adams- brother of Glen Adams

The family of Peggy Galloway

The family of Barbara Gehlhaus

The family of Mary Lind Powell

Shari King and Xavier Sullivan- friends of Leigh Brown

Tina Hester- mother of Anne Peters

Kevin McKeon- father of Kelsey Worley

Wayne Suchman- friend of Houston Matthews

Kyle Bitzer- family friend of Dave and Peggy Galloway

Gary Galloway- son of Dave and Peggy Galloway

Erika Holt- friend of Stephanie Hyatt

Willis Atwater- friend of the Howards and the Wermuths

Melinda Thompson- Sister of Mary Hart Brown

Mary Edith Thompson- Mother of Mary Hart Brown

Christy Martin- Friend of Mary Hart Brown

Lewis Family- friends of Janice Fowler

Hugh Nicholson- Brother of Francis Byrd

Kristi Herbert - friend of Sharon Hudson

Friend of Lisa Stephens

Lively Family

Shirley Forbes

Josh Saliba - nephew of Donna and John Basore

Marcos Servin - brother-in-law of Patricia Hacker

Caitlin Greiner - granddaughter of Cay Lambert

Stella Fair - sister of David Galloway

Beverlee Leo - mother of Lori Smith

Paige Olmo -daughter of Paula Weider

Dylan Greiner - son of Cay Lambert

Nell Pike - mother of Charlie Pike

Rachel Beard - friend of Tam Bevel

## **Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:**

Kathleen Perry (Valley View)

Dolly Shuey (WBC @ Magnolia Trace)

Jean Walker (Regency)

## **The Church:**

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger and her family

The Rev. Brett Gudeman and his family

First Presbyterian Church, the Session, the Board of Deacons, the North Alabama Presbytery, and for all the church staff

NAP seminary student Joe Lundy (First, Huntsville).

## **Military & International:**

All those serving in the armed forces; particularly ENS Connor Howard, U.S. Navy Flight School

**Our Nation:** President Biden, Vice President Harris, and all who govern our nation

## **First Presbyterian Missions & Ministries:**

Appalachia Service Project (ASP)

Good Samaritans

International Missionary Fellowship ([HaitiHospital.org](http://HaitiHospital.org))

The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center

The Presbyterian Home for Children

Second Mile Preschool

The CUP program

Camp Maranatha

Mission Aviation Fellowship

## **Other Prayers:**

Let us pray for all those struggling with health and economic hardship during this pandemic. Let us also pray for communities as they express the deep hurt they feel, as well as for safety and peace for all.

# Leadership at First Presbyterian Church

## Ministry Team and Staff

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### ELDERS:

#### Class of 2022

Bob Frank Smith, Christian Education Committee  
Vicky Goodwin, Mission and Outreach Committee  
Lori Smith, Worship Committee  
Brian Clayton, Finance Committee

#### Class of 2023

Janis Williams, Christian Education Committee  
David Young, Worship Committee  
Jeff Hyatt, Mission and Evangelism Committee  
Ryan Parker, Finance Committee

#### Class of 2024

Alicia Beam, Worship Committee  
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Hamilton Holliday Sr., Finance Committee  
Daniel Schreeder, Mission and Evangelism Committee

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#### Class of 2022

Rob Wermuth, Care Committee  
Marilyn McCorkle, Hospitality Committee  
Patrick Rentz, Fellowship Committee

#### Class of 2023

Susie Conard, Care Committee  
Marshall Corlew, Hospitality Committee  
Allison Peters, Fellowship Committee

#### Class of 2024

Glen Adams, Hospitality Committee  
Marian Bevel, Care Committee  
Dan Gilfrich, Fellowship Committee

### TRUSTEES:

#### Class of 2022

Wayne Bonner  
Doug Madison

#### Class of 2023

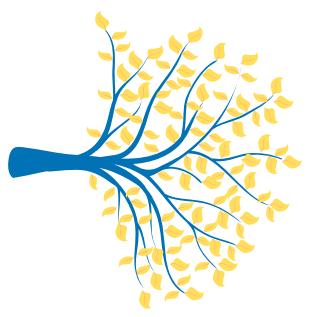
Lucinda Schreeder  
John Wessel

#### Class of 2024

Amy Cornelius  
Bob McKemie

### Presbyterian Women

Janis Williams, Moderator



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