



First Presbyterian Church

October 11, 2026

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer God, you are the source of true wisdom and joy. Your love and mercies are not limited to one time or to one people. Help us remember your promises and to not lose hope in reaching your promised land, so that we might know you most fully, our Alpha and Omega, the Almighty Three-in-One. Amen.

Welcome

to First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, Alabama!
We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

*An asterisk denotes standing-in body or spirit. The congregation is invited to recite bold text together.

October 11, 2026

8:30am and 11:00am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude

Lord of the Dance

Arr. Douglas Wagner

Words of Welcome

Please sign in on the pew pads found at the end of each row and share those with your neighbor.

*The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: 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.*

*Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 66

One: Come and see what God has done.

All: God is awesome in God's deeds.

One: God has turned the sea into dry land.

All: God's people passed through the river on foot.

One: Make a joyful noise to God all the earth.

All: Sing to the glory of God's name. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

Call to Confession

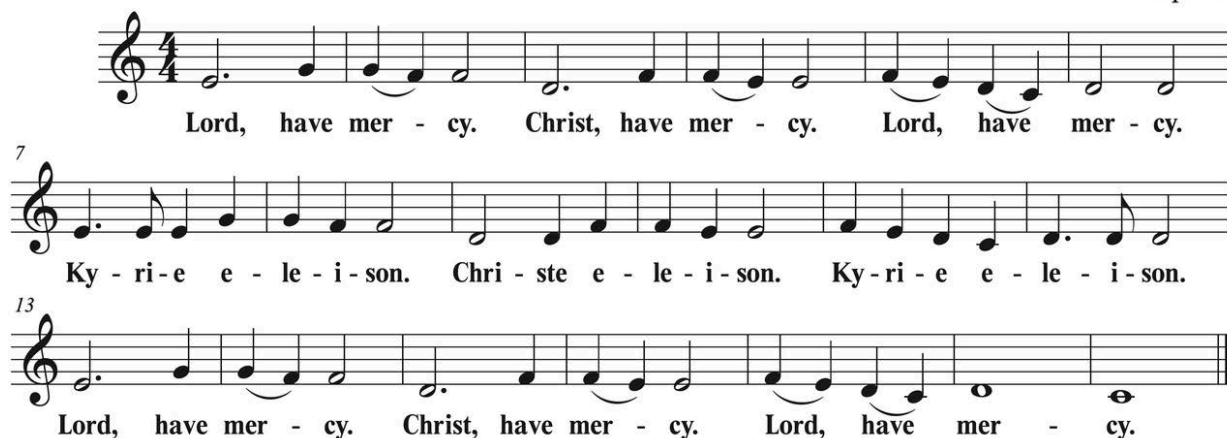
Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and grace, we were created to praise and give thanks to you always. Yet we confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion, and even your power. Forgive us, O God, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish our joyful thanksgiving to you. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and claim as your own. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (A Time of Silent Confession) Amen.

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson



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Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

***To God be the glory; great things He has done!
So loved He the world that he gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He has done!***

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Time for Young Disciples

All children are invited to come forward during Jesus Loves Me for a message and prayer. Children may then join Kathy Gillmore in the Youth Room in the GBH basement for Children's Church. Infant and toddler care is also available between 8:15 and 12:00.

*Hymn 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading

Psalms 66:1-12, NRSV

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph,
Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Lois Lee, pianist

Chancel Choir
Andrew Pittman, tenor

Ushers:
8:30 am:
Diane Case

11:00 am:
Vicky & David Goodwin
Dag Rowe
Jason Duke

Lay Liturgist:
8:30:
Bo Lundy
11:00:
Melissa Rowe

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



If you would like to give
your offering via credit card,
please scan the QR code.

**Those who are
able, please stand.*

Anthem

8:30

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. Dan Forrest

Andrew Pittman, tenor

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee!
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see!
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

*Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow:
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. (Refrain)*

11:00

Benedicamus Domino

Victor C. Johnson

Chancel Choir

*Benedicamus Domino.
Cantate Domino, canticum novum. Alleluia!
Resonet in laudibus. Gaudete!*

*Let us bless the Lord.
Sing to the Lord a new song, Alleluia!
Let it resound in praises. Rejoice!*

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, 10-14, NRSV

Sermon

Beyond Here

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

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.

Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory.

8:30	<i>Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee</i>	Arr. Eleonor Whitsett
11:00	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i> Andrew Pittman, tenor	Arr. Dan Forrest

*Doxology.

Hymn 606

***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

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.

SENDING OURSELVES INTO THE WORLD WITH GOD'S LOVE

<u>*Hymn 65</u>	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	CWM RHONDDA
<u>*Charge and Benediction</u>		
<u>*Congregational Benediction 543</u>	<i>God, Be the Love to Seach and Keep Me</i>	GREEN TYLER



<u>Postlude</u>	<i>Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	Arr. Don Hustad
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*To all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are weary and need rest -
to all who are homeless, and want sheltering love, to all who pray, and
to all who do not but ought - to all who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever will -
this church opens wide its doors as a safe place in the name of Jesus.
The Lord says, "ALL ARE WELCOME!"*

Things Happening in the Life of the Church

The Pew Pad is located in every row to help each of us welcome our neighbors by name.
Please let us know you were here by sharing your contact info.

FPC returns to the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 18! Worship includes musical guests, the Aeolians, followed by a congregational lunch in JAH. Kids Club meets at 12:45pm for K-5th graders, and childcare is available for our littlest Presbyterians. Join us for faith, fun, friends, and music!

FPC's Book Club meets on Wednesday, October 21 from 5:30-6:30pm. Come and enjoy conversation about our first book, Joyful Anyway, by Kate Bowler. Copies can be ordered online or by calling the church office.

Save the Date for this year's Trunk or Treat in partnership with the Greene Street Market on Thursday, October 29 from 5:00-6:00pm! All are welcome to participate in this fun intergenerational event. Volunteers are needed to sponsor trunks, and candy donations are appreciated. Speak with Kathy for more details.

Abraham Lincoln will visit us at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 2:00 pm, in John Allan Hall. Although the visit is sponsored by Goodtimers 2.0, everyone is invited to the program.

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 11, 2026

8:15am -12:00pm Nursery Room GBHB
8:30am -9:30am Worship Service GBH
8:45am -9:30am Children's Church GBHYR
9:30am -10:30am Charles Danner Seminar GBHLR
9:30am -10:30am Children and Youth Sunday School GBHB
10:30am -11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
11:00am -12:00pm Worship Service GBH
11:15am -12:00pm Children's Church GBHYR

Monday, October 12, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends
5:00pm -6:00pm Deacon Meeting Zoom

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends
10:00am -11:00am Church Staff Meeting GBHLR
2:00pm -3:30pm Goodtimers 2.0 JAH/GBH
5:30pm -8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

7:00am -8:00am Men's Bible Study CH
9:00am -1:00pm First Friends
9:30am -10:30am Construction Meeting CH
11:30am -12:30pm Moms at the Well Bible Study GBHB
1:30pm -3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH
6:00pm -7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice SAN

Thursday, October 15, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends
10:15am -10:30am First Friends Chapel Basement Rm 10
11:00am -12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB
12:00pm -1:00pm Al-Anon CH

Friday, October 16, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends
Church Office Closed

Sunday, October 18, 2026

8:15am -12:00pm Nursery Room GBHB
8:30am -9:30am Worship Service SAN
8:45am -9:30am Children's Church RM 205
9:30am -10:30am Charles Danner Seminar GBHLR
9:30am -10:30am Children and Youth Sunday School GBHB
10:30am -11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal SAN
11:00am -12:00pm Worship Service SAN Aeolians Sing
11:15am -12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
12:00pm -1:00pm Congregational Luncheon JAH
12:00pm -2:00pm Kids Club
5:00pm -6:30pm PYC GBHYR

Calendar Legend:

CH- Carriage House (GBH)

FH- Fellowship Hall

GBH- Gideon Blackburn House

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Basement

SAN-Sanctuary

HR- Historical Room

JAH- John Allan Hall (GBH)

GBHLR- Gideon Blackburn
House Living Room

GBHYR- Gideon Blackburn
House Youth Room

PRAYER LIST

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 Dunaway
Family of Frances Byrd
Family of Tom Hudson
Thomas Causey
Anne Michael Causey
Eleanor and George Harsh
Alice Gardner
Stella Wilson
Sandra Stewart
Anne Whitfield
Bob Monroe
Ed Green
Becky Buckner
Alicia Beam
Charlie Watkins
Barbara (Bonny) Morris
Sheree Adams
Virginia Bailey

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care

Hoyt Harris (Brookdale)
Cay Lambert (Huntsville Health & Rehab)
Annewhite Fuller (Whitesburg Gardens)

Military & International

Prayers for Haiti and our mission partners.
All those serving in the armed forces;
LT Connor Howard, U.S. Navy Pilot
Allen Pepper

Friends and Family

James Polk (father of Allen Polk)
Bennett Anderson (grandson of Stacy Owens)
John Fumbanks (brother of Stacy Owens)
Bobby Davis
Karen Farrell (friend of Katy Bryan)
Jim Davenport (father of Drew Davenport)
David and Claire Bailey (family of Harald Bailey)
Family of Moon Soon Kwak (Lois Lee's father)
Sam Eidt (friend of Ed and Betty Green)
James Neely (grandson of Serena Neely)
Wendy Remple (family member of Diann Berry)
Joan Mitchell and family (grandmother of Mitch Carroll)
Harper Grace Rice (daughter of Mindy and Alan Nettles)
Randy Miller (friend of the Lee family)
Ashley McCrary (friend of Leigh Brown)
Family of Bettie Lewter (friend of Bob and Genie Miller)
Roger Holliday (father of Hamilton Holliday)
Mary Streeter
Sarah Hankins
Tate Grueling (friend of Harriet Bibb)
Jan Thompson (sister of Gail Sparks)
Misty Short Anderson and family and friends
Maggie Day & Josie (cousins of George Harsh)
The Wilmer Family (friends of Katy Bryan)
Chet Johnston (friend of Frederick Wessel)
Melinda Thompson (daughter of Mary Edith Thompson)
Rob Klouw & Katherine Randall (friends of Rachel Harrod)
Family and friends of Maxwell Carter
Kyser family (friends of Tam Bevel & Judy Howard)
Deborah Lamb (family member of the Huarotos)
Nathan Harsh Brown Chitty (cousin of George Harsh)
Bennie Jacks (friend of George & Eleanor Harsh)
Grant Adams (brother of Glen Adams)
Emily Neely (daughter-in-law of Serena Neely)
Patty Monnett (friend of Katy Bryan)
Marie Mitchell (mother of Libby Smith)
Antony Leo (brother of Lori Smith)
Claudia Fahrner
David, Jessi, & Emma Grace Hill (friends of Davis Carter)
Hislena Servin (sister of Patricia Hacker)

Leadership at First Presbyterian Church

Ministry Team and Staff

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Rev. J. David Randolph, *Senior Pastor*.....david@fpchsv.org
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Dr. Patricia Hacker, *Director of Music*.....music@fpchsv.org
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Anne Dillon Loflin, *Youth Director*.....youth@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

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

Trustees:

Class of 2026
Roy McCorkle
Angela Rawls

Class of 2027
Ryan Parker
Melissa Rowe

Class of 2028
Mac Martinson
Andy Watson

Church Nominating Committee:

Erin Cobb- Chair, Session
Nicole Schroer- Session
Lucinda Shreeder
Glen Adams
Patty Conley
Bob Frank Smith
Jenny Schreeder- Deacons

Presbyterian Women:
Stella Wilson, Moderator

