



First Presbyterian Church

October 18, 2026

Silent Prayer of Preparation

God of majesty and might, you have blessed us with revelations of your glory.

Give us the gift of faith, that we may hear your voice for ourselves and see Jesus Christ revealed to us that we may stand on our own without fear. 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 18, 2026

8:30 am and 11:00 am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude (8:30)

Faith Is the Victory

arr. Bob Walters

(11:00)

The Aeolians

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 welcome your neighbors.

*Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 99

One: Our God is holy and mighty, a leader who loves justice,
who established honesty, justice, and righteousness.

All: God has done this! We exalt you, O God!

We worship at your footstool. You are holy!

One: Miriam, Moses and Aaron were among them, and Samuel, too
was among those who invoked the Name;
they called on God, and God answered them.

**All: We exalt you, O God, and we worship you at your holy mountain;
for you, O Lord, are holy! Let us make a joyful noise and worship God!**

*Hymn 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Prayer of Confession

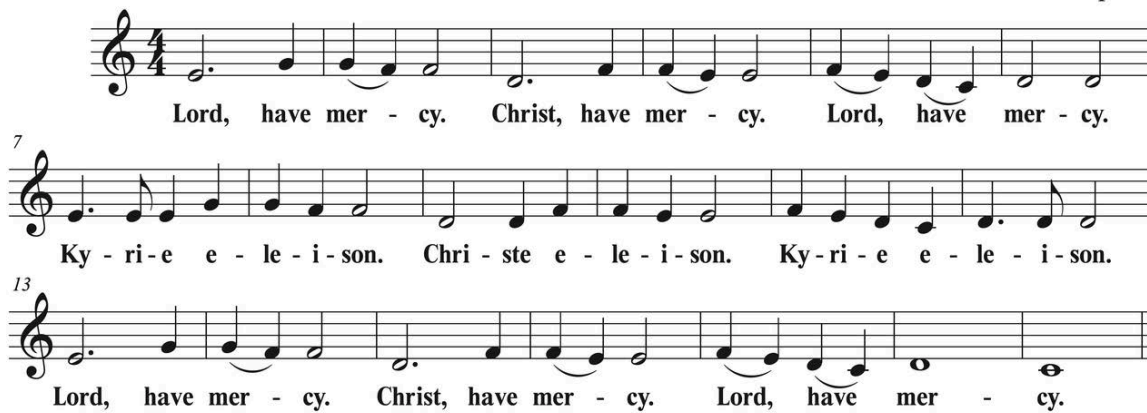
**God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you – to hide our faces,
to hide our sin – yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for
you – in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops – yet you have already revealed yourself
to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine
with your glory, beauty, and grace; 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 for Children's Church (room 205).

Infant and toddler care is available during worship in the new Nursery (room 206).

*Hymn 641

When in Our Music God is Glorified

ENGELBERG

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading

Psalms 122, NRSV

Anthem (8:30)
(11:00)

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Bill Wolaver
The Aeolians

New Testament Reading

Matthew 17:1-13, NRSV

Sermon

Change Order

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph,
Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Chancel Choir

Lois Lee, pianist

The Aeolians,
Guest Choir

8:30 am:

Ushers:

Tom & Susie Conard

Susan Lewis

Roy McCorkle

Lay Liturgist:

Stephanie Hyatt

11:00 am:

Ushers:

Jim Slate

Patty Frierson

Mary Margaret Cofield

Marian Bevel

Diann Berry

Jason Duke

Sheila Fogle

Lay Liturgists:

Houston Matthews

Leigh Ann Lee

Video and Sound:

Tom Stroud

Dave Young

Maxwell R. Carte



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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Christ Hymn – Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (8:30)

Nocturne in E-flat Major, Op. 9, No. 2

Frédéric Chopin

(11:00)

“O Love”

Elaine Hagenberg

The Aeolians & Chancel Choir

O Love, that will not let me go,
O rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O joy, that seeks me through the pain,
O I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

*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

*Hymn 305

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*Charge and Benediction



Choral Benediction (11:00)

The Aeolians

Postlude

Majesty

arr. Bruce Greer

Things Happening in the Life of the Church

Welcome home to the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church! We are overjoyed to return to this sacred space and pray you feel God's peace here. Worship services will continue to be held in the Sanctuary at 8:30 am and 11:00 am. Restrooms are down the new hallway around the corner from the elevator on both levels. The elevator can easily be accessed by the new Lincoln Street entrance.

New membership class will be held November 15. Contact the church office if you are interested.

Children have a special time together during worship before relocating to the Godly Play room for Children's Church. Parents may pick up their kids after worship from that classroom, located at the end of the long hallway to the left of the new elevator. A nursery is offered for our littlest Presbyterians during worship. This new room is also upstairs, down the long hallway, to the left of the elevator.

Sunday School Classes meet in the Gideon Blackburn House at 9:45 am. Coffee is available in the entranceway. The Seminar Class meets in the living room. Children and youth classes meet downstairs. A nursery is available in the GBH during Sunday School.

All are welcome to attend a Congregational Lunch in the GBH after the 11:00 am worship service today. Kids Club then kicks off at 12:45 downstairs for K- 5th graders, and childcare is available for our littlest Presbyterians. Adults and youth come together for an Intergenerational Bible Study with Pastor David in John Allan Hall. Join us for a fun filled afternoon of faith, fun, friends, and music!

PYC Youth Group (6th-12th graders) meets Sunday evenings from 5:00pm-6:30pm.

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 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.

All Saints' Sunday will be celebrated on November 1 to remember members of our congregation and immediate family members who have passed away since November 2, 2025. Please contact the office with your loved one's name by Wednesday, October 29.

*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!"*

FPC is delighted to welcome into worship the Aeolians of Oakwood University!

Since its establishment in 1946, the choir has embarked on extensive tours, captivating audiences of all ages with its inspiring musical performances. In all their endeavors, the Aeolians prioritize service. Whether it involves participating in worship during rehearsals or ministering at churches, competing in prestigious international competitions, or engaging with children on mission trips, the Aeolians consistently respond to the call to serve and fulfill the will of their divine source. Over the past seven decades, the choir has touched the lives of countless individuals worldwide through its remarkable contributions. Please speak with members of the choir after service and thank them for making such a joyful noise to the Lord!

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 18, 2026

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 206
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service SAN
8:45am –9:30am Children's Church RM 205
9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar GBHL
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
12:45pm Bible study with Pastor David JAH
5:00pm –6:30pm PYC GBHYR

Monday, October 19, 2026

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends
5:30pm –7:00pm Session Meeting CH

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

FF Fall Portraits
8:30am –2:30pm Presbytery Meeting Maranatha w/bus
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends
5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, October 21, 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
12:00pm –2:00pm Church Staff quarterly meeting GBHLR w/lunch
1:30pm –3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH
5:30pm –6:30pm Book Club GBH
6:00pm –7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice SAN

Thursday, October 22, 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 23, 2026

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

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday
8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 206
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service SAN
8:45am –9:30am Children's Church RM 205
9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class GBH Living RM
9:30am –10:30am Children and Youth Sunday School GBHB
10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service SAN Kirkin O' Tartans
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
5:00pm –7:00pm PYC GBHYR

Calendar Legend:

CH- Carriage House (GBH)
FH- Fellowship Hall
GBH- Gideon Blackburn House
GBHB- Gideon Blackburn House Basement

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

Elsa de Ramirez (mother of Patricia Hacker)
James Polk (father of Allen Polk)
Bennett Anderson (grandson of Stacy Owens)
John Fumbanks (brother of Stacy Owens)
Bob 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)

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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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

