



First Presbyterian Church

August 16, 2026

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, whose compassion embraces everyone,
gather the outcast and the lost, heal the wounds of fear and distrust, and
make us a community of reconciliation that we may embody your merciful
love and rejoice in your astounding grace in Jesus Christ. 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.

August 16, 2026

8:30am and 11:00am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude

8:30 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Arr. Bart McNeely

11:00 *The Heart to Worship*

M. Redmann/Arr. Larson

Stacy Owens, flute

Words of Welcome

*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!*

*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

One: Turn us, O God,

All: away from the world's temptations and distractions.

One: Return us, O God,

All: to the quiet calm of your presence.

One: Restore us, O God,

All: to the path you call us to follow.

One: Orient us, O God,

All: to the hope of all that is possible through you. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us, so that our lives may testify to the good news of your abounding grace.

(A time of silent confession) **Amen.**

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

7 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

13 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Assurance of Pardon

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

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Hymn 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph,
Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois Lee, pianist
Stacy Owens, flutist

Chancel Choir

Ushers:

8:30 am:

Marilyn and Roy
McCorkle

11:00 am:

Melissa and Dag Rowe
Marian Bevel
Brent Cobb

Lay Liturgist:

8:30:

Bo Lundy

11:00:

Al Steenwyk

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.*

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 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:1-14, NRSV

Anthem

8:30

The Heart of Worship
Stacy Owens, flute

M. Redman/Arr. Larson

11:00

The Grace Divine
Chancel Choir

Arr. Roger Price

*Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord,
In a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord.
Give up ourselves, thru Jesus' power, His name to glorify;
And promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.*

*The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind;
We will no more our God forsake or cast these words behind.
We never will throw off the fear of God who hears our vow;
And if thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.*

*Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive,
Present with thy celestial host the peaceful answer give;
To each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away.
And register our names on high and keep us to that day!*

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:15-28, NRSV

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

And Yet...

Moment for Silent Meditation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

Excerpts from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Minute for Mission

Kairos Prison Ministry

Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory.

How Great Is Our God
Stacy Owens, flute

C. Tomlin/Arr. Larson

*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 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Benediction 549

May the Love of Our Lord

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***May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's spirit be upon you as you leave this place.***

Postlude

He is So Great

Buddy Lawson

*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!"*

Sunday School meets between the two services at 9:30. Speak with Kathy Gillmore to learn more.

Children and Youth Sunday School is from 9:30 to 10:30am in GBH Basement.

Join us for hands-on, mission-based classes for preschoolers, elementary students, and youth.

Chancel Choir practices Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Speak with Patricia Hacker if interested.

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

August is Rally Month at FPC! Come and worship with us as we grow in God's love through acts of learning, music, service, and community! All are welcome on Sunday, August 30, for a special communion worship and congregational lunch after the 11:00 service.

Kid's Club starts Sunday August 30 from noon-2:00pm.

K- 5th graders plan to join us once a month for faith, food, fun, friends and music!

The Session has called a congregational meeting, Sunday, August 23

for the purpose of approving: 1) a slate of 4 Elders for the class of 2029,

2) a slate of three Deacons for the class of 2029, 3) a slate of two Trustees for the Class of 2029, and 4) a slate of four members to serve on the 2027 Nominating Committee.

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 16, 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 GBHR
12:15pm -1:15pm Deacon's Meeting CH
5:00pm -6:30pm PYC GBHYR

Monday, August 17, 2026

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

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

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

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

7:00am -8:00am Men's Bible Study CH
9:00am -1:00pm First Friends
9:30am -10:30am Construction Meeting CH
1:30pm -3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group CH
6:00pm -7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH

Thursday, August 20, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends
11:00am -12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB
12:00pm -1:00pm Al-Anon CH

Friday, August 21, 2026

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

Sunday, August 23, 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
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11:00am -12:00pm Worship Service GBH
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12:00pm -12:15pm Congregational Meeting JAH
5:00pm -6:30pm PYC GBHYR

Calendar Legend:

CH - Carriage House (GBH)	HR - Historical Room
FH - Fellowship Hall	JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)
GBH - Gideon Blackburn House	GBHLR - Gideon Blackburn House Living Room
GBHB - Gideon Blackburn House Basement	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:

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

Friends and Family:

Family of Charles Trainosky (son of Julie Trainosky),
Wendy Remple (family member of Diann Berry), Ann Crigler,
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),
Rusty Skinner (Uncle of Lindsay & Thomas Birchfield),
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),
Marlene Stark (mother of Lisa Everett), 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 (aunt of Kaitlyn Huaroto, sister of Pam Huaroto),
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, and Emma Grace Hill (friends of Davis Carter),
Hislena Servin (sister of Patricia Hacker)
Trusting in God's grace, we pray for our enemies

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. This is a critical time as the civil unrest there may undermine all humanitarian work.

All those serving in the armed forces; LT Connor Howard, U.S. Navy Pilot, Allen Pepper

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