



First Presbyterian Church

September 6, 2026

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Lord God, who brings us mornings and beginnings,
touch our heart to hear your call today.

Strengthen us by your extraordinary power so that
the life of Jesus may be made visible as we glorify you alone. 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.

September 6, 2026

8:30am and 11:00am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* Arr. T. McKibben

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

Adapted from 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

One: We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

All: For God has shone in our hearts to give knowledge of the glory of God.

One: Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!

All: The Lord's name be praised! Let us worship God!

*Hymn 33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

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Call to Confession

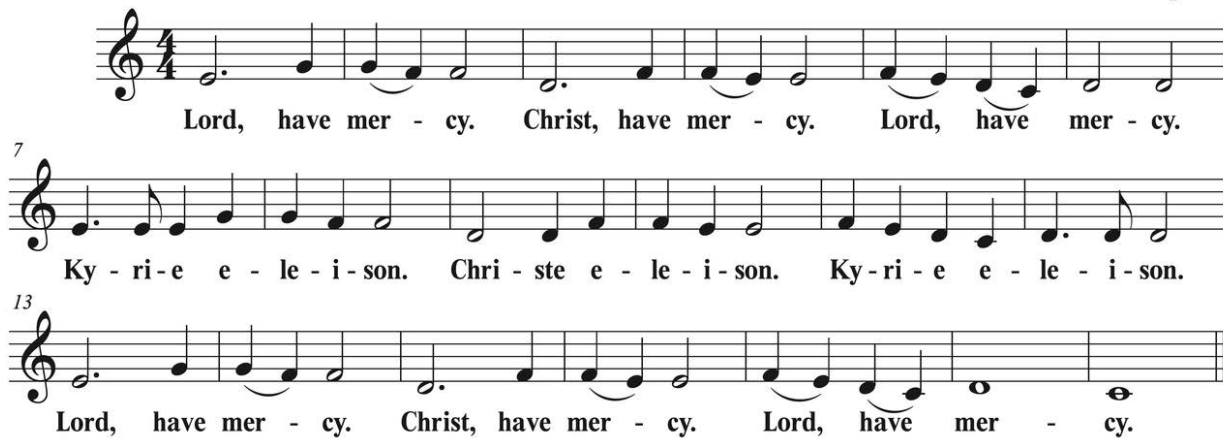
Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through 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 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.***

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 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58, NLT

Anthem

Meditation (Thai's)
Lisa Wiggins, Violin

J. Massenet

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. Dr. Richard Brooks,
Guest Preacher

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois Lee, pianist

Chancel Choir

Ushers:
8:30 am:
Susan Lewis
Glen Adams

11:00 am:
Patty Frierson
Jim Slate
Patty Conley
Bruce Williams

Lay Liturgist:
8:30 & 11:00
Stephanie Hyatt

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.*

New Testament Reading

Luke 6, CEB

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Flame of Faith Gives Life"



Moment for Silent Meditation

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.

Blessed Assurance

Arr. Duane Funderburk

Lisa Wiggins, Violin

*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 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*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

Scherzino, Op. 18, No. 2

M. Noszkowsky

Things Happening in the Life of the Church

Thank you to all who helped make last week's congregational lunch and Kids Club such a success!
Save the date for the next fellowship meal and programming on Sunday, September 20.

Special thanks to the Rev. Dr. Richard Brooks for leading worship today! Richard has many gifts to share with our church family and we are pleased to welcome him back into the pulpit. Please be sure to speak with him after the service to express our gratitude for being with us!

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.

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.
Speak with Kathy Gillmore and Anne Dillon Loflin to learn more.

FPC youth group (6th-12th grade) enjoys a sabbath break on this holiday weekend. We'll be back for laser tag night next Sunday, September 13th! Contact Anne Dillon for more information.

The church office will be closed in recognition of Labor Day.
Regular office hours are Monday- Thursday 8:00am-2:00pm

Register by Sept 10 for Sleep in the Deep, our overnight retreat for PKC (3rd-5th) and PYC (6th-12th) youth groups to the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga on Sept 26/27.
Use the QR code on the flyer or contact Kathy or Anne Dillon for the link.
Younger kids, at least 6 yrs old, are welcome with a parent participating.

Funeral services for Charles Trainosky will be today at Berryhill Funeral Home.
Receiving of friends will be at 1:00 with a memorial service following.

*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!**”*

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 6, 2026

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room GBH Basement
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 –10:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church GBHYR

Monday, September 7, 2026

Labor Day- Church Closed
5:30pm –6:30pm Worship Committee Meeting CH

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

8:00am –4:00pm PW to Maranatha
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends
10:00am –11:00am Church Staff Meeting GBHLR
5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

7:00am –8:00am Men's Bible Study GBHLR
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 JAH

Thursday, September 10, 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, September 11, 2026

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

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Sacrament of Communion
8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room GBH Basement
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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11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church GBHYR
12:00pm –3:00pm Choir Retreat GBH
12:00pm –1:00pm Deacon Meeting CH
12:15pm –1:30pm Confirmation Youth & Mentor
Lunch GBHB
6:00pm –8:00pm PYC GBH Youth Room

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:

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 Tom Hudson (husband of Sharon Hudson), Virginia Bailey

Friends and Family:

Sam Eidt (friend of Ed and Betty Green), James Neely (grandson of Serena Neely), Family of Charles Trainosky (son of Julie Trainosky), Moon Soon Kwak (father of Lois Lee) 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), Roger Holliday (father of Hamilton Holliday), Mary Streecter, 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 (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), Hislana 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

