



Hanging of the Greens



First Presbyterian Church

November 30, 2025

Welcome

to First Presbyterian Church of
Huntsville, Alabama

*We are a congregation of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

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 of all ages are a welcome blessing 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. Ushers can provide you with worship notebooks to engage your children during worship.
- Nursery care is available anytime between 8:15 am and 12:00 pm for infants and toddlers in Rooms 105 and 106 as needed.
- All children are invited to come forward during *This Little Light of Mine* for a message and prayer.
- Children are welcome (but never required!) to go to Room 205 for Children's Church after the Time for Young Disciples. Parents may escort them, or Children's Ministry Assistants are available to walk with them.
- Members, having children worship is a gift and a sign of health and vitality for our church. Please welcome children and offer parents a smile of encouragement.

Want more information about the church?
Speak with an usher in the narthex, or visit our website at fpchsv.org,
or listen to sermons later in the week, at:



FOR APPLE



FOR ANDROID

Worship Resources Adapted From:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org
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WELCOME

First Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens
November 30, 2025
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL
SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
Westminster Ringers

VENI EMMANUEL
Arr. Cathy Moglebust

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Karl Kling

*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!*

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SYMBOLS

Dr. Kling

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PARAMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

People: With garlands of pine whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

**People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and
resurrection.**

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

**People: By hearing again, the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving
word of God.**

Leader: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that
the world through Him might be saved.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Leader: Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 105

People Look East

BESAÇON

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

8:30 am

Beimrohr Family

11:00 am

Davis Family

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Dr. Karl Kling,
Transitional Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois Lee,
Pianist/Organist

Chancel Choir

Liturgist:
8:30- & 11:00
Dr. Kling

Ushers:
8:30 am-
Tom & Susie Conard

11:00 am-
Jesse Asiedu
David Alan Smith
Bo Lundy

Acolyte:
Emme Sparks

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

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Catherine and Bill Johnson by their children: Reeves, Boyd, Cathy and Tom.

**Those who are
able, please stand.*

*The Advent Wreath Carol
Chancel Choir*

Alan Mitchell

*Four bright lights, candle lights,
Fragile flames glowing in the breeze;
Stand before the people as we worship God:
One of hope, one for peace, one for joy and one for love;
Frame this advent season, mark this special time.*

*Why do we light these candles in their wreath of green?
We celebrate Christ's coming and what that coming means!
Hope and peace, love and joy: Gifts wrapped up in a baby boy;
Sent by God for Christmas and the whole year through!*

*We need hope, we need peace:
Hope that finds its peace in Thee;
Hope can conquer worry,
Peace can calm all strife.
We need joy, we need love:*

*Joy and love for our troubled lives,
Joy in loving others, joy in loving Thee.
God sent His Son to save us, grace in a baby boy;
That's why we light these candles,
That's why we know this joy, this joy!*

*Hope and peace, love and joy:
Gifts wrapped up in a baby boy;
Sent by God for Christmas
And the whole year through!*

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Haiti

Bo Lundy

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Kling

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

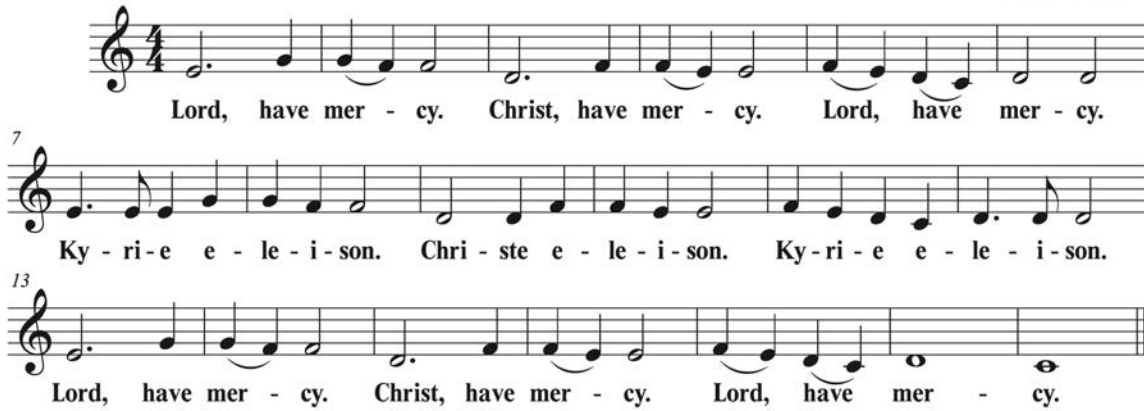
Holy God, we acknowledge with sorrow that we pursued things that we should not have; we have invited impure thoughts into our minds; we have been preoccupied with selfish thoughts and motives; we have chased after wealth and temporal security while neglecting matters of the spirit. Help us acknowledge, with repentance, that we have allowed greed, envy, and desire for power to rule our decisions, our actions, and our lives. Make us willing to be changed, even though it requires commitment and discipline. Give us the heart of a servant. Empower us to accept the challenges of our daily tasks with joy and humility. May Christ's light shine in the dark place of our lives. Amen.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Through the prophet Isaiah, God says: "I have swept away your sin like a cloud, your failures like morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you." In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 113

Angels We Have Heard on High
(REFRAIN ONLY)

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dr. Kling

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

*(Take a moment to greet one another in the peace of Christ
and welcome those who are new to our church community)*

All children are invited to come forward during
This Little Light of Mine for a message and prayer.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Following the Time for Young Disciples, children are invited to join Kathy Gillmore in Room 205 for Children's Church. Infant and toddler care is available in rooms 105 and 106 as needed.

Kathy Gillmore

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHRISMON ORNAMENTS

Kathy Gillmore

Having been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, the people are invited to share signs of reconciliation and the peace of Christ. In sharing the peace, we express the reconciliation, unity, and love that come only from God, and we open ourselves to the power of God's love to heal our brokenness and make us agents of that love in the world.

**Those who are
able, please stand.*

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PONSETTIAS

8:30: Members of Presbyterian Women (Marilyn McCorkle Barbara Rahrer)

11:00: Members of Presbyterian Women (Elaine Wooding and Stella Wilson)

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GARLANDS, WREATHS AND SANCTUARY EVERGREENS

Members of Flower Guild

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Holly and the Ivy
Westminster Ringers

Arr. Cathy Moklesburst

*DOXOLOGY 606

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

Dr. Kling

*HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*Leader:

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor does one light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God, who is in heaven.

People:

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. As we leave this place may the spirit of Christ lead us to share with others the joy we have felt and the good news we have heard. May we leave this place filled with light and radiance, for we have been in the presence of God. May our souls be peaceful, for we have been cleansed by the healing power of God. May we leave this place empowered and strengthened, may we leave this place having worshiped God, and having our hearts and souls mended by the blood of Christ, who was born to set us free. Glory to God in the highest! Savior of the nations, Come!

Share God's Love with the World

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

Dr. Kling

Leader: And as God's people, we all say

People: Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Devotion

Alan Mitchell

Want to give your
offering via credit
card? Scan below.



FOR ONLINE GIVING



Advent Services

November 30th 8:30 & 11:00 Services

Hanging of the Greens

December 7th 8:30 & 11:00 Services

Cantata

December 14th 11:00 Service Only

Christmas Story with Children

December 21st 8:30 & 11:00 Services

Westminster Ringers

December 24th 3:00 & 5:00 Services

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 28th 8:30 & 11:00 Services at

John Allan Hall



Advent in a Box

Pick up your family's box
starting November 23



For children and families to enjoy:

Scratch-off Advent Calendar

"Growing in God's Love" - a family devotional

Make a paper chain that tells the Christmas Story

CHRISTMAS EVE

Flower Dedications

Honorariums/Memorials are \$50 each.

There is no limit on the number of dedications we can receive, although there will be 12 arrangements in the church. Flowers stay at the church to decorate for the holiday, and the money goes to support our flower guild all year long.

If you would like to make a flower dedication for Christmas Eve, please fill out a dedication card found in the narthex, call the church office, or visit the church website.

Dedications must be received by
Monday, Dec. 15, 2025.

PKC : : Dec 7

for 3rd - 5th
graders

Noon - 2:00

Pizza at Sam & Greg's

Tinsel Trail

Hot Cocoa at Cozy Cow

register here



Goodtimers 2.0

CULLMAN

Christkindlmarkt

MARKET

*explore
markets*

German-style
Christmas market
infused with
Southern hospitality

discover handcrafted treasures

*savor culinary
delights*

When: Thursday, December 11

10:00am - 3:00pm

Bus & carpool
transportation available

PRAYER LIST

Names added to the prayer list will be removed after *six weeks*.

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:

Sharon Hudson
Paula Weider
Family of Ted Paludan
Stella Wilson
Sandra Stewart
Carsten Schroer
Frances Byrd
Anne Whitfield
Bob Monroe
Betty Thompson
Family of Richard McElveen
Ed Green
Maxwell R. Carter and family
Becky Buckner
Alicia Beam
Janice Fowler
Charlie Watkins
Ted Buckner
Barbara (Bonny) Morris
Cay Lambert
Jan Nickoloff
Amelia Beimrohr

Friends and Family:

April Woods- great-niece of Dave & Peggy Galloway
Sherry Boyer- friend of Patricia Hacker
Chad Self- friend of Maxwell Carter
Sherry Boyer, friend of Patricia Hacker
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
Melinda Thompson - daughter of Mary Edith Thompson
Rob Klouw & Katherine Randall - friends of Rachel Harrod
Chet Johnston - friend of Frederick Wessel

Brian Cain
Mike Moore
Erik and Paul Davis
Family of Mike Galant - friends of Maxwell R. Carter
David Barnes - friend of Maxwell R. Carter
Frances Kyser - friend of Tam Bevel & Judy Howard
Deborah Lamb - aunt of Kaitlyn Huaroto, sister of Pam Huaroto
Emily Loeb Locke - daughter of Betty Loeb
Mr. Bookout - friend of Ron & Lisa Stephens
Mr. Wade - friend of Ron & Lisa Stephens
Nathan Harsh Brown Chitty - cousin of George Harsh
Bennie Jacks - friend of George & Eleanor Harsh
Emily Neely - daughter-in-law of Serena Neely
Katie Little Pickle - great-niece of Dave & Peggy Galloway
Nancy Neely Harris - sister of Mary Margaret Cofield
Marie Mitchell - mother of Libby Smith
Antony Leo - brother of Lori Smith
Charles Trainosky - grandson of Charlie Watkins
Grant Adams - brother of Glen Adams
The Zapototskyi Family - FPC's sponsored Ukrainian family
David, Jessi, and Emma Grace Hill-friends of Davis Carter
Jared Breach
Claudia Fahrner

Sam Eidt - friend of Betty & Ed Green

Patty Monnett- friend of Katy Bryan

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:

Marlyn and Hoyt Harris (Brookdale)
Cay Lambert (Huntsville Health & Rehab)
Chuck Hooker (Floyd E. Tut Fann State Veteran's Home)
Annewhite Fuller (Whitesburg Gardens)
Kathleen Perry (Valley View)

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; particularly
LT Connor Howard, U.S. Navy Pilot

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

November 30-December 7

Sunday, November 30, 2025

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105/106
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service SAN Hanging of the Greens
8:45am - 9:30am Children's Church RM 205
9:30am - 10:30am Westminster Ringers BR
10:00am - 10:30am Combined Sunday School FH
10:00am -10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class JAH
10:30am - 11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir RM
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service SAN Hanging of the Greens
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205

Monday, December 1, 2025

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
10:00am –12:00pm PW All Circles FH

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
9:30am –11:30am First Friends Theater FH
5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH
6:30pm –8:30pm HMC CR

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

7:00am –8:00am Men's Bible Study FH
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
9:30am –10:30am Construction Meeting RM 104 LIB
11:30am –12:30pm Moms at the Well GBH
1:30pm –3:00pm Pray Shawl Group Rm 104 LIB
7:00pm –8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice CR

Thursday, December 4, 2025

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
10:15am –10:30am First Friends Chapel SAN
11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group LIB/Zoom
12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon GBH

Friday, December 5, 2025

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
6:00pm - 7:30 PYC Offsite

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105/106
8:30am –9:30am Worship Service SAN Cantata
8:45am –9:30am Children's Church RM 205
9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class LIB
9:30am –10:30am LEAD Youth GBH
9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers BR
10:00am –10:30am Connect 4th & 5th RM 012
10:00am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class JAH
10:00am –10:30am Holy Moly K - 3rd RM 010
10:00am –10:30am Peepers SS (Preschool) RM 108/109
10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir RM
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service SAN Cantata
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
12:00pm –2:00pm PKC FH

Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room (RM 204)	GBH - Gideon Blackburn
CH - Carriage House (GBH)	House
CR - Choir Room (RM 201)	HR - Historical Room
FH - Fellowship Hall	JAH - John Allan Hall
LIB - Library (RM104)	(GBH)
	SAN - Sanctuary

Leadership at First Presbyterian Church

Ministry Team and Staff

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Dr. Karl Kling, *Transitional Senior Pastor*.....seniorpastor@fpchsv.org
Lora Bohan, *First Friends Director*.....ffdirector@fpchsv.org
Ellen DeAngelo, *Director of Finance & Administration*.....finance@fpchsv.org
Kathy Gillmore, *Director of Christian Education*.....dce@fpchsv.org
Dr. Patricia Hacker, *Director of Music*.....music@fpchsv.org
Dr. Lois K. Lee, *Organist/Pianist*
Anne Dillon Loflin, *Youth Director*.....youth@fpchsv.org
Kristin Pepper, *Administrative Assistant*.....admin@fpchsv.org
Gary Whited, *Facilities Coordinator*.....facilities@fpchsv.org

CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders:

Class of 2025
Leigh Brown, Christian Education Committee
Buddy Guynes, Finance Committee
John Howard, Jr., Mission and Evangelism Committee
Serena Neely, Worship Committee

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

Pastor Nominating Committee:

Davis Carter
Heath Causey
Woodward Howard
Stephanie Hyatt
James Lee
Barbara Rahrer
Janis Williams

Deacons:

Class of 2025
Daniel Carter, Care Committee
June Guynes, Fellowship Committee
Clinton Wann, Hospitality Committee

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 Officers-Elect

Deacons:

Marian Bevel-Care
Dave Goodwin-Hospitality
Brent Cobb- Fellowship

Elders:

Daniel Carter-Finance/Personnel
Nancy Lundy-Missions/Evangelism
Libby Rentz-Christian Education
Sherry Smith-Worship

Trustees:

Mac Martinson, Andy Watson

Trustees:

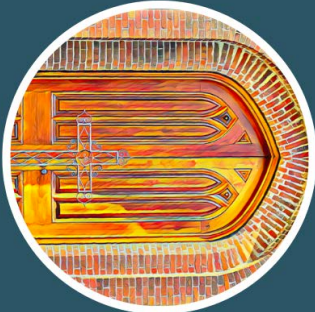
Class of 2025
Jerry Gattis
Charlie Watkins

Class of 2026
Roy McCorkle
Angela Rawls

Class of 2027
Ryan Parker
Melissa Rowe

Presbyterian Women

Stella Wilson, Moderator



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