

# God's Healing and Salvation

## 5th Sunday in Lent



First Presbyterian Church  
Gideon Blackburn House  
March 22, 2026

# 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 Youth Room in GBH basement 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 Youth Room in GBH basement 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](http://fpchsv.org),  
or listen to sermons later in the week, at:



FOR APPLE



FOR ANDROID

## **WELCOME**

March 22, 2026  
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## **GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE                      *There is Power in the Blood*                      Arr. Marianne Kim

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!*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise God for the gift of new life in Christ.

**People: The Lord's goodness surrounds us.**

Leader: Praise God for the gift of his never-failing love.

**People: The Risen Christ offers grace to the whole world.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN of Praise 837    *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*                      SHOWALTER

CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Almighty God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as we want to be loved.**

**Too often, we accept your kindness but do not share your grace with others. Please forgive our sin. Help us to follow your call to serve the people you bring into our lives every day. We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.**

*(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)*

## **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:**

Dr. Karl Kling,  
Transitional Pastor

Lois K. Lee,  
Pianist  
Chancel Choir  
Sherry Smith  
Sherry Owens

Liturgists:  
8:30 & 11:00  
Stephanie Hyatt

Ushers:  
8:30 am-  
Marilyn & Roy McCorkle

11:00 am-  
Marian Bevel  
Melissa & Dag Rowe

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

*\*Those who are  
able, please stand*

# KYRIE

## Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson

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

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

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

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### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and calls them by name. Hear and receive his promise to you. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

### People: Thanks be to God.

\*HYMN 581

*Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

\*THE 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)*

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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 the Youth Room in basement of GBH for Children's Church. Infant and toddler care is available there as needed.

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.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

Psalm 116:1–7

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.  
<sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
<sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. <sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, save my life!” <sup>5</sup> Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. <sup>6</sup> The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. <sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

*Lay Your Hand upon me, Gently, Lord*  
Chancel Choir

Carol Murray

*Lay your hand upon me, gently, Lord of joy and peace:  
My heart raise, hear my praise, and my faith increase.  
Lay your hand upon me, gently, God with love so strong:  
My need fill by your will, and my hope prolong.  
Lay your hand upon me, gently, Jesus Christ, my friend:  
Still my fears bless my years, and my love extend.*

### SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1–7

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

A prayer for illumination may be offered before the reading and proclaiming of the scripture. This prayer seeks the illumination of the Holy Spirit and calls upon God to make us receptive to the life-giving Word, which comes to us through the scripture.

PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Dr. Kling

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

\*HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP 828 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

We respond to God's word of forgiveness and love by affirming our faith, offering our resources, and singing our praise.

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (**unison**)

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (**unison**)

**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.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*O God Beyond All Praising*  
Stacy Owens, Flute

Gustav Holst  
Arr. Robert J. Powell

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



FOR ONLINE GIVING

*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

\*HYMN of Sending 846

*Fight the Good Fight*

DUKE STREET

## 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

*Grand Choeur Dialogué*

Eugene Gigout



**One Great Hour of Sharing**

**February 18-April 5**

Envelopes for donations are located in foyer of GBH.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Typically received during the season of Lent, this Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.

**Worship Resources Adapted From:**

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

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## Faith & Life Class

# The Analog Christian

LIVING YOUR FAITH  
IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Five Sessions on Keeping Focus  
in a World Full of Constant Distractions

analog vs. digital

digital rules

digital failures

why Christ came when he did

embrace the Holy Spirit as a catalyst

avoid society's digital divide

February 22-March 29

(not meeting Mar 15)

10:00-10:30

Carriage House

analog living in action

# PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE  
PET FOOD, ANIMAL ESSENTIALS, AND CLEANING  
SUPPLIES FOR THE  
GREATER HUNTSVILLE HUMANE SOCIETY!

ITEM DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE DROPPED OFF IN  
THE LABELED BIN OUTSIDE JOHN ALLAN HALL, OR  
PURCHASED FROM THE QR CODE LINK BELOW.



ONLINE  
DONATIONS/PURCHASES

# Goodtimers 2.0 Gathering

The Goodtimers 2.0 retired adults' ministry will get  
together for fellowship at Back Forty Beer Company.

Each person buys lunch, a snack, or  
beverages off the menu.

Gather with friends old and new!



THURSDAY, MARCH 26  
AT 1:00 PM

**NO RSVP  
NECESSARY!**



BACK FORTY BEER COMPANY  
3254 LEEMAN FERRY ROAD



# APPLY FOR THE FPC SCHOLARSHIP!

1. Granted to students pursuing post-secondary education.
2. High School seniors and current undergraduate, graduate, and students in other programs may apply!
3. Scan the QR code to get an application
4. Completed applications should be emailed to Leigh Brown, [lbrown8991@gmail.com](mailto:lbrown8991@gmail.com), no later than **April 14, 2026**.

Scan this QR code to  
access the application.



# THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

## March 22 - March 29

### Sunday, March 22, 2026

8:15am -12:00pm Nursery GBH Basement  
 8:30am -9:30am Worship Service GBH  
 8:45am -9:30am Children's Church GBH Basement  
 9:30am -10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class GBH Living Room  
 9:30am -10:30am LEAD Youth GBH 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
 9:30am -10:15am Westminster Ringers JAH  
 10:00am -10:30am Combined Sunday School GBH Basement  
 10:00am -10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH  
 10:30am -11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH  
 11:00am -12:00pm Worship Service GBH  
 11:15am -12:00pm Children's Church GBH Basement  
 12:15pm -1:30pm Deacon Meeting w/Lunch FH

### Monday, March 23, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
 5:30pm -6:30pm Mission and Evangelism Meeting FH

### Tuesday, March 24, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
 9:30am -10:30am First Friends Theater FH  
 5:30pm -6:30pm CE Committee Meeting FH  
 5:30pm -8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

### Wednesday, March 25, 2026

7:00am -8:00am Men's Bible Study FH  
 9:00am -1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
 9:30am -10:30am Construction Meeting  
 11:00am -12:00pm Church Staff Meeting GBH  
 11:30am -12:30pm Moms at the Well GBH Basement  
 1:30pm -3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group Rm 104 CH  
 5:00pm -7:00pm Children's WNL  
 5:30pm -7:00pm Adult WNL  
 7:00pm -8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice JAH  
 7:00pm -8:00pm PYC Small Groups GBH

#### Calendar Legend:

<b>CH</b> - Carriage House (GBH)	<b>HR</b> - Historical Room
<b>FH</b> - Fellowship Hall	<b>JAH</b> - John Allan Hall (GBH)
<b>GBH</b> - Gideon Blackburn House	<b>GBHDR</b> - Gideon Blackburn House Dining Room
<b>GBHB</b> - Gideon Blackburn House Basement	

Due to space limitations during construction, we are currently not accepting flower donations. Any donations made since the beginning of the year will be used when we return to the sanctuary.

### Thursday, March 26, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
 10:15am -10:30am First Friends Chapel FH  
 11:00am -12:00pm Prayer Group GBH Basement/Zoom  
 12:00pm -1:00pm Al-Anon CH

### Friday, March 27, 2026

9:00am -1:00pm First Friends Preschool

### Saturday, March 28, 2026

Bake sale drop off FH

### Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday  
 8:15am -12:00pm Nursery Room GBH Basement  
 8:30am -9:30am Worship Service GBH  
 8:45am -9:30am Children's Church GBH Basement  
 9:30am -10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class GBH Living Room  
 9:30am -10:30am Confirmation Class FH  
 9:30am -10:15am Westminster Ringers JAH  
 10:00am -10:30am Combined Sunday School GBH Basement  
 10:00am -10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH  
 10:30am -11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH  
 11:00am -12:00pm Worship Service GBH  
 11:15am -12:00pm Children's Church GBH Basement  
 12:00pm -2:00pm Nominating committee meeting HR  
 12:00pm -1:00pm Palm Sunday Bake Sale FH




## EVENTS & SERVICES

<b>Palm Sunday-</b> Sunday, March 29th	<b>WORSHIP AT</b> <b>8:30 A.M. &amp; 11 A.M.</b> *CHILDREN SING AT 11AM *BAKE SALE AT 12PM
<b>Maundy Thursday-</b> Thursday, April 2nd	<b>WORSHIP AT 5:30 P.M.</b> *WITH HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN'S CHURCH AFTER TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES
<b>Good Friday-</b> Friday, April 3rd	<b>WORSHIP AT 7 P.M.</b> *THE PRAYERS AT THE CROSS TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES DURING CHILDREN'S CHURCH
<b>Easter Sunday-</b> Sunday, April 5th	<b>WORSHIP AT</b> <b>7:30AM (*GBH),</b> <b>9AM &amp; 11AM</b> <b>(FELLOWSHIP HALL)</b> *7:30AM SERVICE STREAMING ONLINE

Children's Church is available at every service!  
 There will not be an Easter egg hunt this year due to construction  
 However, children and youth will receive an Easter gift bag.

## 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](mailto:admin@fpchsv.org).

### **Church Members:**

Betty Thompson family and friends

Day and King families

Alice Gardner

Ida Jo Daughtry

Betty Loeb

Paula Weider

Stella Wilson

Sandra Stewart

Frances Byrd

Anne Whitfield

Bob Monroe

Ed Green

Becky Buckner

Alicia Beam

Charlie Watkins

Barbara (Bonny) Morris

Cay Lambert

Amelia Beimrohr

### **Friends and Family:**

Kirby and Shelia Stevenson - friends of Peggy and Dave Galloway

Charles Johnson- friend of Bo and Nancy Lundy

Bettie Lewter - friend of Genie and Bob Miller

Liz Goldman - friend of Bruce & Janis Williams.

Roger Holliday- father of Hamilton Holliday

Mary Streeter

Sarah Hankins

Tate Grueling - friend of Harriet Bibb

Jan Thompson- sister of Gail Sparks

Tonya Carano- friend of Bruce & Janis Williams

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

Family and friends of Maxwell Carter

Trusting in God's grace, we pray for our enemies.

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

Nathan Harsh Brown Chitty - cousin of George Harsh

Bennie Jacks - friend of George & Eleanor Harsh

Emily Neely - daughter-in-law of Serena Neely

Marie Mitchell - mother of Libby Smith

Antony Leo - brother of Lori Smith

Charles Trainosky - grandson of Charlie Watkins

Grant Adams - brother of Glen Adams

David, Jessi, and Emma Grace Hill-friends of Davis Carter

Claudia Fahrner

Sam Eidt - friend of Betty and Ed Green

Patty Monnett- friend of Katy Bryan

### **Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:**

Hoyt Harris (Brookdale)

Marlyn Harris (Flemming Farms Memory Care)

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

# 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  
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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 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

### Pastor Nominating Committee:

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

### 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

### Church Nominating Committee:

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

### Trustees:

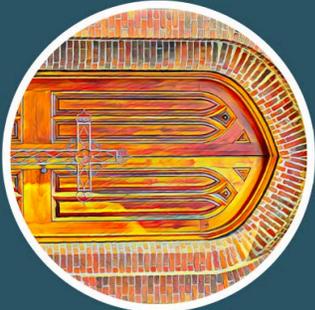
Class of 2026  
Roy McCorkle  
Angela Rawls

Class of 2027  
Ryan Parker  
Melissa Rowe

Class of 2028  
Mac Martinson  
Andy Watson

### Presbyterian Women:

Stella Wilson, Moderator



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