

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!**"*

First Presbyterian Church

November 8, 2026

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Gracious God, your wisdom is radiant and unfading, easily discerned by all who seek your way. When your faithful children live in love and work for justice, heaven breaks into earth. Give us the grace to live confidently and expectantly, trusting that the Lord of history, who has been approaching from all eternity, comes into life continually with compassion, redemption, and hope. Amen.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, Alabama!

*An asterisk denotes standing-in body or spirit. The congregation is invited to recite bold text together.

November 8, 2026 **8:30 am and 11:00 am**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude *All Creatures of Our God and King* Arr. Joshua Evanovich

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 A Reading from Psalm 78:1-7

One: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

All: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and God's might, and the wonders that he has done.

One: The Lord established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which God commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,

All: So that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep God's commandments.

*Hymn 35 *Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

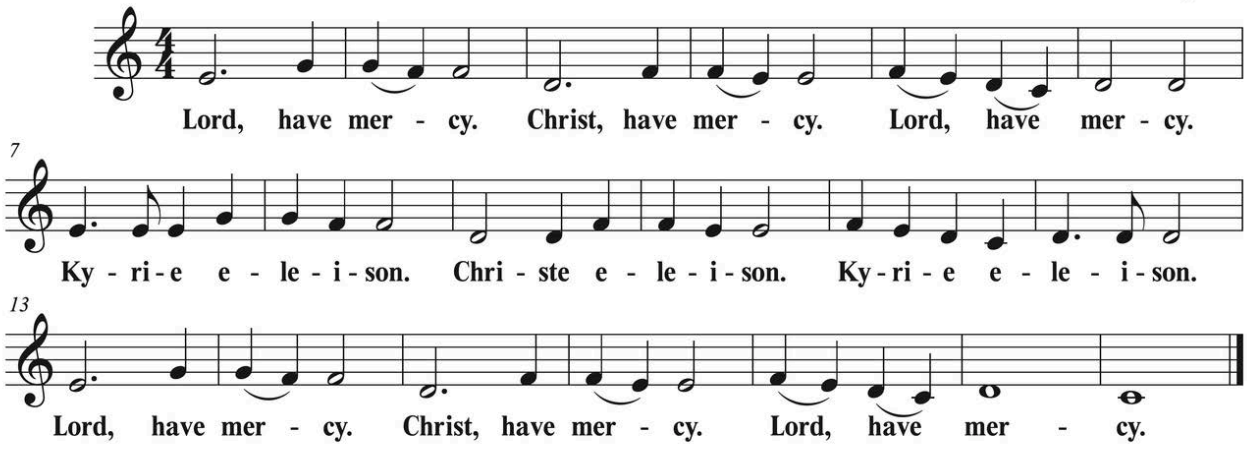
Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world, our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior.
(*A Time for Silent Confession*) **Amen.**

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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 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Amos 5:18-24, NRSV

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph, Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker, Director of Music

Chancel Choir

Dr. Lois Lee, Organist

Anne Dillon Loflin, Soprano

8:30 am:
Ushers:
Susan Lewis

Lay Liturgist:
Houston Matthews

11:00 am:
Ushers:
Beth Clapp
Mary Margaret Cofield
Doug & Karen Madison

Lay Liturgist:
Bo Lundy

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

If you would like to give your offering via credit card, please scan the QR code.

Anthem (8:30) *Offertory* Craig Courtney

Anne Dillon Loflin, soprano

With what shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
But to do justice and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly, with your God?

(11:00) *Keep Your Lamps!* Arr. Andre Thomas

Chancel Choir

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't get weary 'till your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over; the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13, NRSV

Sermon Keep Awake

Moment of Silence

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith Excerpt from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

Minute for Stewardship — Mission and Santa for Seniors — Karen Madison

Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

(8:30) *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELITA

(11:00) *Offertory* Craig Courtney
Anne Dillon Loflin, soprano

*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 268 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Benediction 702

Christ Be Beside Me BUNESSAN

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.

Postlude

Things Happening in the Life of the Church

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

Welcome home to the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church! Worship services will continue to be held in the Sanctuary at 8:30 am and 11:00 am. Children's Church is open for children ages 3-10 after the message for young disciples. Parents may pick up their kids after worship from room 205, located at the end of the long hallway to the left of the new elevator. A nursery is offered in room 206 for our littlest Presbyterians during worship.

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. 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 will split boys and girls tonight! Girls will meet in the Carriage House from 3-4pm for a floral arranging class with Charlotte Wessel. Boys will meet at the church and go offsite to the Matthews' farm from 5-6:30pm. Contact youth@fpchsv.org for more details.

Goodtimers 2.0 are headed to the 34th annual Fayetteville Christmas Market on November 14. Call the church office if you would like join.

The Aeolians of Oakwood University host their Fall Concert at FPC on Saturday, November 14 at 5:00 pm.

A New Membership Class will be held after worship on November 15. Lunch will be provided and any children registered will enjoy a special program. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

FPC's Book Club meets Wednesday, November 18 from 5:30-6:30pm in John Allan Hall. Come and enjoy conversation about our next book, Mere Christianity, by C.S. Lewis.

Stewardship Packets are available in the new Narthex as we collectively consider how God calls us to live out the lessons of Matthew 25. Stewardship Sunday will is November 22 and pledge cards may be returned to Ellen DeAngelo in the Office. Thank you for prayerfully discerning how God is calling our church family to minister in this upcoming year.

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 8, 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 Class GBHLR
9:30am –10:30am Children/Youth Sunday School GBHB
10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal SAN
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service SAN
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
12:00pm –1:00pm Congregational Lunch
12:00pm –2:00pm Kids Club GBHB
1:00pm –1:45pm Bible Study Matthew 25 JAH
3:00pm –4:00pm PYC Girls Floral Workshop CH
5:00pm –6:30pm PYC Boys off-site Matthew's Farm

Monday, November 9, 2026
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends
5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH
6:00pm –9:00pm Master Choral SAN

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
7:00am –8:00am Men's Bible Study CH
9:00am –10:30am Youth Breakfast Offsite
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 SAN

Thursday, November 12, 2026
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends
10:15am –10:30am First Friends Chapel Bsmt Rm 10
11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB
12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon CH

Friday, November 13, 2026
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 15, 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 Class GBHLR
9:30am –10:30am Children and Youth Sunday School GBHB
10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal SAN
11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH Children Sing
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
12:15pm –2:00pm New Member Class JAH
2:00pm –4:00pm PYC off site AD's Play Christmas at Pemberley

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

Family of Virginia Bailey
Betty Dunaway
Sharon Hudson
Thomas Causey
Anne Michael Causey
Eleanor and George Harsh
Alice Gardner
Sandra Stewart
Becky Buckner
Alicia Beam
Charlie Watkins
Barbara (Bonny) Morris
Sheree Adams

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care

Hoyt Harris (Brookdale)
Cay Lambert (Huntsville Health & Rehab)
Annewhite Fuller (Whitesburg Gardens)
Bob Davis(The Goldton at Jones Farm)

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)
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)
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)
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)
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)
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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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

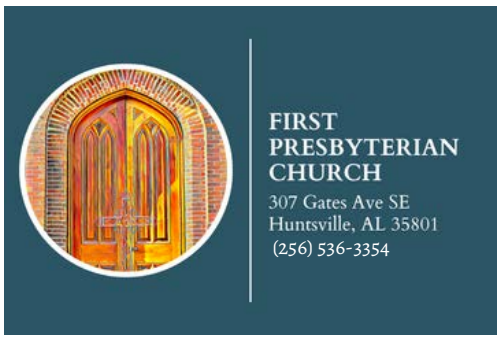
Class of 2028
Marian Bevel-Care Committee
Dave Goodwin-Hospitality Committee
Brent Cobb-Fellowship Committee

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