

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 15, 2026

Silent Prayer of Preparation

O God, the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value. Your generosity and goodness astound us! Inspire us to teach your commandments and share your gospel by using our talents, that all may enter into the joy of Christ. 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 15, 2026 **8:30 am and 11:00 am**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude (8:30) *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Arr. Joel Raney

(11:00) *How Majestic Is Your Name* Mark Patterson
Children's Choir

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
You have set your glory high above the heavens;
The lips of children will sing to give you praise.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
When I see the heavens, the work of your fingers
The moon and stars which you have set in place.
O Lord God, I wonder, who am I that you should care for me?
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

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.
Please remain standing for the Call to Worship.

***Call to Worship** A Reading from Psalm 90:13-17, CEB

One: Come back to us, Lord! Please, quick! Have some compassion for your servants!

All: Fill us full every morning with your faithful love so we can rejoice and celebrate our whole life long. Make us happy for the same amount of time that you afflicted us—for the same number of years that we saw only trouble.

One: Let your acts be seen by your servants; let your glory be seen by their children.

All: Let the kindness of the Lord our God be over us.
Make the work of our hands last. Make the work of our hands last!

*Hymn 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. (*A Time of Silent Confession*) **Amen.**



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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!

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

Rev. J. David Randolph, Senior Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker, Director of Music

Dr. Lois Lee, Organist

Chancel Choir

Sherry Smith, Chidren's Choir Director

Children's Choir

Kashawn Broomfield, Bass

8:30 am:
Ushers:
Tom & Susie Conard

Lay Liturgist:
Bo Lundy

11:00 am:
Ushers:
Patty Frierson
Jim Slate
Melissa & Dag Rowe

Lay Liturgist:
Stephanie Hyatt

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

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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 708 — *We Give Thee but Thine Own* — SCHUMANN

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, NRSV

Anthem — *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated* — Arr. Mark Hayes

Kashawn Broomfield, bass

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let then flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Gospel Reading — Matthew 25:14-30, NRSV

Sermon — A Talented Kingdom

Moment of Silence

*Affirmation of Faith — 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!"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Moment for Stewardship — Houston Matthews

Serving God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jesus Loves Me — Arr. William Bolcom

*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 700 — *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* — I'M GONNA LIVE

*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 — *Trust and Obey* — Charles Callahan

Things Happening in the Life of the Church

Welcome home to the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church! Worship services 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, left of the new elevator. 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.

A New Membership Class will be held after worship at 12:15pm in John Allan Hall. Please speak with David if you would like to attend a future class.

PYC Youth Group will meet this afternoon at the VBC Playhouse for *Christmas at Pemberley*! Contact Anne Dillon at youth@fpchsv.org for more information about youth programming.

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.

Santa for Seniors gifts can be placed in the Fellowship Hall by November 22. Thank you for your support.

All Are Welcome to come out on Sunday, November 22, to the Huntsville Botanical Gardens to see the holiday lights. Please RSVP by contacting the church office by November 17.

Save the Date for a holiday edition of Wednesday Night Suppers! WNS returns to the Fellowship Hall on December 2 and 9 in preparation for the Children's Christmas Pageant on December 13. Dinner opens at 5:30pm and the line runs through 6:30pm. Programming for children and adults begins at 6:15pm.

Stewardship Packets were mailed this week. Please consider how God calls us to live out the lessons of Matthew 25. Stewardship Sunday will be November 22.
Pledge cards may be returned in the offering plate or 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 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 SAN Children Sing
11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205
12:15pm –2:00pm New Member Class JAH
1:45pm –4:00pm PYC off site at AD's
Play Christmas at Pemberley

Monday, November 16, 2026
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends
5:30pm –7:00pm Session Meeting CH

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
7:00am - 8:00am Men's bible study GBHLR
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends
10:00am –11:00am Church Staff Meeting GBHLR
5:30pm – 8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

Thursday, November 19, 2026
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends
10:15am –10:30am First Friends Chapel Bsmnt Rm 10
11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group GBHB
12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon CH

Friday, November 20, 2026
9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool
Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 22, 2026 Stewardship Sunday
Sacrament of Communion
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
12:15pm –1:30pm Deacon Meeting GBH
7:00pm –8:00pm Galaxy of Lights

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
Stella Wilson
Sandra Stewart
Anne Whitfield
Ed Green
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)

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

The Owens family
Jim Fleming (friend of Ed and Betty Green)
James Polk (father of Allen Polk)
Bob Davis
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)
Sam Eidt (friend of Ed and Betty Green)
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)
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 (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)
Patty Monnett (friend of Katy Bryan)
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