

“Listen to Him”



First Presbyterian Church

Gideon Blackburn House

February 15, 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 Room 105 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](http://fpchsv.org),  
or listen to sermons later in the week, at:



FOR APPLE



FOR ANDROID

## **WELCOME**

Transfiguration Sunday  
February 15, 2026  
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE                      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*                      Arr. Fred Bock

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: Let us worship the Lord with joy.

**People: God is the Rock of our salvation.**

Leader: Let us give the Lord our thanks and praise.

**People: God is the King of all creation.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

\*HYMN of Praise 826                      *Lift High the Cross*                      CRUCIFER

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM (8:30 service)  
Madison Elizabeth Case, daughter of Theresa and Tyler Case

HYMN of BAPTISM 188                      *Jesus Loves Me*

CALL TO CONFESSION

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Holy God, there were times this past week when we failed you, our loved ones, or other people. We did things that were wrong and neglected to follow your guidance. We closed our eyes to the needs of others and overlooked our own mistakes. Please forgive our sin and renew us through your Holy Spirit. We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.**

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

## **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:**

Dr. Karl Kling,  
Transitional Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,  
Director of Music

Lois K. Lee,  
Pianist

Anne Dillon Loflin

Chancel Choir

Liturgists:  
8:30-  
Bo Lundy

11:00 am -  
Melissa Rowe

Ushers:  
8:30 am-  
Chuck and Jodie Karr

11:00 am-  
Patty Frierson  
Jim Slate

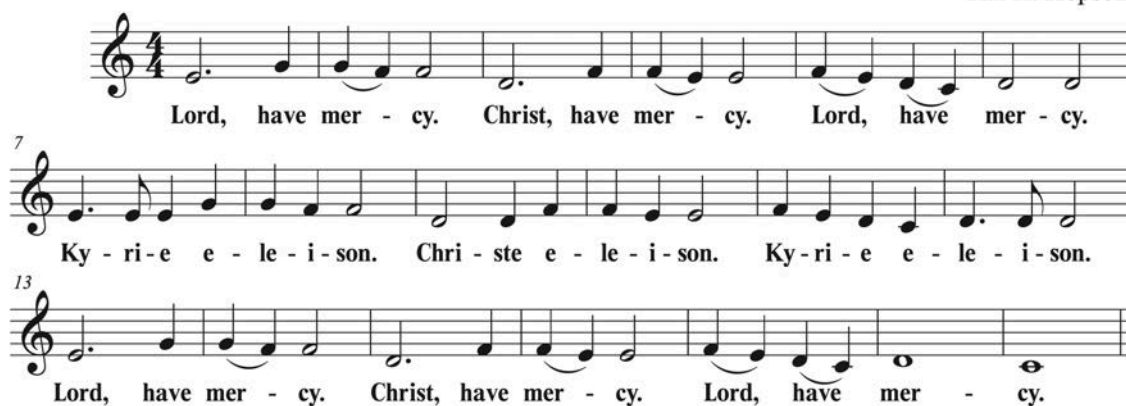
Video and Sound:  
Tom Stroud  
Dave Young  
Maxwell R. Carter

*\*Those who are  
able, please stand*

# KYRIE

## Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson



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### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, all who humbly confess their sin receive God's mercy and are cleansed by his grace. 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.*

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.

### \*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 in Room 205 for Children's Church. Infant and toddler care is available in room 105 as needed.

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please stand*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29–35

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

*Jericho*  
Chancel Choir

Everett Covin

*Jericho, and the walls come tumblin' down.  
Joshua fit the battle of Jericho,  
And the walls come tumblin' down.*

*You can talk about your king of Gideon,  
You can talk about your men of Saul,  
There's none as good as Joshua  
At the battle of Jericho.*

*Up to the walls of Jericho, he marched with spear in han'  
"Go blow those ram horns," Joshua cried, "cause the battle am in my hand."  
Then the lamb ram sheep horn begins to blow,  
Trumpets begin to sound  
Joshua commanded the children to shout  
And the walls come tumblin' down.  
Joshua fit the battle of Jericho,  
And the walls come tumblin' down.*

## SECOND READING

Luke 9:28–36

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Dr. Kling

## SERMON

## SILENT MEDITATION

## HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

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.**

*\*Those who are able,  
please stand*

## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*As the Deer*  
Anne Dillon Loflin, soprano

Martin Nystrom

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.

Chorus  
You alone are my strength and shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

I want you more than gold or silver only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye. (To chorus)

### \*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

### \*HYMN of Sending 275

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

### EIN' FESTE BURG

## 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

*Go Down, Moses*

Arr. Larry Shackley

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FOR ONLINE GIVING

### Worship Resources Adapted From:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org  
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## Ash Wednesday SERVICE

February 18, 2026  
Noon & 6:30 pm  
John Allan Hall



You can learn how to  
help in an emergency.

**March 1st  
9:45-10:15  
Historic Room**

**The more who know, the better for all!**

Come learn about ways to assist your fellow church members/visitors in case of a medical emergency and get familiar with the medical equipment available at our church.

**All adults welcome to participate.**



## Congregational Meeting

We will select the members of the 2026 Church  
Nominating Committee.

**Two elders:** Erin Cobb "Chair"  
Nicole Schroer "Session Representative"

**Deacons will designate one Deacon**

**The Nominees for members-at-large are:**  
Lucinda Schreeder, Glen Adams,  
Patty Conley, Bob Frank Smith

**Sunday,  
February 22nd**  
Following the 11:00 service  
John Allan Hall

## Goodtimers 2.0

*Let's plan the scoop for 2026!!*



Seasonal and locally sourced  
ice cream from

**Big Spoon**  
CREAMERY

will be provided.

**February 26th  
2:00 - 3:30  
Fellowship Hall**



# THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

## February 15 - February 22

### **Sunday, February 15, 2026**

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105  
 8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH  
 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 Combined Sunday School FH  
 10:00am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH  
 10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal JAH

### **Monday, February 16, 2026**

9:00am –1:00pm No First Friends Preschool

### **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
 9:30am –11:30am First Friends Theater FH  
 10:00am –11:00am Church Staff Meeting LIB  
 5:30pm –8:30pm Cub/Boy Scouts GBH

### **Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

Ash Wednesday  
 7:00am –8:00am Men's Bible Study FH  
 9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
 9:30am –10:30am Construction Meeting LIB  
 11:30am –12:30pm Moms at the Well GBH  
 12:00pm –12:30pm Ash Wednesday Service  
 1:30pm –3:00pm Prayer Shawl Group Rm 104 LIB  
 5:00pm –6:30pm Children's WNL FH  
 5:30pm –6:30pm Adult WNL  
 6:30pm –7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service  
 7:00pm –8:30pm Chancel Choir Practice CR  
 7:00pm –8:00pm PYC Small Groups LIB/GBH

### **Thursday, February 19, 2026**

9:00am –1:00pm First Friends Preschool  
 10:15am –10:30am First Friends Chapel FH  
 11:00am –12:00pm Prayer Group LIB/Zoom  
 12:00pm –1:00pm Al-Anon GBH  
 7:00pm –8:30pm PNC Meeting LIB RM 104

### **Friday, February 20, 2026**

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

### **Saturday, February 21, 2026**

10:00am –1:00pm HMC Choir Retreat GBH

### **Sunday, February 22, 2026**

8:15am –12:00pm Nursery Room 105  
 8:30am –9:30am Worship Service GBH  
 8:45am –9:30am Children's Church RM 205  
 9:30am –10:30am Charles Danner Seminar Class LIB  
 9:30am –10:30am Confirmation Class FH  
 9:30am –10:30am LEAD Youth GBH  
 9:30am –10:30am Westminster Ringers BR  
 10:00am –10:30am Combined Children's Sunday School-Lent Special Series 010  
 10:00am –10:30am Faith & Life Adult Class CH  
 10:30am –11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir RM  
 11:00am –12:00pm Worship Service GBH  
 11:15am –12:00pm Children's Church RM 205  
 12:00 - Congregational Meeting JAH  
 12:15pm –1:30pm Deacon Meeting w/Lunch FH  
 5:00pm –6:30pm PYC GBH

Due to space, 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.

#### Calendar Legend:

<b>BR</b> - Bell Room (RM 204)	<b>GBH</b> - Gideon Blackburn House
<b>CH</b> - Carriage House (GBH)	<b>HR</b> - Historical Room
<b>CR</b> - Choir Room (RM 201)	<b>JAH</b> - John Allan Hall (GBH)
<b>FH</b> - Fellowship Hall	<b>SAN</b> - Sanctuary
<b>LIB</b> - Library (RM104)	
<b>B</b> - Basement (RM 010)	

## 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:**

Alice Gardner  
Lindsay and Thomas Birchfield and extended family  
Michael & Mary Leah Hooker  
Fowler family and friends  
Joseph & Allison Davis and family  
Ida Jo Daughtry  
Betty Loeb  
Paula Weider  
Stella Wilson  
Sandra Stewart  
Frances Byrd  
Anne Whitfield  
Bob Monroe  
Betty Thompson  
Ed Green  
Becky Buckner  
Alicia Beam  
Charlie Watkins  
Barbara (Bonny) Morris  
Cay Lambert  
Amelia Beimrohr

### **Friends and Family:**

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  
Tanya Carano- friend of Bruce & Janis Williams  
April Woods- great-niece of Dave & Peggy Galloway  
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  
Katie Little Pickle - great niece of Dave & Peggy Galloway  
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:**

Marlyn and Hoyt Harris (Brookdale)  
Cay Lambert (Huntsville Health & Rehab)  
Annwhite 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  
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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  
Libby 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

### Pastor Nominating Committee:

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

### Presbyterian Women

Stella Wilson, Moderator



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