



“The Gift of Love”

First Presbyterian Church
May 11, 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 Room 106.
- Older children are encouraged to worship with their families, and children aged Kindergarten and younger are welcome (but never required!) to go to Room 106/107 for Children's Church after the Time for Young Disciples.
- 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.
- We use the following icons to include our early and non-readers in worship participation. We invite you to point these out to children you may worship with and help engage them in the worship service.



PRAYER



SPEAKING



BIBLE



MUSIC



COMMUNION



OFFERING



BAPTISM

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

WELCOME

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* J. ZUNDEL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

As with Christmas, Easter refers not only to a single day, but to a whole season of celebration in the Christian year. The season of Easter spans the fifty days between the Resurrection of the Lord and the Day of Pentecost, and encompasses the Ascension of the Lord.



*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

Many: **The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

One: We desire to live in God's house

Many: **and to seek God in his holy temple.**

One: We have come with shouts of joy,

Many: **to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Many: **Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.**



*OPENING PRAYER



*HYMN 641 *When in Our Music God is Glorified* ENGELBERG

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND BLESSING OF THE RECIPIENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

**Those who are able, please stand*



KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Hal H. Hopson

7

13

15

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

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

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

Many: **Amen.**



*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 PEACE

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

Many: **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

The entire church is asked to pray along with the children. This reminds the children that they are an important part of our church community.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Following the Time for Young Disciples, children are invited to join Kathy Gillmore in Room 106 for Children's Church.)



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



FIRST LESSON

2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM *Spirit, Open My Heart* ARR. ALFRED V. FEDAK

8:30 a.m. Katie Buckner and Patricia Hacker

11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir

(Refrain)

*Spirit, open my heart
To the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
In receiving and in giving.
Spirit, Open my heart.*

*God replace my stony heart
With a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
To your grace I now surrender.*

*Write your love upon my heart
As my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
May my living bring you glory.*

*May I weep with those who weep;
Share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
May we welcome one another.*



SECOND LESSON

ACTS 16:11-15

We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us. One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

**Those who are
able, please stand*



PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Karl Kling

SILENT MEDITATION



*HYMN 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

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

My Mother's Bible

C.D. TILLMAN



*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 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Another way we respond to the Word is by lifting up to God the Prayers of the People, which include intercessions for the church universal, the world and the nation, those in authority, the community, and persons in distressing circumstances or in special need



FOR ONLINE GIVING

**Those who are able,
please stand*

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
One: And as God's people say
Many: **Alleluia! Amen.**

*And now may the God of peace
Who raise our Lord to life,
May He equip you with all you need
To do the will of Jesus Christ,
To Whom be the glory now and forevermore. Amen!*

The flowers are given to the
Glory of God
and in loving memory of our mothers,
Annabell Aust and Polly Walker
by David & Paula Hatch

Scholarship Recipients

Undergraduate

George Douthit	University of Alabama
Davis Parker	Samford University
Ava Rawls	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
William Shaver	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Grace Stucky	University of Mississippi

Graduate

Audrey Rawls University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Margaret Stucky University of Mississippi Medical Center
Medical School
Mary Wynne Tucker University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy

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able, please stand*

Worship Resources Adapted From:

Goodtimers 2.0 Gathering Memorial Day Rememberance



Come join the Goodtimers 2.0 to share memories and stories honoring those who gave their lives in service for our country.

Bring your stories to share.

Entertainment by Alan Mitchell and Diann Berry.

Gather with friends old and new!



THURSDAY, MAY 15
2:00 - 4:00 PM



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GBH

NO RSVP
NECESSARY!

Help Needed

We need your help with hosting the North Alabama Presbytery.

Tuesday, June 10
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church

We have various needs from set up, decorations, being a host, providing refreshments, clean up, to washing tablecloths.

Scan the QR code to see how you can help!



CELEBRATE OUR

Graduates!



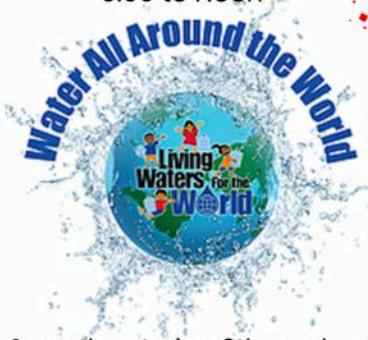
May 18, 2025

Celebrating high school grads in the May newsletter and with a special blessing on May 18.

Please contact Kathy Gillmore at dce@fpchsv.org with information about your college grad for the June newsletter.

Vacation Bible School 2025

Water All Around the World
June 23 - 26
9:00 to Noon



VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

Who: Adults & youth entering 6th grade or older

What: Volunteer to help make this wonderful VBS happen for the kids! You will be blessed, too, with fun and fellowship.

How: Contact Kathy Gillmore to find just the right volunteer position for you!

Email dce@fpchsv.org, or scan the QR code below to volunteer.



As soon as key volunteer positions are filled the registration link will be made available for parents and grandparents to register their children and grandchildren (aged 4 years old by 9/1/2025 through entering 5th grade), and to share with friends!

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

May 11 - May 18

Sunday, May 11, 2025

8:15 am - 12:00 pm Nursery RM 106
8:30 - 9:30 am Worship Service SAN
8:45 - 9:30 am Children's Church RM 106/107
9:30 - 10:30 am Sunday School

- Peepers (Preschool) RM 108/109
- Godly Play (K & 1st grade) RM 009
- Holy Moly (2nd & 3rd grade) RM 010
- Connect (4th & 4th grade) RM 012
- Charles Danner Seminar Class RM 207
- Adult Sunday School JAH

9:30 - 10:25 am Adult Handbell Rehearsal BR
10:30 - 11:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal CR
11:00 am Worship Service SAN
11:15 am - 12:00 pm Children's Church RM 106/107

Monday, May 12, 2025

9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool
10:00 am - 12:00 pm PW Circle 1 CH
10:00 am - 12:00 pm PW Circle 2 RM 104

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool
9:30 - 10:30 am First Friends Theater FH
10:00 - 11:00 am Staff Meeting RM 104
6:00 - 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 70 GBH
7:00 - 8:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 70 GBH

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

7:00 - 8:00 am Men's Bible Study FH
9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool
1:30 - 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry LIB
7:00 - 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal CR
7:00 - 8:00 pm Small Groups RM 104

Thursday, May 15, 2025

9:00 - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool
10:15 - 10:30 am First Friends Chapel SAN
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Prayer Group LIB/Zoom
12:00 - 1:00 pm Al-Anon GBH
2:00 - 4:00 pm Goodtimers 2.0 Gathering GBH
3:00 - 7:00 pm Greene Street Market

Friday, May 16, 2025

Office Closed
9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool
11:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Graduation SAN/FH

Sunday, May 18, 2025

8:15 am - 12:00 pm Nursery RM 106
8:30 - 9:30 am Worship Service SAN
8:45 - 9:30 am Children's Church RM 106/107
9:30 - 10:30 am Sunday School

- Peepers (Preschool) RM 108/109
- Godly Play (K & 1st grade) RM 009
- Holy Moly (2nd & 3rd grade) RM 010
- Connect (4th & 5th grade) RM 012
- LEAD (6th through 12th grade) GBH
- Charles Danner Seminar Class RM 207
- Adult Sunday School Class JAH

9:30 - 10:30 am Graduation Breakfast CH
9:30 - 10:25 am Adult Handbell Rehearsal BR
10:30 - 11:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal CR
11:00 am Worship Service/ High School Seniors & Mission Blessings SAN
11:15 am - 12:00 pm Children's Church RM 106/107
12:00 - 2:00 pm PKC Lunch Downtown
5:00 - 7:00 pm PYC Offsite w/bus
5:30 - 6:30 pm Session Meeting FH

Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room
CH - Carriage House (GBH)
CR - Choir Room
FH - Fellowship Hall

GBH - Gideon Blackburn House
HR - Historical Room
JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)
SAN - Sanctuary

PRAYER LIST

New prayer requests are in bold print.

In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Dr. Kling at seniorpastor@fpchsv.org.

In order to conserve paper and printing costs, 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 Isabel Evans, Administrative Assistant, at admin@fpchsv.org.

Church Members:

Anne Whitfield
The Case Family for the passing of Allen Case
Bob Monroe
Mindy Nettles
Peggy Galloway
Betty Thompson
Richard McElveen
Ed Green
Maxwell R. Carter and family
Becky Buckner
Alicia Beam
Paul Buxton
Janice Fowler
Frances Byrd
Charlie Watkins
Ted Buckner
Ted Paludan
Barbara (Bonny) Morris
Cay Lambert

Emily Loeb Locke - daughter of Betty Loeb
Vickie Boone - friend of Nancy Lundy
Mr. Bookout - friend of Ron & Lisa Stephens
Jared Cantrell - cousin of Maxwell R. Carter
Mr. Wade - friend of Ron & Lisa Stephens
Nathan Harsh Brown Chitty - cousin of George Harsh
Jean Hindman - friend of George & Eleanor Harsh
Bennie Jacks - friend of George & Eleanor Harsh
Jay & Geoff Murdock - family of Mark Huaroto
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
Mike & Linda Davis - parents of Joseph Davis
Fred Applegate - friend of Katy Bryan
Marie Mitchell - mother of Libby Smith
Edward Smith - father of Bob Frank 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

Friends and Family:

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
Patricia Edmondson - friend of Bruce & Janis Williams
Family of Mike Galant - friends of Maxwell R. Carter
David Barnes - friend of Maxwell R. Carter
Elsa de Ramirez - mother of Patricia Hacker
John Kirk & family - friends of Marian Bevel
Frances Kyser - friend of Tam Bevel & Judy Howard
Deborah Lamb - aunt of Kaitlyn Huaroto, sister of Pam Huaroto

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

Leadership at First Presbyterian Church

Ministry Team and Staff

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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
Dianne 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

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

TRUSTEES:

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Jerry Gattis
Charlie Watkins

Class of 2026

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Angela Rawls

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Ryan Parker
Melissa Rowe

Presbyterian Women

Joanne Horn, Moderator



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