

**“Peace
be
with
you!”**

**First Presbyterian Church
April 27, 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

Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *Pastoral Symphony from Messiah* G.F. HANDEL

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!



*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is risen!

Many: **Christ is risen indeed!**

One: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space! Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

Many: **Give praise for God's mighty deeds! Give praise for God's resurrecting power!**

One: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

Many: **Praise God with the harp and the cello!**

One: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

Many: **Praise God with flutes and guitars!**

One: Praise God with cymbals and drums!

Many: **Let everything with life and breath praise God!**



*OPENING PRAYER



*HYMN 239 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

GELOBT DEI GOTT

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

All the hopes and expectations of Christians are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making Easter the most celebrative day of the church year. Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter is only the first of fifty days of Eastertide, the "Great Fifty Days" that lead up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

**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.

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: Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus 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

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

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and

A prayer for illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word. The prayer for illumination precedes the reading of scripture and preaching of the sermon and applies to all the readings, as well as the proclamation of the Word.

**Those who are able,
please stand*

they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.” So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Easter Carol
Chancel Choir

RICHARD PROULX

*On that bright joyful Easter Day
The sun arose with brighter ray,
When Christ, to earthly sight made plain,
The glad apostles saw again. Alleluia!
Surrexit Christus hodie!*

*His wounds to them Christ then did show,
Which from His risen body glow;
And they aloud declared and said:
“The Lord is risen from the dead” Alleluia!
Surrexit Christus hodie!*

*First witnesses to Easter morn
Were women three who came forlorn;
Then Magdalen did cease her sighs,
When Christ she saw with joyful eyes. Alleluia!
Surrexit Christus hodie!*

*All glory, Lord, to you we pay,
Arise from the dead today;
O great Creator be our guide
Throughout the days of Eastertide. Alleluia!
Surrexit Christus hodie!*

**Those who are
able, please stand*



SECOND LESSON

JOHN 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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Many: **Thanks be to God!**



PRAYER FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Karl Kling

SILENT MEDITATION



*HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

There seems to be precious little time for silence in our busy lives. This time of silent meditation can be used for prayer or reflection on the time of worship.

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



FOR ONLINE GIVING

**Those who are able,
please stand*

OFFERTORY

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

ARR. MARY MCDONALD

Diann Berry-piano, Lois Lee-organ



*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 238

Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Now May the God of Peace*
Chancel Choir

LLOYD LARSON

*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!*

*POSTLUDE

Allegro

G.F. HANDEL

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

The Rev. Dr. Karl Kling,
Transitional Senior
Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee,
Piano/Organ

Chancel Choir

Liturgists:
8:00 am - Katie
Buckner
11:00 am - David
Smith

Ushers:
8:30 am- Courtney
Allen, Harper Allen,
John Allen
11:00 am- Patty
Frierson, Mary
Margaret Cofield,
Paula Hatch, Clinton
Wann

Sunday Morning Host:
Bruce Peters

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

There will be a called
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

TODAY


**FOLLOWING THE 11 A.M. SERVICE FOR
THE DISMISSING OF THE ASSOCIATE
PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND
REQUESTING THE NOMINATING
COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A SEARCH
FOR A PASTOR NOMINATING
COMMITTEE**

Worship Resources Adapted From:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org
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**Those who are
able, please stand*

EXTENDED for 1 week!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

YOUTH BOOK DRIVE

BENEFITTING


VANDERBILT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

APRIL 6 - MAY 4

DONATIONS SUPPORT VANDERBILT CHILDREN'S CLEFT, CRANIOFACIAL & SPINA BIFIDA CLINICS

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- SELECT AN EASTER EGG FROM BASKETS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. EACH EGG INCLUDES A REQUESTED BOOK TITLE FOR DONATION!
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- ADDITIONAL K-12 BOOK DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!
- BRING ALL BOOK DONATIONS TO THE BOXES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



VIRTUAL WISH-LIST LINK

CONTACT ANNE DILLON AT YOUTH@FPCHSV.ORG WITH QUESTIONS!

JOIN US!

YOUTH-LED WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 27th, 6pm

John Allan Hall

All are welcome!

AN EVENING OF WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP LED BY FPC MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLERS

YOUNG ADULTS at the Farm!



May 10th 3-6pm

SNACKS | DRINKS | FELLOWSHIP

Join us for a great afternoon and evening at Houston Matthews' Farm! Drinks and snacks will be provided. More detailed directions coming soon!

266 Kelly Spring Road

Goodtimers 2.0 Gathering

Memorial Day Remembrance



MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER & HONOR

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!

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

April 27 - May 4

Sunday, April 27, 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
- Lenton Study 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
12:00 pm - Called Congregational Meeting SAN
12:00 - 2:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting RM 104
12:00 - 2:00 pm PKC Mother's Day Prep FH
4:30 - 7:00 pm PYC GBH
6:00 - 7:00 pm Youth Led Worship JAH

Monday, April 28, 2025

9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool
5:30 - 6:30 pm Mission & Evangelism Meeting RM 104

Tuesday, April 29, 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
5:30 - 6:30 pm CE Committee Meeting RM 207
6:00 - 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 70 GBH
7:00 - 8:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 70 GBH

Wednesday, April 30, 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
6:45 - 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal CR
7:00 - 8:00 pm Small Groups RM 104

Thursday, May 1, 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
3:00 - 7:00 pm Greene Street Market

Friday, May 2, 2025

Office Closed
9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool
First Friends Mother's Day Art Show

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Holy Communion

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

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1:00 - 3:00 pm PYC at Top Golf

Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room	GBH - Gideon Blackburn House
CH - Carriage House (GBH)	HR - Historical Room
CR - Choir Room	JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)
FH - Fellowship Hall	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

Lois Grey

Peggy Galloway

Harriet Bibb

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

George & Kathryn Mahoney - friends of Bob & Genie Miller

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

John Wilmer - friend of Katy Bryan

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:

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
Diann Berry, Mission and Evangelism Committee
David Young, Worship Committee

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James Lee, Christian Education Committee
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Nicole Schroer, Worship Committee

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June Guynes, Fellowship Committee
Clinton Wann, Hospitality Committee

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Katy Bryan, Care Committee
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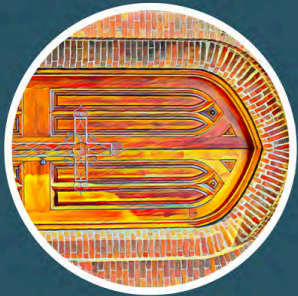
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Presbyterian Women

Joanne Horn, Moderator



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