

July 29, 2018 | 10:30 AM



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE, UNITED IN CHRIST, REACHING OUT IN FAITH

307 Gates Ave SE, Huntsville Alabama

First Presbyterian Church

July 29, 2018

WELCOME

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us! Children are always welcome in the sanctuary, but if you prefer, child care is available for children, birth through pre-K, in the education building. Please, as you enter this holy space and time, silence your cell phones.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *O Worship the King* Grant and Krauss, arr. Lasky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* HOLY GROUND

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

Many: We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

One: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,

Many: we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

Many: Come! Let us worship our ever-present God!

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 2 *Come Thou, Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith. Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understanding of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose. Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future. Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship. We stand together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with your Spirit. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy
FPC Bicentennial Commissioned Service Music
(printed inside the back cover of your hymnal)

Hal H. Hopson

Congregation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Cantor/Choir: Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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Worship is, first and foremost, a people's meeting with the God who has taken the initiative to gather that people. It is a gathering intended for no other purpose than to offer our praise, our thanksgiving, and our lament, while trusting the Spirit to bring us into the presence of the risen Christ.

In the words of scripture the people are called to confess the reality of sin in personal and common life. Claiming the promises of God sealed in our baptism, we humbly confess our sin. Confession is made by using a prayer, a penitential psalm, or appropriate music. Whatever the form, it will engage us in acknowledging our sinfulness and in confessing our sin to God. A period of silence may be observed before, within, or following the confession of sin.

**Those who are able, please stand.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*HYMN 583

Glory to God

GLORIA

Having confessed our sin, we remember the promises of God's redemption, and the claims God has on all human life. The assurance of God's forgiving grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ. We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, God raises us to new life.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

John 1:1-12

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Laudamus Te

Natalie Sleeth

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Chris Anne Causey

SECOND LESSON

Acts 20:7-12

On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a discussion with them; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. But Paul went down, and bending over him took him in his arms, and said, 'Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.' Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left. Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were greatly comforted.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"When Preaching Kills"
The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

*Hymn 735

I Need Thee Every Hour

NEED

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience, and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom, and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people, or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well. Amen.

In response to the Word, prayers are offered. In these prayers, we acknowledge God's presence in the world and in daily life. Across the ages the church in its worship has prayed for the church universal, the world, all in authority, and those in distress or need. At no other time in its worship is the community of faith more conscious of the needs of the life of the world. We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. God sent Jesus, who died for it. God is working to lead the world toward the future God has for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as wide as God's love and as specific as God's tender compassion for the least ones among us.

Those who have assembled in God's name now go in God's name. The service of thanks having ended, the service of work now begins. Worship is not a retreat from the world, but, rather, strengthens the church for life in the world. As we go forth, we go assured of God's gracious word that makes possible our fulfilling the charge.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(The pastor will begin praying and then invite the congregation to join in saying the Lord's Prayer together.)

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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

I Can Only Imagine

Millard

*DOXOLOGY

OLD ONE HUNDRETH

***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.***

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*HYMN 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* GOD BE WITH YOU

*POSTLUDE

Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Fawcett and Thring

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.

NOTES

LEADERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastors

The Reverend Dr. Tara W. Bulger
The Reverend Dr. James W. Roberts

Music

Sherry Smith, Worship Leader
David Jones, organ
Elizabeth Wright, soprano

Ushers

Mary Margaret Cofield
June Guynes
Karen Lastovic
Michael Lastovic
Nancy Lundy

RULING ELDERS

CLASS OF 2018

Daniel Richerson Bryant
Doyle David Galloway
Victoria Fuller Goodwin
Louis Giles Horn, III
Horace Woodward Howard III
Karen Kolyer Madison
Robert Lull McKemie
Marshall Tufts Schreeder, Jr.

CLASS OF 2019

Mary Gamble Adams
Charles Howard Bozeman
Leigh Morrow Brown (Clerk of Session)
Brian Clayton
Charles Stephen Cornelius
Leslie Tanner Ecklund
Sheila Haynes Fogle
Amy Titus Stucky

DIACONATE

CLASS OF 2018

James Andrew Bevel
Annewhite Fuller
Sue Harper Garrison
Jesse Manuel Guthrie
Joseph Thomas Lundy, III
Benjamin Rudolph Peters
James Ryan Parker

CLASS OF 2019

Anne Baker Brigance
Bryce Gerald Connor
Stephanie Ferree Hyatt
Nancy Bass Lundy
Jane Alford McBride
Richard Worth Rawls, Jr.
Joe Edward Sparks

TRUSTEES

CLASS OF 2018

William Reeves Johnson

CLASS OF 2019

James Harry Daughtry
William Schley Lummus

CLASS OF 2020

Sara James Graves
John Andrew Watson, III

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First Presbyterian is a Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a Stephen Ministry Congregation

We welcome you as a participant in worship today. We pray that you will find this service meaningful. Worship is but one of the many ministries of First Presbyterian Church.

Looking for a Church home? Please speak with the “Ask Me” person standing at the rear of the church after the 10:30 service, who this week is Peggy Galloway. Ms. Galloway is available to answer questions about First Presbyterian Church, our programs, or finding locations within our building.

If you would like to receive our Weekly E-News, please call the church office at 256-536-3354, or send your name and email address to *secretary@fpchsv.org*.

The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 5, will be the last one service Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The 8:30 a.m. service will resume on Sunday, August 12, along with all Sunday school classes.

The Ordinance of Holy Communion will be observed next Sunday, August 5, during the 10:30 service.

Bicentennial T-shirts: If you ordered and have not picked it up yet, please do so at the Receptionist's office.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, July 29, 2018

PYC Camping Trip
No Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Seminar Class/Classroom C
10:30 a.m. One Worship Service/SAN
11:30 a.m. Welcome Team Meeting/LIB
5:00 p.m. No PYC

Monday, July 30, 2018

9:00 a.m. PW Pickle Party/FH

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

4:00 p.m. Bible Study/LIB & FH
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 633

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

3:00 p.m. PYC Escape Room
6:00 p.m. Gather Ice Cream Social/FH
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice/CR

Thursday, August 2, 2018

11:15 a.m. Prayer Group/GBH
12:15 p.m. Al-Anon/GBH

Sunday, August 5, 2018

Holy Communion
No Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Seminar Class/Classroom C
10:30 a.m. One Worship Service/SAN
11:30 a.m. Nominating Committee/LIB
5:00 p.m. PYC

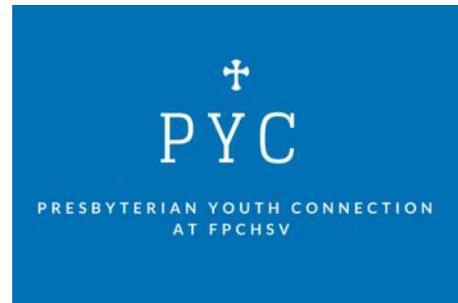
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Many thanks to Sherry Smith, Elizabeth Wright, and David Jones for leading in worship today and sharing their music.

The Chancel Choir has resumed practice Wednesdays, at 7:15 p.m., in the choir room. We would love to have you join us!



July:

28th-29th: Camping Trip, No PYC

31st: Second Mile Preschool "Operation Fence!" @ 3 pm; pizza dinner afterwards

August:

1st: Escape Room @ 3pm

5th: No Sunday School, PYC @ 5-7 pm

10th: Art Walk 5-7 pm

12th: Rally Day and Fall Kick-off

17th-19th: Fellowship Camp at Camp Maranatha

19th: PYC @ 5-7 pm

26th: PYC @ 5-7 pm



**A message from Kathy Gillmore,
Director of Christian Education**

Greetings, First Presbyterian Church!

I am looking forward to getting to know you and serving with you as we nurture one another's faith. In order to meet the educational needs of this wonderful congregation I would like to hear from you.

One of my first, and rather immediate, needs is to get to know the children and youth as our education year begins with Rally Day on August 12. If you have children and youth, would you please follow this link to a short information gathering form on-line?

<https://goo.gl/forms/Ip1qcQzJfG67wRYY2>

May God bless our teaching and learning!

Kathy

Mark Your Calendars:

Rally Day is Sunday, August 12! We will meet in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. and then dismiss to Sunday school classes.

One Adult Sunday School Class

Join Pastor Tara for an adult Sunday school class on August 12, 19 and 26! The topic will be "How to Craft A Sermon And How You Can Help!" We will meet in John Allen Hall. Regular adult Sunday school will begin September 9th.



***Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, August 1 at 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall***

A dinner of hamburgers/hot dogs and fixings will be provided, followed by ice cream and desserts. So bring your favorite homemade ice cream or dessert to share!

Please sign up at the bulletin board so we know how many to plan for.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!

***FPCHSV Family Fellowship Camp
at Camp Maranatha
August 17-19, 2018***

Family Camp is a time for fun and fellowship together! We will meet at Camp Maranatha and have time for boating, canoeing, swimming, climbing on the rock wall, zip-lining, and more! We will have meals together, Smores on Saturday night, and worship on Sunday morning.

The cost is \$125 per family (room) in hotel style accommodations; \$10 per family, per day, if you want to just come for the day.

The fun begins Friday night at 6 p.m.

Sign up at the bulletin board.



First Presbyterian Church supports a variety of international missions every year through our budgeted giving to The Outreach Foundation. Our church's missional focus this month is on these international missions. Each week of July you will find information about one of the many programs we currently support. Please pray for these organizations and all who work for them, as well as the people they serve. These are some of the places around the world where our church is currently making an impact.

Cecily and Fred Foy Strang: Kenya

Cecily and Fred Foy Strang are missionaries associated with Antioch Partners. The Strangs work in Kenya, specifically with the Maasai people. FPC has been giving direct support to the Strangs for approximately the last ten years.

Fred Foy Strang has the distinction of being a child of our church. He is an ordained PC (USA) minister with a Ph.D. in African Christianity. He works with Christian leadership training in rural Maasai, and with ordained pastors. Additionally, Fred Foy works in a university setting.

Cecily, a Ph.D. prepared RN, is working with the Maasai people and others in community health and nursing education. Cecily also serves in a university setting.

Although daily tasks are important to the Strangs, their focus continues to be building relationships, so that the gospel of Christ might be received.

Mission Aviation Fellowship

FPC began its support of this Christian Organization in 1991 through its direct support of missionary pilot Rick Dickson and his wife Teresa. Rick grew up at FPC, Huntsville.

MAF provides vital aviation services to mission agencies, national churches, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) ministering in isolated places. Rick and Teresa have played a key role in MAF's ministry through the years both on the field and at headquarters.

The Dickson's retired from MAF this spring but the Mission Committee (Share) of FPC is committed to supporting another MAF pilot family that serves in Haiti. MAF is of direct service to the FPC mission teams sent down to work with our Haiti missionary partners, Matt and Sarah Rideout, serving at a hospital in the very remote area of Bombardopolis.

Haiti Mission Trip

Our next mission trip to Haiti is planned for

October 11 - October 20, 2018
Cost is \$1650 per person

We have three slots still open. If you are interested in joining this very worthwhile adventure, please contact either:

Bo Lundy
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256-426-6111

or

Nancy Lundy
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Church Members:

- Ann Allen
- Anne Boles
- Emily Butler
- Jack Connor
- Marlyn Harris
- David Hatch
- J. R. Howard
- Kara Howard
- Billie Jones
- Cay Lambert
- Sage Lyons III
- Jan McKemie
- Harper Grace Niedermeyer
- Sanders Pair
- Dolly Shuey
- Alsie Waller

Friends and Family:

- Merle Bass - Mother of Nancy Lundy
- Danny Blain - Nephew of Morris Hammer
- Colleen Bolton - Daughter-in-law of Bill and Miriam Bolton
- Athlea Burnham - Mother of Diane Roberts
- Cindy Coulter - Friend of Sheila, Katie, and Natalie Fogle
- Becky DeWees - Sister of Tish Hammer
- Dunar Family - Friends of FPC Choir Member
- Patricia Dunkin - Friend of Beverly Wills
- Stella Fair - Sister of David Galloway
- Susan Gillespie - Friend of FPC
- Richard Hartley - Friend of Tam Bevel
- Donna Hester - Sister-in-law of Anne Peters
- Tina and James Hester - Parents of Anne Peters
- Houston Hodges - Friend of FPC
- Lydia Kimbrel, daughter of Craig and Ashley Kimbrel - Friends of Nan McBride
- Mary Harmon Lankford - Great Granddaughter of Mary Edith Thompson
- The John Leisenring Family - Bill and Miriam Bolton's daughter-in-law's family.
- Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith
- Kevin McCarley - Brother of Roy McCorkle
- Beth McCormick - Daughter-in-law of Susie McCormick.

- Jeff Minatra - Friend of Houston Matthews
- Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely
- Scott Sedlitz - Stepson of Annwhite Fuller
- Fred Stucky, Jr. - Father of Fred Stucky
- Linda Tsuhlares - Family Member of Causeys

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:

- Reese Butler (Redstone Village)
- Elissa Green (Brookdale Hampton Cove)
- Jeanette Hollis (Harbor Chase)
- Theresa Miller - this is her new address:
Sunrise at Huntcliffe Summit
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Sandy Springs, GA 30350
678-461-1138
- Darwin Perkins (Redstone Village)
- Ray Rose (Diversicare of Big Springs)
- Marge Sharp (Birmingham).

The Church:

- The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger, and her family
- First Presbyterian Church, the Session, the Board of Deacons, the North Alabama Presbytery, and for all the church staff
- NAP seminary students Devon Reynolds (New Market) and Sara Jane Bush Nixon (First, Athens).

Military & International: All those serving in the armed forces.

Our Nation: President Trump and our representatives.

First Presbyterian Missions & Ministries:

- Appalachia Service Project (ASP)
- Good Samaritans
- International Missionary Fellowship (HaitiHospital.org)
- The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center
- The Presbyterian Home for Children
- Second Mile Preschool
- Kids to Love
- The CUP program

Other Prayers:

Let us remember all those who have suffered and continue to suffer from natural disasters, our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program, and other benevolent agencies.

- ***Newest prayer requests are in bold print.***
- ***To add or remove a prayer request, please contact the Receptionist***



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