

August 12, 2018 | 8:30 AM and 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

August 12, 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 Kindergarten, 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 (8:30) *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Melody Bober
(10:30) *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in The Word* Johann Gottfried Walther

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (10:30) *Sanctuary* Thompson and Scruggs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us give thanks this day for God's wonderful goodness.

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Because God first loved us,

Many: let us love on another.

One: Gathered in this community of faith, God invites us to grow in grace and knowledge;

Many: we would offer praise and thanksgiving and good works for the glory of God. Come! Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* UNSER HERRSCHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we are like willful children who have turned from you. We have closed our hearts to you and disobeyed your law. We do not love you with our whole hearts. We do not love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. Forgive us. Help us to turn back to you and receive forgiveness. 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.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Children of God, hear and believe the Good News!

Many: By Grace, God's free gift of love, our sins are forgiven.

One: Thanks be to God! Amen!

**Those who are able, please stand.*

We call ourselves to this time of worship recognizing God's invitation to gather as Christ's body in this place. Worship is an encounter with the Holy One who calls all things into being.

As people who proclaim the holiness and goodness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and our lives. We make our confession boldly trusting in God's grace in mercy.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (8:30)

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (10:30)

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

At this time all children will be invited to come to the chancel steps. Afterwards, parents of KINDERGARTEN AND YOUNGER may then walk them to the nursery for sign-in to the child care program. 1ST GRADE AND UP should remain in the sanctuary with their parents.

*HYMN 442

Just As I Am, without One Plea
(verses 1, 3, 4)

WOODWORTH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 145:10-18

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Bright Canaan

Parker and Shaw

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Guess How Much I Love You?"
The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

*Hymn 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

Our children's book today is *Guess How Much I Love You*, written by Sam McBratney and illustrated by Anita Jeram.

The scriptures bear witness to the word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who "became flesh and lived among us." Where the word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit.

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From Belonging to God: A First Catechism

We believe that we are children of God. We belong to God, who loves us freely with a love we do not deserve and cannot earn. We proclaim our love and thanksgiving to God by trusting God with all our heart, by worshipping God and loving others and by respecting all that God has created. We seek, in our lives, to reflect God's goodness, wisdom and love. Amen.

Our affirmation of faith comes from a catechism written for the youngest of believers.

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 (8:30) *O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* arr. Melody Bober
(10:30) *Méodie* Louis Claude Daquin

Christian life is an offering of one's self to God. Giving our tithes and offerings is one of the ways we express our stewardship of creation, demonstrate our care for one another, support the ministries of the church, and provide for the needs of the poor.

*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 BENEDICTION (10:30) *Lead Me, Lord* Samuel Wesley

*POSTLUDE (8:30) *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Carolyn C. Setliff
(10:30) *Praise the Lord!* Carol Kumler

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

TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor

The Reverend Dr. Tara W. Bulger

Music

Sherry Smith, Worship Leader
Jan McKemie, piano/organ

Liturgist

8:30
Bruce Williams

Ushers

8:30
Rick Rawls

10:30

Andrew Bevel
Anne Brigance
Mary Margaret Cofield
Dag Rowe
Melissa Rowe



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 an usher after the 8:30 service or the “Ask Me” person standing at the rear of the church after the 10:30 service, who this week is Nan McBride. Ms. McBride 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 and in honor of Joseph and Lucy Lastovic on their 21st birthday by Michael and Karen Lastovic.

The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Lillian Cowart on her 95th birthday by her five children: Cynthia Palmer, Beverly Settle, Norton Cowart, Jr., Becky Hammond, and Dr. Steven Cowart; her eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

LEADERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

Presbyterian Women

Janis Ridout Williams, moderator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Congratulations to
Susan McCormick
&
William Johnston
on their wedding here at FPC
on Saturday, August 11, 2018*

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, August 12, 2018

RALLY DAY

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/JAH
9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Meet in SAN
9:30 a.m. Adult SS w/Pastor Tara/JAH
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/SAN
5:00 p.m. PYC Fiesta/FH

Monday, August 13, 2018

9:00 a.m. FF Preschool Begins
5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry/SMR

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

9:00 a.m. FF Preschool
9:30 a.m. Transformation Yoga Basic/CH
11:30 a.m. Transformation Yoga Gentle/CH
5:30 p.m. Session/FH
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 633

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

9:00 a.m. FF Preschool
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice/CR

Thursday, August 16, 2018

9:00 a.m. FF Preschool
9:30 a.m. Transformation Yoga Basic/CH
11:15 a.m. FPC Prayer Group/LIB
11:30 a.m. Transformation Yoga Gentle/CH
12:15 p.m. Al-Anon/GBH

Friday, August 17, 2018

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Camp at
Camp Maranatha
9:00 a.m. FF Preschool

Saturday, August 18, 2018

Fellowship Camp at Camp Maranatha

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Fellowship Camp at Camp Maranatha
8:30 a.m. Worship Service/JAH
9:30 a.m. Adult SS w/Pastor Tara/JAH
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/SAN

Visit our website to view the calendar:
fpchsv.org



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Many thanks to Sherry Smith and Jan McKemie for leading in worship today.

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



August:

12th: Rally Day and Fall Kick-off
Meet in SAN at 9:30, then GBH
PYC Sixth grade 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
PYC 7th—12th grade 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
17th-19th: Fellowship Camp at Camp
Maranatha - Begins 6:00 p.m. Friday
19th: No PYC
26th: PYC Sixth grade 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
PYC 7th—12th grade 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.



Join us next Sunday
as we continue our new sermon series:

**CHILDREN'S BOOKS
ARE NEVER
JUST FOR CHILDREN**

*A Look at the Promises of the Gospel
through the lens of children's books*

August 19: Don't Let the Pigeon Drive
the Bus

August 26: Alexander and the Terrible,
Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

September 5: The Very Hungry
Caterpillar

WANTED: A few friendly people to serve on a rotating basis as Sunday School Greeters from 9:15 to 10:15, Sunday mornings. Training provided. Contact Susan Livingston for more information at srlivingston33@gmail.com.



Happy New Year!

Rally Day is here! First Presbyterian Church is welcoming children, youth and adults back from our summer break to dig into God's word and explore our faith together! It's important that we share with others, especially young people, what we have found in our faith that gives meaning to our lives. Every time a baby is baptized we promise to help them know and follow Jesus Christ. Providing wonderful and clean facilities, Bibles, curriculum, equipment, materials, teachers, a friendly smile, and encouragement is our calling. First Presbyterian Church, you do that well!

A huge thank you goes out to those who have agreed to teach this year and an invitation to anyone who feels called to help educate, shepherd or support the educational programs in any way. Please call and challenge me to find a way to help you bless others through your gifts and talents!

For safety we have a new system of check in for children. For Sunday School parents will escort children to a sign-in station near the preschool and grade school classrooms. For child care during church parents will escort children to the Nursery for sign-in with Ruby Irvin, our Nursery Supervisor.

May God bless our teaching and learning!

Kathy Gillmore
Director of Christian Education

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 Allan Hall. Regular adult Sunday school will begin September 9th.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ATTEND! ***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.

If you would like to attend, but have not signed up, please contact Danny Bryant at danielrbryant20@gmail.com



Mission of the Month – August 2018 **Second Mile Preschool**

Second Mile Preschool is a mission of Second Mile Development, Inc. which serves the Terry Heights/Hillendale community and beyond. The preschool was started in 1989 as a joint mission of First Presbyterian Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church and Central Presbyterian Church. Over the years it has served over 750 children.

Under the current direction of FPC member, Karen Lastovic, the preschool provides for 3, 4, and 5-year old children to learn in a Christian environment where they are safe and loved. It is the mission of Second Mile Preschool to give young children successful experiences and to help them develop listening skills, verbal expression, respect for authority, sensitivity to the feelings of others, appreciation of individuality, and pride in their work.

Second Mile Preschool provides a quality education for families in need. The tuition is reduced for these families through donations from churches, businesses and the community. Parents can also volunteer at the Second Mile Neighborhood Thrift Store if they are unable to afford the weekly tuition. Additionally, parents are supported by two other Second Mile programs: Pride for Parents and Parent Initiative. All three of these ministries encourage and support the parents to be an important influence in their child's life by being their child's most important teacher.

In the month of August, our congregation has TWO opportunities to support this important and long-standing mission of our church:

Second Mile Preschool Supply Drive:

Please bring donations of the following items to the church. The drop off area is in the alcove across from the Historic Room:

- Playdough, Dot Paint, Paper Towels, Copy Paper, Lysol Spray,
- Refill size GermX Liquid Soap, Gift Cards to Walmart or Schoolcraft

Second Mile Development Capital Campaign for the purchase of property to build a new Second Mile Preschool Facility:

Second Mile has the opportunity to buy the property on Holmes Avenue next to the present Second Mile Development Headquarters. The cost is \$70,000. There is a deadline of September 30, 2018 to raise as much money as possible before funds must be borrowed.

If you feel called to donate, please make your checks to First Presbyterian Church with *Second Mile Building Fund* in the memo line.



Volunteer Bus Drivers Needed!

As you may know, the church has purchased a handicapped accessible bus which should be delivered soon. If you would be willing to provide transportation to some of our members on Sunday mornings, you just need to attend an instruction session and to allow the church to take a picture of your driver's license. Please contact Vicky Goodwin at 623-330-5805 or goodwingoodwins@gmail.com to sign up.

Back to School for College Students

We want to continue to provide care packages for our college students so that they know that their church family is thinking of them and praying for them. Please send addresses of your college students to Vicky Goodwin at 623-330-5805 or goodwingoodwins@gmail.com.

Prayer List

Church Members:

- Anne Boles
- Emily Butler
- Marlyn Harris
- David Hatch
- J. R. Howard
- Kara Howard
- Sharon Hudson
- Billie Jones
- Cay Lambert
- Sage Lyons III
- Jan McKemie
- Harper Grace Niedermeyer
- Sanders Pair
- **Marilyn Schild**
- Dolly Shuey
- Alsie Waller

Friends and Family:

- Merle Bass - Mother of Nancy Lundy
- Barry Blackwell - Nephew of Betty Dunaway
- 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
- Patricia Smith - Mother of David Smith
- Fred Stucky, Jr. - Father of Fred Stucky
- Linda Tshulares - Family Member of Causeys

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:

- Elissa Green (Brookdale Hampton Cove)
- Jeanette Hollis (Harbor Chase)
- Theresa Miller - this is her new address:
Sunrise at Huntcliffe Summit
8480 Roswell Road
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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