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FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

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

307 Gates Ave SE, Huntsville Alabama

# First Presbyterian Church

September 2, 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 *God of Grace and God of Glory* John Hughes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *Surely the Presence* Lanny Wolfe

The people are called to worship God. Words from scripture are spoken or sung to proclaim who God is and what God has done. We are thus reminded that our worship centers in God and not in ourselves.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning God created all that is, seen and unseen.

**Many: Created in God's own image, we reflect God's goodness, wisdom, and love.**

One: We are the people who believe the good news about Jesus.

**Many: By our worship may the Spirit renew us so we may serve God in love.**

One: Come! Let us worship together!

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN 20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Eternal God, we confess that we have too often acted as if we can earn your love and have forgotten your free gift of grace. We want to impress you and others, but have lost our way. Forgive us when we forget that we are your children and find our identity in the messages of our culture rather than your Word. Help us to live as your heirs, as children who belong to you, who loves us more than we can understand. Show us how to love and trust you with all our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

In 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.

KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy* Hal H. Hopson  
*FPC Bicentennial Commissioned Service Music*  
(printed inside the back cover of your hymnal)

**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.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

*At this time all children will be invited to come to the chancel steps. Afterwards, parents of children 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 250

*In the Bulb There is a Flower*

PROMISE

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST LESSON

Romans 12:1-3

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Sing a New Song*

Michael Praetorius  
arr. Mark Schweizer

*Sing a new song, sing to God with a voice of triumph,  
Make His praises known to all the nations; sing the honor of His name.*

#### SECOND LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So the man said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.'

But the man said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Very Hungry Caterpillar"  
The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

\*Hymn 288

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

Our children's book today is  
*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*  
written by Eric Carle.

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.

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Christian life is marked by the offering of one's self to God to be shaped, empowered, directed, and changed by God. In worship, God presents us with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ. We are claimed by Christ and set free. In response to God's love in Jesus Christ we offer God our lives, our gifts, our abilities, and our material goods, for God's service.

### OFFERTORY

*Sweet Dreams*

P.I. Tchaikovsky

### \*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

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: We praise you, Lord God, for your history of salvation . . . we, too, glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise:

### SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: We praise you for Jesus Christ, born of Mary . . .

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: As we remember Christ's baptism . . . we proclaim that mystery called faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: We praise you for your Spirit who guides us . . . And now, with the confidence of his children, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

### 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.**

### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Receive and eat the bread. Hold the cup and drink when all have been served.

***\*Those who are able, please stand.***

The Lord's Table has been set and the one presiding then leads the people in the great prayer of thanksgiving. This prayer with its emphasis on thankful praise has been of central importance to this sacrament from very early centuries in Christian worship. Thanksgiving is so important to this sacrament that it has been given the name of Eucharist (from the New Testament Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving).

The service of worship ends with a blessing, which is also called a benediction. This blessing is an expression of the Gospel of God's grace and is an extension of the ministry of Word and Sacrament, so ordinarily the minister speaks the blessing. The Rev. Dr. Bulger uses the "priestly blessing" from Numbers 6:24-26.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All: Lord God, in deep gratitude for this time of worship, for this meal, and for this church, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as transformed people because we have shared the living bread and we cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much through us, and encourage many through us. May we each live to your glory, now and forever more, amen.**

#### SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

\*HYMN 499                      *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*                      RENDEZ A DIEU

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE                      *Tocatta on "Leoni"*                      Gordon Young

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

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### TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### **Pastors**

The Reverend Dr. Tara W. Bulger

#### **Music**

Dr. Patricia Hacker, Worship Leader

Dr. Lois K. Lee, Piano/Organ

Chancel Choir

#### **Ushers**

Anne Brigance

Karen Clayton

Bo Lundy

Nancy Lundy

#### **Communion Servers**

Eric Adams

Mary Adams

Danny Bryant

Brian Clayton

Steve Cornelius

Leslie Ecklund

Dave Galloway

Vicky Goodwin

Lou Horn



***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 Vicky Goodwin. Ms. Goodwin 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](mailto:secretary@fpchsv.org).

**The flowers this morning** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jack Connor by the First Friends Preschool Staff.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Sympathy of the Congregation***  
*is expressed to Betty Dunaway on the passing of her nephew, Barry Blackwell.*

*Ms. Dunaway's address is:  
36 St. Charles Square  
Huntsville, AL 35801*

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**The church office will be closed,** Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day.

### **Presbyterian Women First Gathering**

September 10, 2018

10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

*All women are invited to join us* for this kick-off of the new year, whether or not you are in a Circle. We will enjoy a time of fellowship as well as the installation of our new officers.

Dr. Tara Bulger will also introduce the first lesson of our new study for this year,

*God's Promise: I Am With You*, by Amy Poling Sutherlun, discovering how God's promise speaks to our circumstances, as individuals and as a community.

*Sign-up at the bulletin board.*

**New Member Gathering:** Interested in becoming a member of the church? Join Pastor Tara on Sundays, September 16, 23 and 30 to learn more about the church and prepare you for joining the church. We will meet in the church library from 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. New members will join the church during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on September 30. You are welcome to join us even if you are not sure you want to join but do want to learn more. Questions? Contact Tara at [seniorpastor@fpchsv.org](mailto:seniorpastor@fpchsv.org).

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Ruby Irvin, *Nursery Coordinator*

## 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  
Annwhite 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

## THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

### **Sunday, September 2, 2018**

ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 a.m. Adult SS w/Pastor Tara/JAH

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/SAN

### **Monday, September 3, 2018**

LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

NO FF PRESCHOOL

### **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**

9:00 a.m. FF Preschool

9:30 a.m. Church Staff Meeting/LIB

9:30 a.m. Transformation Yoga Basic/CH

11:30 a.m. Transformation Yoga Gentle/CH

12:00 P.M. Personnel Meeting/STUDY

4:00 p.m. Bible Study/LIB & FH

5:30 p.m. Worship Meeting/LIB

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 633

6:30 p.m. HMC Rehearsal/CR

### **Wednesday, September 5, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study/FH

9:00 a.m. FF Preschool

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice/CR

### **Thursday, September 6, 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, September 7, 2018**

9:00 a.m. FF Preschool

### **Saturday, September 8, 2018**

7:30 a.m. Early Christian Study Group/LIB

### **Sunday, September 9, 2018**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/JAH

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/SAN

11:30 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal/BR

5:00 p.m. PYC/FH

Visit our website to view the calendar: [fpchsv.org](http://fpchsv.org)

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#### Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room

CH - Carriage House (GBH)

CER - Christian Ed Resource upstairs

CR - Choir Room

FH - Fellowship Hall

GBH - Gideon Blackburn House

HR - Historical Room

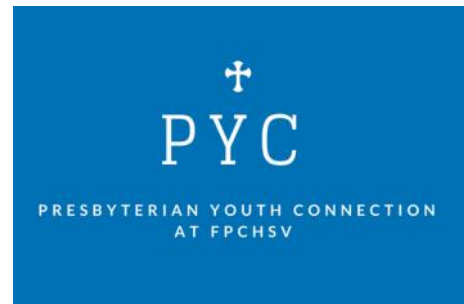
JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)

LIB - Library

SAN - Sanctuary

SMR - Stephen Ministry Room (GBH)

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### **September:**

**02nd:** No PYC

**09th:** PYC (6th graders) 5-6:30pm  
(7-12) 6-7:30pm

**16th:** PYC (6th graders) 5-6:30pm  
(7-12) 6-7:30pm

**23rd:** PYC (6th graders) 5-6:30pm  
(7-12) 6-7:30pm

**30th:** PYC (6th graders) 5-6:30pm  
(7-12) 6-7:30pm





### **Adult Sunday School Classes resume on September 9, 9:30 – 10:15**

College and Career—faith and life for young adults

Comrades—contemporary issues in the context of Bible teachings

Genesis—practical faith for young people in their 30s and 40s

Seminar—historical and current thinking guided by progressive scholars

Harry B. Wade—DVD based series to strengthen faith and understanding

### **Wednesday Nite Live Begins September 12**

Fall is fast approaching and with it comes football, cooler weather (we hope) and most importantly - Wednesday Nite Live!!! Online registration is now open for Children & Youth classes, Adult classes, and Volunteers.

Here's how you can sign up:

Registration for children and youth:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/L2tMWQDpfwF3SFil2>

Registration for adult classes:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/kqeB91cfmPz4nrkA2>

Registration for our wonderful WNL volunteers:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/SzfmBpFfx4oaotJq1>

More information is available on our web site,  
<http://fpchsv.org/Wednesday-Nite-Live>,

and on our Facebook page,  
<https://www.facebook.com/First-Presbyterian-Church-Huntsville-Al-117737184908923/>



### **Mission of the Month - September Manna House**

Manna House is a 501 ©3 Public Charity that provides food assistance to those in need. They are supported by individuals, churches, civic groups and businesses. While some food is locally grown, most is purchased for their food programs, providing for families, individuals, and the homeless in our community. Manna House welcomes everyone in need every time they are open.

Manna House serves meals on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4pm until 7 pm every week except for major holidays or severe weather. Volunteers are welcome anytime between 2-7 pm.

In the Month of September FPC will be going to Manna House each Wednesday. Volunteers are asked to meet at the church by 5:00. We will take the church bus and go as a group. The plan is to help with any necessary food prep or food service from 5:15 until 6:15. There is also a Prayer Room, if you would prefer to serve in that way. We will return to the church in time for Wednesday Night Live supper. If you would rather meet the FPC group at Manna House, the address is 2110 Memorial Parkway SW.

Proper attire is close toed shoes and casual wear that you do not mind getting dirty.

If you have any questions please contact Andrew Bevel at [andrew.bevel@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.bevel@gmail.com) or Karen Madison at [karenmadison@comcast.net](mailto:karenmadison@comcast.net).

### **SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27**

The Mission for the Month in October will be a day of service at the Presbyterian Home for Children. We will leave from the church at 8:00 a.m. and return by 6:30 p.m. More information to follow.



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**Handbell Practice resumes,** Sunday, September 9, at 11:30 a.m. in the bell room. Come and join us!

**If you are planning to travel with us to Italy next year,** or if you are interested in hearing more about this exciting opportunity, you are invited to an informational Italian Dinner on September 14, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You will be informed about tour information and performance opportunities. Please contact Dr. Hacker at [music@fpchsv.org](mailto:music@fpchsv.org) for more information.

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



### **Volunteer Bus Drivers Needed!**

As you may know, the church has purchased a handicapped accessible bus. If you would be willing to provide transportation for 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](mailto:goodwingoodwins@gmail.com) to sign up.

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### **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](mailto:goodwingoodwins@gmail.com).

# Prayer List

## **Church Members:**

- Emily Butler
- Marlyn Harris
- David Hatch
- J. R. Howard
- Kara Howard
- Sharon Hudson
- Billie Jones
- Cay Lambert
- Sage Lyons III
- Harper Grace Niedermeyer
- Sanders Pair
- Dolly Shuey
- Bill Wahlheim
- 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
- 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 Johnston
- Jeff Minatra - Friend of Houston Matthews
- Matt Rideout - Haiti Missionary
- Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely
- Scott Sedlitz - Stepson of Annwhite Fuller
- Patricia Smith - Mother of David Smith
- Linda Tsuhlars - 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), Sara Jane Bush Nixon (First, Athens), and Jo Lundy (First, Huntsville).

**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
- The CUP program
- Camp Maranatha
- Mission Aviation Fellowship

## **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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