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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 16, 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

The chiming of the bell reminds us that this next hour is set apart for the worship of God. We quiet ourselves and enter into this holy time with open and reverent hearts.

PRELUDE

No, Not One
Veronika Johnson, violin

George C. Hugg

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (10:30) *You're Worthy of My Praise/O Worship the King*
David Ruis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come, let us worship and bow down;

Many: let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

One: The hour is coming and is now here.

Many: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* LYONS
(verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. 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: This is the good news of God's Grace: though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Once we were lost and dead - now Christ has become our life and salvation. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*HYMN 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (8:30)

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

The Gloria Patri allows us to express our gratitude to God for the pardon given to us after our confession.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (10:30)

Kathy Gillmore

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 95

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."

Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

(8:30) *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Silesian Folk Tune

Veronika Johnson, violin

(10:30) *Come Worship God This Holy Day*

arr. Michael Bedford

Chancel Choir/Stacy Owens, flute

*Come worship God this holy day, come lift your voice to praise and pray.
Come bring your gifts of joy and love to honor God who reigns above.
Come worship God with tuneful voice, come join with others to rejoice.
Come sing glad hymns and psalms of praise, and let us all our voices raise.
Come worship God with one accord, come hear the preaching of the Word.
Come read the Scriptures good and true, that God's great love might shine in you.
Go now to serve with love and grace, go now in gladness from this place.
Go with God's love, that we may share our joy with people everywhere.
Go now in peace to serve our God.*

Our prayer for illumination asks God to open our minds to the reading of God's holy Word.

So Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Why Worship?"
The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

*Hymn

Fill My Cup, Lord

FILL MY CUP

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

Fill My Cup, Lord

Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. John 4:14

1. Like the wom-an at the well I was seek-ing For things that
2. There are mil-lions in this world who are crav-ing The pleas-ures
3. So, my broth-er, if the things this world gave you Leave hun-gers

could not sat-is-fy; And then I heard my Sav-ior speak-ing: "Draw
earth-ly things af-ford; But none can match the won-drous treas-ure
that won't pass a-way, My bless-ed Lord will come and save you,

Refrain

from My well that nev-er shall run dry."
That I find in Je-sus Christ, my Lord. Fill my cup, Lord— I lift it
If you kneel to Him and hum-bly pray:

up, Lord! Come and quench this thirst-ing of my soul; Bread of heav-en,
feed me till I want no more—Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

TEXT and MUSIC: Richard Blanchard

FILL MY CUP
Irregular meter

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the *Book of Order*

We believe that God acts with grace; we respond with gratitude. God claims us as beloved children; we proclaim God’s saving love. God redeems us from sin and death; we rejoice in the gift of new life. This rhythm of divine action and human response—found throughout Scripture, human history, and everyday events—shapes all of Christian faith, life, and worship. Amen.

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

Amazing Grace
Veronika Johnson, violin

arr. Burton Isaac

*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 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (10:30)

Worthy of Worship

JUDSON

*POSTLUDE

The Love of God
Veronika Johnson, violin

F. M. Lehman

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

Pastor

The Reverend Dr. Tara W. Bulger

Ushers

8:30

Amy Stucky

Music

Dr. Patricia Hacker, Worship Leader

10:30

Dr. Lois K. Lee, piano/organ

Andrew Bevel

Veronika Johnson, violin

Bryce Connor

Stacy Owens, flute

Leslie Ecklund

Chancel Choir

Andi Gaskins

Nancy Lundy

Worship is a way of life. The worship of God is not confined to one place or time. Take your bulletin home with you and use it for small moments of worship in your daily life. Recite the prayer of confession or read the scriptures each day to worship God.



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 Houston Matthews. Mr. Matthews 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

Congratulations

to Anna and Mo Araiinejad on the birth of their daughter, Rogan Harper Araiinejad, born September 6, 2018.

The proud grandparents are the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. James Roberts.

New Member Gathering: Interested in becoming a member of the church? Join Dr. Bulger 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 Dr. Bulger at seniorpastor@fpchsv.org.

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/JAH
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. New Member Class/LIB
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/SAN
11:30 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal/BR
5:00 p.m. PYC/FH

Monday, September 17, 2018

9:00 a.m. FF Preschool

Tuesday, September 18, 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
4:00 p.m. Bible Study/LIB & FH
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 633/GBH
6:30 p.m. HMC Rehearsal/CR

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study/FH
9:00 a.m. FF Preschool
5:00 p.m. WNL Children and Youth
5:30 p.m. WNL Adults
6:30 p.m. WNL Dinner/FH
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice/CR

Thursday, September 20, 2018

9:00 a.m. FF Preschool
9:30 a.m. Transformation Yoga Basic/CH
10:00 a.m. Bible Study/LIB
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 21, 2018

9:00 a.m. FF Preschool

Saturday, September 22, 2018

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

Sunday, September 23, 2018

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/JAH
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. New Member Class/LIB
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/SAN
11:30 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal/BR
5:00 p.m. PYC/FH

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)

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
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



Join us next week in worship as we continue the sermon series #whyfpchsv. Next week we will look at *Why Bread?*

Are you on social media? We invite you to post the things you love about our church with the hashtag #whyfpchsv. Let our community know of our love for our church!

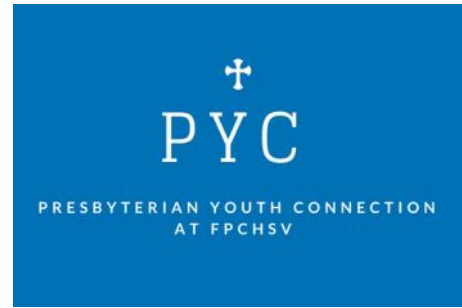


CCLI # 1345744

Veronika Johnson is a performing violinist and violin instructor whose musical education and professional career began in Russia and Ukraine. Her passion for music started at an early age. From the birthplace of P. I. Tchaikovsky, she was encouraged to pursue and develop her talent with the violin. A classically-trained musician, Veronika completed her education at the premier music conservatory – National Academy of Music (Tchaikovsky Conservatory) in the capital city of Kiev.

After graduating from the Conservatory with her teaching credential, Veronika taught violin at the State Music School in Sevastopol, Ukraine for 17 years. Veronika Johnson is the former Concertmaster and featured Soloist of the *Allegro String Ensemble*, performing with the well-known Crimean troupe for ten years before immigrating to The United States in 2008.

Veronika Johnson performs regularly with different ensembles and churches in Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley. Veronika is teaching at Oakwood University and privately.



September:

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

October:

07th: NO PYC

14th: PYC (6th graders) 5-6:30pm
(7-12) 6-7:30pm

21st: PYC (6th graders) 5-6:30pm
(7-12) 6-7:30pm

28th: Trunk or Treat 5:00pm



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.



Wednesday Nite Live is underway!

This mid-week gathering of people of all ages is a wonderful way to grow in faith and in relationship with God and one another. New participants are always welcome! Visit fpchsv.org for more information and register online by clicking on the Ministries Tab and looking for the Wednesday Nite Live page. Paper registration forms are also available near the office and can be turned in to the front office. Join us!

Confirmation will be starting soon!

All 7th grade and older youth are invited to participate in Confirmation this year! The first step is attending a Confirmation Student & Parents luncheon on Sunday, September 30, from 11:30 – 1:00. In this workshop students and parents will learn what is involved in the process of being confirmed at First Presbyterian Church and how Confirmation calls us to make specific promises to God, ourselves, and the church. Confirmation classes will run during the Sunday School hour from January through April this year.

Register for this September 30 workshop by emailing Kathy Gillmore at dce@fpchsv.org and let her know how many from your family to expect for lunch.



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 closed-toe 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 or Karen Madison at 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.

Prayer List

Church Members:

- Emily Butler
- Bob Coats
- Marlyn Harris
- David Hatch
- J. R. Howard
- Kara Howard
- Sharon Hudson
- Tom Hudson
- Billie Jones
- Cay Lambert
- Sage Lyons III
- Harper Grace Niedermeyer
- Sanders Pair
- Dolly Shuey
- **Jo Stroud**
- Bill Wahlheim
- Alsie Waller

Friends and Family:

- Merle Bass - Mother of Nancy Lundy
- Danny Blain - Nephew of Morris Hammer
- **Holly Bolton - Daughter-in-law of Bill and Miriam Bolton**
- 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
- Sherry Jackson - Cousin of Bryce Connor and Linda Howard
- 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 Tsuhlares - Family member of Causeys
- **Patsy Verhoff - Sister of Jan Hooker**

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 Joe 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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