

September 23, 2018 8:30 AM | 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

September 23, 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) *O Wondrous Food of Blessing* Penelope Quince
(10:30) *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Robert Hebble
Dr. Lois K. Lee, piano/organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (10:30) *Called By the Spirit* Allen Pote

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: By the power of God's great love, the Lord God reached out and created us.

Many: Thanks be to God!

One: By the power of Jesus Christ, the Lord God reaches out to redeem us.

Many: Thanks be to God!

One: By the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord God reaches out to sustain us.

Many: Thanks be to God!

One: Come, in gratitude let us worship the Triune God!

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 510 *We Gather Here in Jesus' Name* COME, SHARE THE LORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of peace, we have rejected your redemption and forged our own way. We hang between heaven and earth, caught up in our own folly. We have held fast to falsehood, deceiving others and ourselves. We have sinned against you and done violence to others. Bitterness and wrath, anger and wrangling, slander and malice consume us. Evil runs rampant in our hearts. If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you so that you may be revered. Our soul waits in hope for your word to redeem us so that we may begin anew, a new day with you. 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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Our Presbyterian theology tells us that the faith, life, and worship of the Church are inseparable. The Church is bound together in how it lives its life, how it proclaims its faith and how it worships the triune God.
Welcome to this time of worship!

In worship, we remember the holiness of God, and we must also recognize the sinful state of the world and of our lives. Our prayer of confession leads us to acknowledge these truths.

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

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

*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)

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*This morning we baptize Mary Martin Schreeder,
daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Schreeder.
Grandparents are Foncie and Joe Bullard,
and Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Schreeder.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:10-15

And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

(8:30) *Panis Angelicus*

Cesar Franck

Eliza Francis, soprano

*Bread of Holy Heaven, From God to mortals giv'n,
Bread thou the angels ken, now is the bread of men,
Bread that the heavens send, makes all our sorrows end.
O, most miraculous, Thou didst come down to us,
Fill the hungry souls of men, strengthen and revive again,
O most miraculous, Thou dost come down to us,
Lowly, lowly though we thy servants be.*

(10:30) *I Am the Bread of Life*

Suzanne Tolan
arr. Michael Bedford

Kira Plumly, soprano - Marc Simons, tenor
Chancel Choir

*"I Am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."
"And I will raise you up, on the last day."*

The Scriptures bear witness to the Word of God, which is revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who "became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14). Where the Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the Word are central to Christian worship.

*“The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
And if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever;
Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood,
You shall not have life within you.”
“I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live forever.”*

SECOND LESSON

John 6:46-56

Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Why Bread?”

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

*Hymn 498

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the *Book of Order*

We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present and active among us in Christian worship. Each worship service we celebrate that Jesus Christ is here. Through the means of grace, Word and Sacrament, God imparts and sustains our faith, orders our common life, and transforms the world. Thanks be to God! 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 (8:30) *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Robert Hebble
Dr. Lois K. Lee, piano

(10:30) *Panis Angelicus*
Eliza Francis, soprano

Cesar Franck

*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.***

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy
(verses 1, 3, and 5)

DOVE OF PEACE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (10:30)

Go Forth Into the World in Peace

Paul Sjolund

*POSTLUDE

Heavenly Sunlight

George Harrison Cook
arr. Mark Hayes

Dr. Lois K. Lee, piano/organ

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

Dr. Patricia Hacker, Worship Leader

Dr. Lois K. Lee, piano/organ

Eliza Francis, soprano

Kira Plumly, soprano

Marc Simons, tenor

Chancel Choir

Ushers

8:30

Libby Brown

10:30

Andi Gaskins

Karen Lastovic

Bo Lundy

Dag Rowe

Melissa Rowe

NOTES



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 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

New Member Gathering: Interested in becoming a member of the church? Join Dr. Bulger on Sundays, September 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. A new member reception will follow in the fellowship hall. 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.

PW Fall Gathering at Maranatha Tuesday, October 9

For more details, see the Information Board and the sign-up sheet to RSVP for lunch. The cost for lunch is \$10 and the deadline to sign-up is October 4.

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

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
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Study Group/LIB

Monday, September 24, 2018

9:00 a.m. FF Preschool
9:30 a.m. FF Preschool Chapel/SAN
5:30 p.m. Grow Committee Meeting/CER
5:30 p.m. Share Cluster Meeting/LIB

Tuesday, September 25, 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 26, 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 27, 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 28, 2018

9:00 a.m. FF Preschool

Saturday, September 29, 2018

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

Sunday, September 30, 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. New Member Reception/SAN
11:30 a.m. Confirmation Parent Lunch/GBH
11:30 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal/BR
5:00 p.m. PYC/FH
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Study Group/LIB

Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room	GBH - Gideon Blackburn House
CH - Carriage House (GBH)	HR - Historical Room
CER - Christian Ed Resource upstairs	JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)
CR - Choir Room	LIB - Library
FH - Fellowship Hall	SAN - Sanctuary
	SMR - Stephen Ministry Room

LEADERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MINISTRY TEAM AND STAFF 256.536.3354

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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 Love?*

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

Many thanks to Eliza Francis for singing this morning. Eliza graduated from Oakwood University and today she is pursuing a singing career in jazz.

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

Handbell Practice has resumed practice Sundays, at 11:30 a.m., in the bell room. Come and join us!

Come sing with us in Italy - June 20-29, 2019! We will sing and tour and even do a little mission work along the way. It will be the experience of a lifetime! Please contact Dr. Hacker at music@fpchsv.org for more information.



September:

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



The Knitting/Crochet group will resume Wednesday, October 10, 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the church library and will meet each week after that. We will be making Prayer Shawls and Baby Blankets and anything else you want to work on. If you don't know how to knit or crochet we will help you learn. Bring your own needles and yarn. We do have some donated yarn but may not have enough of the color you want to use but plenty to practice on. Anyone interested is invited to join this group. We are performing a service, but we also have great fellowship!

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
- **J. L. Weldy - Father of Leigh Wermuth**

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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