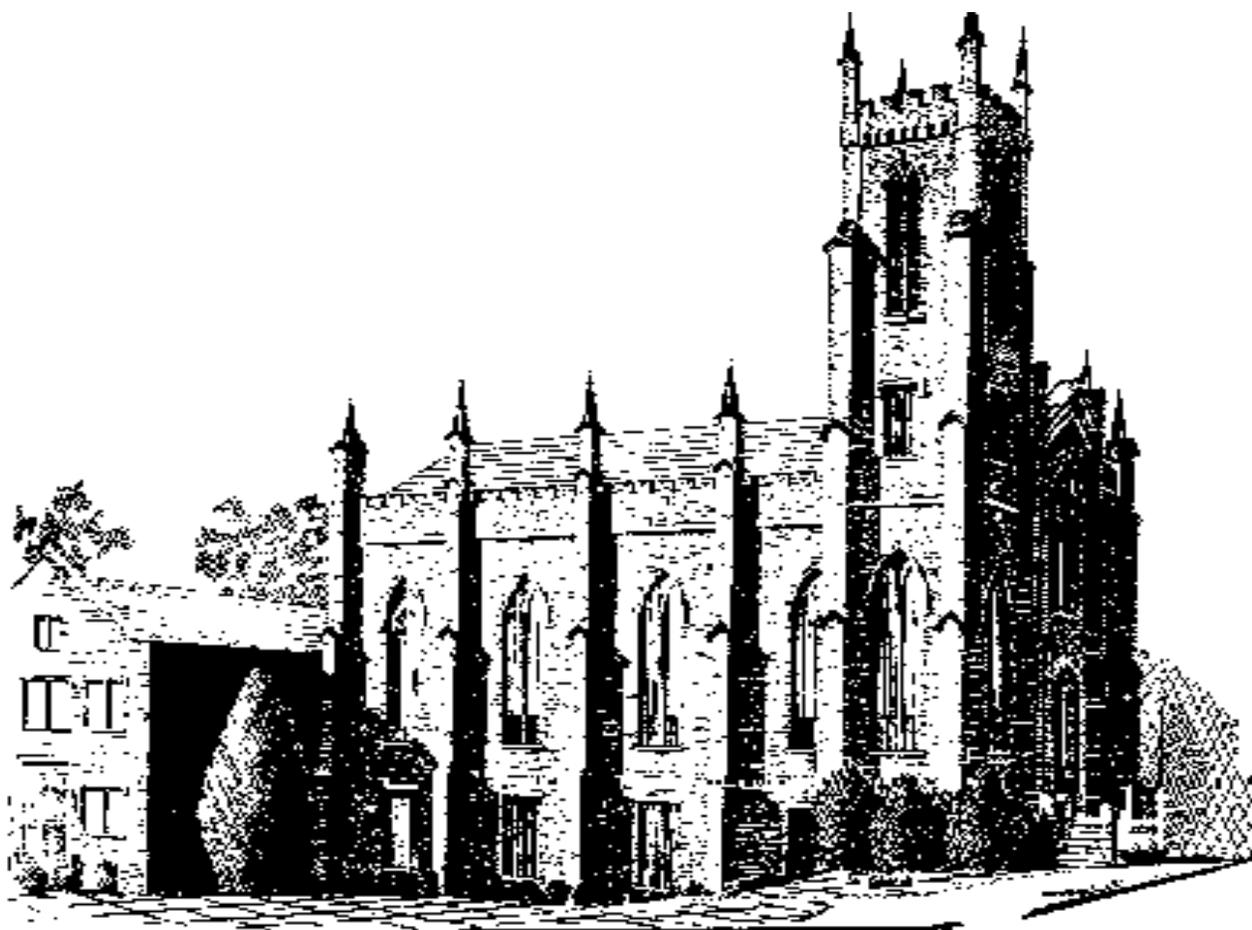


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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

307 Gates Ave SE, Huntsville Alabama

First Presbyterian Church

October 14, 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 *How Beautiful* Twila Paris, arr. Tim Doran

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (10:30) *Worship the Lord* Lloyd Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Many: Christ dwells among us and is one with us. Highest of all creation, he lives among the least. He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

One: Come now, all who thirst,

Many: and drink the water of life.

One: Come now, all who hunger,

Many: and be filled with good things.

One: Come now, all who seek,

Many: and be warmed by the fire of love.

One: Come! Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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: Sisters and brothers, God forgives us and strengthens us for love; therefore be at peace. Amen.

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

Worship begins as the people gather and are called to worship God. Words of scripture are spoken or sung to proclaim who God is and what God has done. Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power, to the triune God. In worship the people of God acknowledge God as present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped to perform God's service in the world.

As we confess our sin together we turn away from all that keeps us from God and turn toward the life-giving gospel offered in Jesus Christ.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (8:30)

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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

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

Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

(8:30) *Blessed Assurance*

Mark Hayes

Dr. Lois K. Lee, piano

(10:30) *The Gift of Love*

Hal H. Hopson

Chancel Choir

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, spirit, come, our hearts control.
Our spirits long to be made whole.
O come, spirit, come, let inward love,
Let love guide every deed.
By this we worship we are freed. Amen.*

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It

does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Why PCUSA?”

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

*Hymn 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH CM

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Confession of 1967*

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in man. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which men are reconciled to God and to one another. The Holy spirit enables them to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Holy Spirit gives them power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and the gospel of reconciliation to all men. 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

More Love to Thee

arr. Carol Tornquist

*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

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



In Invitation to Stewardship 2018

We often think of stewardship as simply paying the bills. But stewardship is a call from the Lord God to live lives of generosity. Through stewardship we are enabled to transform our community and the world round us. Stewardship is recognizing that all that we have belongs to the Lord and that we want to live our lives in service to God's grace.

So, join us this month as we celebrate our church and its mission in the world. Prepare to grow in faith as you prayerfully consider how you can support our church.

Join us for worship:

October 14 - *#whyPCUSA?*

Why our denomination matters in a hurting world.

October 21 - *#whyFPCHSV?*

Join us as we remember the gifts of who we are!

Popcorn and lemonade on the church lawn following the 10:30 service.

October 28 - *#whyhope?* – Commitment Sunday

The church of Jesus Christ is the greatest hope for the world!

Bring your pledge cards and celebrate hope!



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" persons standing at the rear of the church after the 10:30 service, who this week are Karen and Doug Madison. The Madison's are 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 in honor of Sarah Abbott Martinson on her 22th birthday by Sarabeth, Mac, Mary Kathryn and Coleman Martinson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for our Haiti Mission workers this week (October 11-20). They are Bo and Nancy Lundy, Lou Horn, Susie Harper and Charlie Bozeman.

Called Congregational Meeting for the purposes of receiving the report of the nominating committee and electing new church officers on Sunday, October 28, 2018, immediately following the 10:30 service.

*Congratulations to
Jan Williams
&
William Nickoloff
on their wedding here at FPC
on October 6, 2018*

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

Sunday, October 14, 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. Care Meeting/LIB
11:30 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal/BR
5:00 p.m. PYC/FH
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Study Group/LIB

Monday, October 15, 2018

9:00 a.m. FF Preschool
9:30 a.m. FF Preschool Chapel/SAN

Tuesday, October 16, 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, October 17, 2018

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study/FH
9:00 a.m. FF Preschool
1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl/LIB
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, October 18, 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, October 19, 2018

9:00 a.m. FF Preschool
5:30 p.m. Mission and a Movie/FH

Saturday, October 20

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

Sunday, October 21, 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. Confirmation Mentor Lunch/FH
11:30 a.m. Choir Event/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

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MINISTRY TEAM AND STAFF 256.536.3354

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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

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

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

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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 *WhyFPCHSV?*

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!

New! Children's Bulletin

Children are encouraged to participate in a new program called **Worship Art**. A redesigned children's bulletin allows for space to "illustrate" the sermon and "doodle" prayers. These can be found as you enter the Sanctuary in special bags including crayons and pencils. Children of all ages should give it a try!



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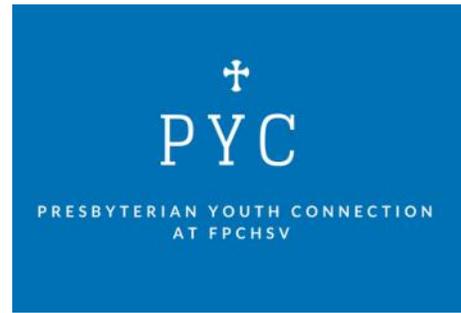
Announcing the FPC Concert Series 2018-2019

The first concert will be
Allanda Small, soprano
November 11, 3:00 p.m.
Gideon Blackburn House-John Allan Hall
See Information Board for details

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.



October:

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

November:

04th: PYC (6th graders) 5-6:30pm
(7-12) 6-7:30pm

11th: PYC (6th graders) 5-6:30pm
(7-12) 6-7:30pm

18th: No PYC

25th: PYC (6th graders) 5-6:30pm
(7-12) 6-7:30pm



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.



Mission and a Movie
Friday, October 19
5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Pre-K through 5th Grade
Youth helpers appreciated!

Join us for a mission project, dinner, and a movie!
We need a head-count for dinner, so please sign-up at
the Bulletin Board or online at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/OVGJdSdqLJlOyy63>

Trunk or Treat!
Sunday, October 28
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

FPC invites you and your family to our annual Trunk or
Treat. Dress up in your Halloween costumes, and we
will provide dinner and a bounce slide.

We only have 3 cars; we need 9 more . . .

Please sign-up at the Bulletin Board for the following:
Decorate a Vehicle; Donate Candy; Kitchen Crew for the
Hot Dog Dinner; Bring a Crock Pot of Chili for Dinner

You can also sign-up online at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/TKOtSAHebd1UJ2m62>

Confirmation Classes

All 7th grade and older youth are invited to participate
in Confirmation this year! Confirmation classes will run
during the Sunday School hour from January through
April this year.

Those interested in confirmation are currently choosing
an adult mentor who will walk with them during this
journey of faith, reading scripture and doing various
projects together outside of class. Please pray for these
young people and the adult mentors who are willing to
devote the time and energy to guide and nurture their
faith in this special way. Mentors will be honored with a
luncheon with their confirmation partners on October
21.

Shhhh! ...we need secret prayer partners for each con-
firmant, to hold them in prayer throughout the pro-
cess. It would be nice if the prayer partner occasionally
wrote secret notes of encouragement, too! The identities
of the prayer partners will be revealed on Confirmation
Sunday, April 21.

If you are interested in being confirmed or being a secret
prayer partner, or if you have any questions, please con-
tact Kathy Gillmore at: dce@fpchsv.org.



Mission of the Month - October
Presbyterian Home for Children

The Presbyterian Home for Children, located in Tal-
ladega, AL, was established in 1868, initially as an or-
phanage. For the last 150 years they have provided for
children in need and their families in a variety of ways.
The PHfC is a 501©3 governed by a Board of Trustees
elected in part by the three Presbyteries of Alabama.
First Presbyterian Huntsville has a long relationship
with the PHfC having had members serve on the board,
sending volunteers down to work at the Home, many
youth work trips, financial assistance, and hosting chil-
dren from the Home at Maranatha.

The PHfC has several ministries currently:

- **Secure Dwellings** provides transitional housing for
homeless children and their female caregivers,
while assisting those caregivers towards becoming
self-sufficient.
- **Transition to Adult Living** helps young women
ages 19-24 with housing and group and individual-
ized training to transition to independent living.
- **Moderate Residential Care** provides residential
care for children with special behavioral or educa-
tional needs.
- **Hope Academy** and **Ascension Leadership Acade-
my** provides educational services.
- **Family Bridges** provides intensive in-home services
for families in need.

On October 27 we will travel to Talladega to help
with their fundraiser, The Children's Home Challenge.
This is a bike ride fundraiser with routes from 5 to 100
miles. We will man one of the rest stops, handing out
food, water, and encouragement to the bike riders. This
is an intergenerational event. Children 6th grade and up
may come without a parent. Younger children may still
participate if a parent comes as well. Our children and
youth will also be making posters ahead of time to deco-
rate our rest stop.

The Children's Home Challenge
Talladega, Alabama
Saturday, October 27
Leave the church at 8:00am
Return around 6:30pm
Transportation - Church bus
Sign up by October 15

For more information, contact:
Nancy Lundy at nlundy@knology.net or
Karen Madison at karenmadison@comcast.net

Prayer List

Church Members:

- Emily Butler
- Bob Coats
- Marlyn Harris
- J. R. Howard
- Kara Howard
- 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
- Tina and James Hester - Parents of Anne Peters
- Houston Hodges - Friend of FPC
- Sherry Jackson - Cousin of Bryce Connor and Linda Howard
- Lydia Kimbrel, Daughter of Craig and Ashley Kimbrel - Friends of Nan McBride
- The John Leisenring Family - Bill and Miriam Bolton's daughter-in-law's family.
- Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith
- Luke Matthews - Uncle of Houston Matthews
- 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
- Christine Steenwyk - Daughter-in-law of Al Steenwyk
- 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 (Thrive Memory Care)
- 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
- **Haiti Mission Trip - October 11-20**

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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