

November 18, 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

November 18, 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 *Nun Danket* Sigrid Karg-Elert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (10:30) *Gather at the River* arr. Stacey Gibbs
The Aeolians of Oakwood University

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Many: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

One: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

Many: I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

One: Come! Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 643 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of new life, you promise to be present with us always, yet our fear for the future belies our trust in you. You promise that where your Spirit is, there is freedom. God, forgive our lack of faith and weak resolve to follow our Lord's example. Free us from our fears and our prejudice, that we may live in Christ in the freedom of your Spirit. Continue to guide us on the slow but sure journey of growth. 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.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. So, let us rejoice in being forgiven and given the Spirit to set us free to serve the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN 581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

***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.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:1-19

9 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

(8:30) *Grateful*

Mark Hayes

Dr. Lois K. Lee, piano

(10:30) *Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. Adrian Westney

The Aeolians

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and

We ask that the Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts to God's word. John Calvin introduced the Prayer for Illumination preceding the reading of scripture and the preaching of the Word.

since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!"

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A High-Risk Calling"

The Rev. Dr. James W. Roberts

*Hymn 334

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

ST. PETERSBURG

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,**

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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) *All Thing Bright and Beautiful*

Mark Hayes

Dr. Lois K. Lee, piano

(10:30) *Hold On!*

arr. Marques Gharrett

The Aeolians

*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.***

The people respond to the proclamation of the Word by affirming the faith. The faith of the church both shapes our lives and expresses the hope and expectancy that are a part of the Christian life. From early in the church's life, an affirmation of faith has been central in corporate worship. The people may affirm the faith by saying or singing a creed of the church. The people may affirm the faith in the form of an affirmation drawn from scripture, a hymn or other appropriate musical response, or one of the other confessions of the church. Or the

The offering is closely tied to the church's calling to serve the poor and to reach out to the community. We offer not just a portion of what we have, but also our entire lives in service to God and God's people.

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*Hymn 37	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	ASH GROVE
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION (10:30)	<i>O Perfect Love</i> The Aeolians	arr. Stephen Murphy
*POSTLUDE	<i>Organ Blue Bossa</i>	Grimoaldo Macchia

***As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.
We invite you to use this bulletin throughout the week as a way to
worship God in your everyday life.***

TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor

The Reverend Dr. Tara W. Bulger
The Reverend Dr. James W. Roberts

Music

Dr. Patricia Hacker, Worship Leader
Dr. Lois K. Lee, piano/organ
The Aeolians of Oakwood University

Ushers

8:30
Amy Stucky

10:30
Andrew Bevel
Patty Conley
Bryce Connor

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 Patty Conley. Ms. Conley 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

Bicentennial Commemorative Book of FPC
\$20 each - Order by November 18

Sign-up and more details are at the Bulletin Board.
This is a limited printing, so reserve your copy now!

Sunday Evening Study Group will not meet on November 18 and 25, but will resume on Sunday, December 2, as usual.

Cookies Needed for Christmas Pageant Reception
Are you willing to donate a plate of small Christmas cookies for the reception following the Christmas Pageant on Dec 16?
Please email Kathy Gillmore at dce@fpchsv.org. Thank you!

Greene Street Market Thanksgiving Holiday Market
Today from 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Eustis Avenue from the square to Greene Street

THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

Sunday, November 18, 2018

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/JAH
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service-The Aeolians/SAN
11:30 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal/BR
5:00 p.m. Elder Training Class/LIB

Monday, November 19, 2018

5:30 p.m. Associate Pastor Search Committee/LIB

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 633/GBH
6:30 p.m. HMC Rehearsal/CR

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

7:15 p.m. NO Chancel Choir Practice/CR

Thursday, November 22, 2018

THANKSGIVING DAY
OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 23, 2018

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 24, 2018

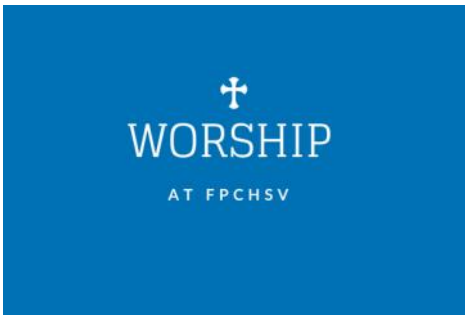
7:30 a.m. Early Christian Study Group/LIB

Sunday, November 25, 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

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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ADVENT AND
CHRISTMAS EVE AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

DECEMBER 2:
HANGING OF THE
GREENS
ONE SERVICE
10:30 A.M.

DECEMBER 9:
CHRISTMAS CANTATA

DECEMBER 16:
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
5 P.M.

DECEMBER 24:
SERVICES AT
3 P.M.
AND 5 P.M.

The Aeolians from Oakwood University, under the direction of Dr. Jason Ferdinand, have won national and international choral competitions, including several HBCU (Historically Black College and University) competitions. In 2017, the Aeolians participated on the Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod in Wales where they won the festival highest choral prize, the 2017 Choir of the World Pavarotti Trophy. In 2018, among the 300 choirs around the world at the World Choir Games in Tshwane, South Africa, the Aeolians won three gold medals at the biennial event, two of which were championships. Next spring, the Aeolians will be performing at the National American Choral Director's Association Conference. We are so proud of these young singers and their director. Welcome!



**Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m.**

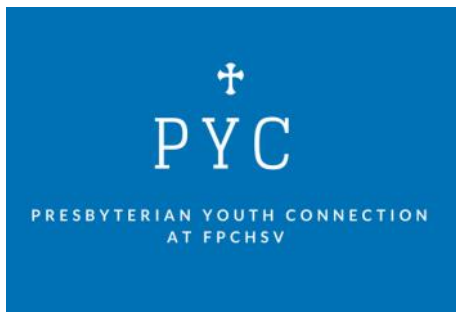
Please email Kathy Gillmore if your child is interested in participating. Rehearsals are as follows:

Sunday, December 9
Costuming during Sunday School

Wednesday, December 12
5:00 - Speaking Parts during WNL
(dinner provided)

Sunday, December 16
11:30 - Speaking Parts after worship service
(lunch provided)
3:45 - Shepherds & Townspeople arrive
(come in costume)
4:00 - Dress Rehearsal in costume
5:00 - Performance/SAN

Kathy Gillmore
Director of Christian Education
dce@fpchsv.org



November:

18th: No PYC

25th: PYC (6th graders) 5-6:30pm
(7-12) 6-7:30pm
6:00-6:30pm/FH - Summer Mission
Trips information meeting for parents.

December:

02nd: PYC (6th graders) 5-6:30pm
(7-12) 6-7:30pm - Location TBA

NO PYC - Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30



Cookies Needed for College Students

We need at least 17 dozen freshly baked cookies, one of them gluten free, to send to our young members in college who are heading into the stress of exam week. We want to remind them that they are supported and loved by their church family, and to provide a little comfort food to enjoy during those long hours of studying.

Please put them in groups of two in sandwich bags and deliver them to church by December 2.

To volunteer, sign up on the bulletin board or call, text, or e-mail Vicky Goodwin at 623-330-5805 or goodwingoodwins@gmail.com.



**Santa for Seniors
November MOTM**

For our November Mission of the Month, FPC has the opportunity to partner with TARCOG-Area Agency on Aging to provide Christmas gifts for fifty low income, disabled, homebound seniors.

TARCOG provides assistance in the home for these seniors through the Medicaid Waiver program which allows them to remain in their homes rather than having to go into a nursing facility. Many of these clients have no family support or assistance from family members and the gifts they will receive from us are the only gifts they will get for Christmas.

During the month of November, there will be a Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. On this tree will be names and information about these individuals along with their Christmas wish list. Please take a name from the tree and record on the clipboard the number of the client you have selected.

Please WRAP the gifts, bag them altogether and return them to the fellowship hall BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018. We will transport these gifts to TARCOG and the case managers will deliver them to the seniors as they do their December monthly home visits.

If you have questions, please contact Marilyn McCorkle or Karen Madison.

**Haiti Eyeglass Mission Trip
February 17 - 24, 2019
Cost is approximately \$1600 per person**

If you interested in participating or just want to see what this trip is about, please come to an information meeting on Sunday, December 2, at 11:30 in the church library. For more information, contact Bo Lundy at 256-426-6111.

PRAYER LIST

Church Members:

- Emily Butler
- Bob Coats
- Marlyn Harris
- David Hatch
- 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
- Athlea Burnham - Mother of Diane Roberts
- Cindy Coulter - Friend of Sheila, Katie, and Natalie Fogle
- Dr. Lawrence Crowson - Friend of Dr. Everett Mosley
- Patricia Dunkin - Friend of Beverly Wills
- Stella Fair - Sister of David Galloway
- Susan Gillespie - Friend of FPC
- Robert Guynes - Son of June and Buddy Guynes
- 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
- Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith
- Luke Matthews - Uncle of Houston Matthews
- Beth McCormick - Daughter-in-law of Susie McCormick Johnston
- Jeff Minatra - Friend of Houston Matthews
- 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
- Pam Ward - Friend of the Matthews
- J. L. Weldy - Father of Leigh Wermuth

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:

- Elissa Green (Windsor House)
- 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***

LEADERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Michelle Lester, *Nursery Coordinator*

RULING ELDERS

CLASS OF 2018

Daniel Richerson Bryant
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Victoria Fuller Goodwin
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Horace Woodward Howard III
Karen Kolyer Madison
Robert Lull McKemie
Marshall Tufts Schreeder, Jr.

CLASS OF 2019

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Brian Clayton
Charles Stephen Cornelius
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Sheila Haynes Fogle
Amy Titus Stucky

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

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

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