

WELCOME VISITORS!

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.

Please remember to turn off all cell phones and pagers. Also, please DO NOT take flash photographs during the services.

Please sign in: The red Friendship Folders will be passed during the offering.

Looking for a Church home? Please speak the "Ask Me" person standing at the rear of the church after the 10:30 service, who this week is May Myer. Ms. Myer is available to answer questions about First Presbyterian Church, our programs, or finding locations within our building.

Ushers serving this morning: 10:30 a.m.: Karen Clayton, Nancy Lundy, Ryan Parker, and Fred Stucky

The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in memory of beloved parents, John & Ann Hudson and Ray & Ruth Weems, by Tom & Sharon Hudson.


In memory of Virginia Rowe, the Flower Guild has purchased two new containers, one for the narthex and one for the little window in the staircase, through the generous memorial donations given to them in her name.

The Vine is offering "Monday Hope," support for the healing journey including education, worship and prayer on Mondays, Feb. 12th - March 26, 12PM to 1PM. Led by The Rev. Dr. Amanda Ragland at First Presbyterian Church, Gideon Blackburn House, 307 Gates Avenue. RSVP to 256-270-7399 or vine-ministry@vinepcc.com.


A WELCOME RECEPTION FOR THE BULGERS will follow today's service Fellowship Hall Please Join Us!



Transformation Yoga
Classes have been cancelled for the next 4-6 weeks while Lori Smith recovers from knee surgery. Please keep Lori in your prayers as she heals.



We want your Recipes
The Bicentennial cookbook committee is collecting recipes at the church office. Please submit as many as you like, and place them in the container labeled "Recipes."
Each recipe should be typed and include your name and phone number. If there is an interesting story about a recipe please include it.
DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, APRIL 1.




PW Gathering
Monday, March 5, 2018
10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall
"The ABC's of Alzheimer's"
Chandra Mills Crutcher,
Founding Director
American Senior Assistance Program
Columbia Friendship Circle Offering
All women are invited!




Presbyterian Women PW Circles will meet Monday, March 12

Circle 1 - 10:00 a.m. at the Gideon Blackburn House.
Circle 2 - 10:00 a.m., hosted by Olivia Brandon, 1806 Lydia Dr., HSV
Circle 3 - 6:30 p.m. in the Carriage House.



Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 1, 2018 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Nursery age - 3rd Grade
Parents are welcome to attend!
Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday during the Sunday School hour for a story, egg hunt & snacks.



THE Aeolians
OF OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY

Join us as we welcome The Aeolians of Oakwood University

Sunday, April 8, 2018

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Concert in the Sanctuary



"Flower Dedication" envelopes are available at the bulletin board or in the pew racks with a small card inside the envelope that you will fill out and place back in the envelope with your \$50.
Upcoming available dates:
March 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 29;
May 13, 20; June 10, 17, 24



Save the Date for **Vacation Bible School**
June 25-28, 2018




March:

3/04th - PYC @ 5-7pm/Following God Isn't a Walk in the Park
3/11th - PYC @ 11:30-2pm//Lunch and Bowling after 10:30 worship head to Five Guys for lunch then bowling afterwards to welcome Hannan Bulger.
Parents you are welcome too!
3/18th - PYC @ 5-7pm/St Patrick's Day Festivities
3/25th - NO PYC/Palm Sunday

Music Ministry
CCLI # 1345744



We would like to thank David Jones for playing this morning.


If you would like to join the Chancel Choir, please join us on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. We would love to have you. Handbell rehearsals are Sunday at 11:30 a.m. after the 10:30 service.

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SUNDAY - March 4, 2018
ONE SERVICE SUNDAY
HOLY COMMUNION
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN
11:30 AM - Bulger Family Reception/FH
11:30 AM - Handbell Rehearsal/BR
5:00 PM - PYC
6:00 PM - Bible Study/LIB
MONDAY - March 5, 2018
9:00 AM - FF Preschool
12:00 PM - The Vine: Lent Healing Svc/JAH
TUESDAY - March 6, 2018
9:00 AM - FF Preschool
12:00 PM - Personnel Meeting/LIB
5:30 PM - Worship Meeting/LIB
6:30 PM - Boy Scouts 633
6:30 PM - HMC Rehearsal/CR
WEDNESDAY - March 7, 2018
9:00 AM - FF Preschool
9:30 AM - Disciple 1/LIB
1:30 PM - Prayer Shawl Ministry/LIB
5:00 PM - WNL Children/Youth
5:30 PM - WNL Adult Classes
6:30 PM - WNL Dinner
7:15 PM - Chancel Choir Practice/CR
THURSDAY - March 8, 2018
9:00 AM - FF Preschool
9:30 AM - Disciple IV/LIB
11:15 AM - FPC Prayer Group/LIB
12:15 PM - Al-Anon/GBH
FRIDAY - March 9, 2018
9:00 AM - FF Preschool
SATURDAY - March 10, 2018
7:30 AM - Early Christians Study Grp/LIB
SUNDAY - March 11, 2018
8:30 AM - Worship Service/JAH
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Baptism - Louise Causey/SAN
10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN
11:30 AM - Handbell Rehearsal/BR
5:00 PM - PYC
6:00 PM - Bible Study/LIB

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)

Lectionary Readings
March 11, 2018
Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21



First Presbyterian Church

Founded June 15, 1818



Third Sunday in Lent
March 4, 2018
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

We seek to be a Church United in Christ, Scripturally Based, and a Compassionate Community of Faith.

This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

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Assemble in God's Name

With the chiming of the bell, we quietly and prayerfully prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude *Come, Thou Almighty King* DeGiardini
David Jones, organ arr. Wyrzten

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit *Give Praise to the Lord (Psalm 149)* LAUDATE DOMINUM
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: The one who calls us together this day yearns for us each to draw near and for all people to hear and be blessed.

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Leader: Speak Lord and we will listen. Teach and we will learn. Guide us and our entire lives will be transformed.

People: Come! Let us worship God!

*Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn 309** *Come, Great God of All the Ages* ABBOT'S LEIGH

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. Amen.

(silence for reflection)

Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* KYRIE
Lord, have mercy upon us, (3 times)
Christ, have mercy upon us, (3 times)
Lord, have mercy upon us. (3 times)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved. In Jesus' name you are forgiven. Your sins have been made clean, God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn 39** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading - 1 Samuel 3:1-10 pew Bible, OT, pg. 247
pew Bible (large print), OT, pg. 306
Reader: Melissa Rowe

**Stand as you are able.*

Anthem *Lord, Here Am I* John Beck Ness
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Time for Young Disciples

At this time all children will be invited to come to the chancel steps. Children ages KINDERGARTEN AND YOUNGER are dismissed to the nursery. FIRST GRADE AND UP should remain in the sanctuary with parents.

Second Reading - John 1:35-51 pew Bible, NT, pg. 92
pew Bible (large print), NT, pg. 112

Sermon "Come and See" Rev. Tara Bulger

Respond To God's Word

***Hymn 69** *I, The Lord of Sea and Sky* HERE I AM

***Affirmation of Faith** A Brief Statement of Faith Hymnal pg. 37

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. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe in the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Our Great Savior* Wesley, arr. Hustad
David Jones, organ

***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
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. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

***Closing Hymn 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE
(Verses 1, 2 and 4 only)

*Benediction

***Postlude** *Jesus Shall Reign/On Eagle's Wings* Dudley/Smith,
David Jones, organ Hatton, and Joncas

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members: Anne Boles, Charlie Bonner, Emily Butler, Reese Butler, Jan Connor, Marlyn Harris, David Hatch, J. R. Howard, Kara Howard, Billie Jones, Cay Lambert, Sage Lyons III, Harper Grace Niedermeyer, Sanders Pair, Dolly Shuey, Anita Verble, and Ed Walker.

Friends & Relatives: Sheriff Blake Dorning - Friend of Houston Matthews; Patricia Dunkin - Friend of Beverly Wills; Stella Fair - Sister of David Galloway; Calhecia Francis - Sister of Eliza Francis; Jimmy Ford – Son of Jean Forbes; Susan Gillespie - Friend of FPC; Donna Hester - Sister-in-law of Anne Peters; Tina and James Hester - Parents of Anne Peters; Lydia Kimbrel, daughter of Craig and Ashley Kimbrel - Friends of Nan McBride; Frances Kyser - Friend of Patricia Hacker; Lori Lee - Friend of Beverly Wills; Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith; Markes Little - Brother of Peggy Galloway; Kevin McCarley - Brother of Roy McCorkle; Beth Lee McCormick - Friend of the Fowler Family; Glenn Myers - Friend of Beverly Wills; Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely; Scott Sedlitz - Stepson of Annwhite Fuller; Fred Stucky, Jr. - Father of Fred Stucky; Billy Wallace - Brother of Beverly Wills.

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care: Elissa Green (Brookdale Hampton Cove); Jeanette Hollis (Harbor Chase); Pat Ivy (Redstone Village); Darwin Perkins (Brookdale Place); Ray Rose (Diversicare of Big Springs); Marge Sharp (Birmingham).

The Church: Rev. Tara Bulger, and her family; First Presbyterian Church, the Session, the North Alabama Presbytery, and for all the church staff. NAP seminary students Devon Reynolds (New Market) and Sara Jane Bush Nixon (First, Athens).

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; Kids to Love; and the CUP program.

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.

