

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 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.

Ushers serving this morning: 8:30 a.m.: Amy Stucky; 10:30 a.m.: Andrew Bevel, Bryce Connor, Leslie Ecklund, Joe Lundy, and Ryan Parker.

The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Joyce Bond on her birthday by Jim Bond.

Help us celebrate Easter morning by bringing your flowers to place at bottom of the wooden cross at the front of the church. Your beautiful contribution will help us announce the Good News of The Resurrection to the whole community!

We will welcome The Rev. Glenn McDonald as our speaker during our Bicentennial Celebration on June 17, 2018. For more information about Rev. McDonald and to receive his daily Morning Reflection please email him at glenn.mcdonald@ascension.org.



HOLY WEEK

Worship Services

Sunday, March 25

Palm/Passion Sunday

8:30 a.m., John Allan Hall
10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday,

7:00 p.m., John Allan Hall

Friday, March 30

Good Friday/Tenebrae Service

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
The Seven Last Words
by Michael John Trotta
presented by the Chancel Choir
and Woodwind Ensemble

Sunday, April 1

Easter Egg Hunt

9:30-10:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 1

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter
8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be observed during the 10:30 a.m. worship this morning. Nellie Elizabeth Jay is the daughter of Lauren and Charles Jay. Grandparents are Willie and Marshall Corlew.

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

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.

Boy Scout Troop 633's Annual Pancake Fundraiser
Saturday April 7th
7:30 am to 10:30 am
Fellowship Hall

FPC Troop 7 Alumnus are especially invited to come as we will hold a short program on Troop 7's history in honor of our church's Bicentennial year. See information board for more details.

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



March:

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 Jan McKemie and Josephine Stroud for playing for us this morning.

Our church has been invited to participate in Festival Corale Internazionale Di Roma in Italy with Z. Randall Stroope June 20th-29th, 2019. If you would like to be part of this memorable experience, contact Dr. Hacker for more details. Brochures with all the trip information are located in the entrance of the church.

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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(The worship service is broadcast over WLOR AM 1550 or FM 98.1)

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SUNDAY - March 18, 2018

8:30 AM - Worship Service/JAH
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN
11:30 AM - Handbell Rehearsal/BR
5:00 PM - PYC
6:00 PM - Bible Study/LIB

MONDAY - March 19, 2018

9:00 AM - FF Preschool
12:00 PM - The Vine: Lent Healing Svc/JAH

TUESDAY - March 20, 2018

9:00 AM - FF Preschool
6:30 PM - Boy Scouts 633
6:30 PM - HMC Rehearsal/CR

WEDNESDAY - March 21, 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
7:00 PM - Grow Meeting/LIB
7:15 PM - Chancel Choir Practice/CR

THURSDAY - March 22, 2018

9:00 AM - FF Preschool
9:30 AM - Disciple IV/LIB
11:15 AM - FPC Prayer Group/LIB
12:15 PM - AI-Anon/GBH

FRIDAY - March 23, 2018

9:00 AM - FF Preschool

SATURDAY - March 24, 2018

7:30 AM - Early Christians Study Grp/LIB

SUNDAY - March 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY

8:30 AM - Worship Service/JAH
9:30 AM - Sunday School
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 25 2018

Palms: Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16;
Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29
Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16;
Phil. 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or
Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

First Presbyterian Church

Founded June 15, 1818



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

8:30 a.m./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 (8:30) *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Hassler/Bock
(10:30) *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Johann Gottfried Walther
Jan McKemie, piano/organ

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit (10:30) *Sing a New Song unto the Lord (Psalm 98)*
Chancel Choir Daniel L. Schutte

*Call to Worship

Leader: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,

People: for we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.

Leader: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,

People: for we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.

Leader: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,

People: for we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power.

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord!

*Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn 396** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* HOLY MANNA

Prayer of Confession

Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silence for reflection)

Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* KYRIE

(8:30) **Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

(10:30) **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 are no more. You have been made clean. God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen

***Hymn 341** *O God, Show Mercy to Us* THAXTED

*The Passing of the Peace (8:30)

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Stand as you are able.*

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34 pew Bible, OT, pg. 735
pew Bible (large print), OT, pg. 899
Readers: (8:30) Charles Bozeman; (10:30) Karen Madison

Anthem *In the Garden* Austin Miles, arr. Mark Hayes
(8:30) Josephine Stroud, piano
O God Who Gives Us Life NOEL
(10:30) Chancel Choir

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Time for Young Disciples (10:30)

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.

***Hymn 215** *What Wondrous Love is This* WONDROUS LOVE
(verses 1 and 3)

Second Reading - John 12:20-33 pew Bible, NT, pg. 106
pew Bible (large print), NT, pg. 130

Sermon "My Name is Ozymandias---king of kings!" The Rev. Tara W. Bulger

Respond To God's Word

***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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Hymnal pg. 35

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Deep River* arr. George M. Vail
(8:30) Jan McKemie, piano

In the Garden Austin Miles, arr. Mark Hayes
(10:30) Josephine Stroud, piano

***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

***Closing Hymn 49** *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

*Benediction

***Choral Response** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ASSAM
Chancel Choir

***Postlude** (8:30) *What Wondrous Love Is This* arr. Marty Parks
(10:30) *Postlude on Nun Danket Alle Gott* Eric H. Thiman
Jan McKemie, piano/organ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Friends & Relatives: Patricia Dunkin - Friend of Beverly Wills; Stella Fair - Sister of David Galloway; 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; Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith; Markes Little - Brother of Peggy Galloway; Kevin McCarley - Brother of Roy McCorkle; Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely; Scott Sedlitz - Stepson of Annewhite Fuller; Fred Stucky, Jr. - Father of Fred Stucky.

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care: Elissa Green (Brookdale Hampton Cove); Jeanette Hollis (Harbor Chase); 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.

