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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

July 8, 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 pre-K, 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 *Chorale Prelude on "Quem Pastores"* Healey Willan

MINUTE FOR MISSION Chase Epps, Camp Maranatha Director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For God alone my soul waits in silence;

Many: from the Lord comes my salvation.

One: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

Many: I shall never be shaken.

One: Let us worship the God who has made us and redeemed us!

*OPENING PRAYER

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most holy Lord, our Judge and Advocate, we have cared more for our own pleasure and power than for your peace and justice. We deserve your judgment, yet we call upon you for mercy. Awaken us to our need for repentance; convict us by your Holy Spirit of those words, thoughts, and actions that have separated us from you and one another. Remember your steadfast love, and forgive us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. 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: On God rests our deliverance and our honor;

Many: my rock, my refuge is God.

One: Friends, trust in God at all times. For in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

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

Worship begins as the people gather and are called to worship God. Adoration is the keynote of all true worship, of the creature before the Creator, of the redeemed before the Redeemer. In prayer and song, God is praised.

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.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Lord on High

W. A. Mozart

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Chase Epps, Camp Maranatha Director

SECOND LESSON

Jonah 3 & 4

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. 'So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be con-

A prayer for illumination may be offered before the reading and proclaiming of the scripture. This prayer seeks the illumination of the Holy Spirit and calls upon God to make us receptive to the life-giving Word, which comes to us through the scripture.

cerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?’

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What’s Your Passion?”

The Rev. Dr. James W. Roberts

*Hymn 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Theological Declaration of Barmen

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

The church’s commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ’s stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

Chorale Prelude on “O Wie Selig”

Healey Willan

*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

SHARE GOD’S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

*HYMN 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

’LL Praise My Maker

Anna Laura Page

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) states its faith and bears witness to God’s grace in Jesus Christ in the creeds and confessions of the Reformed Christian tradition. In these statements the church declares to its members and to the world who and what it is, what it believes, and what it resolves to do. One of our confessions is The Theological Declaration of Barmen, which was written by a group of church leaders in Germany to help Christians withstand the challenges of the Nazi party and of the so-called “German Christians,” a popular movement that saw no conflict between Christianity and the ideals of Hitler’s National Socialism. The declaration proclaims the church’s freedom in Jesus Christ who is Lord of every area of life. The church obeys him as God’s one and only Word who determines its order, ministry, and relation to the state.

Those who have assembled in God’s name now go in God’s name. The service of thanks having ended, the service of work now begins. Worship is not a retreat from the world, but, rather, strengthens the church for life in the world. As we go forth, we go assured of God’s gracious word that makes possible our fulfilling the charge.

NOTES

LEADERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastors

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

Music

Linda McAllister, Worship Leader
Jan McKemie, organ
Elizabeth Wright, soprano

Liturgist

Louise McCallion

Ushers

Jane McBride
Mary Margaret Cofield
Rick Rawls
John Wessel

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
Annewhite 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

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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 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.

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 and in memory of Amy Ricks by the Ralph Edwards family - Jo, Becky, Susan, and Sally.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sympathy of the Congregation is expressed to Anne and John Crisler, Jr. on the passing of John's father, John Crisler, Sr. John, Sr. was a faithful member of our Chancel Choir.

The Crisler's mailing address is:
236 Wellsbrook Circle
Fayetteville, TN 37334

In Memoriam

J. Edward (Ed) Walker
September 3, 1944 - July 4, 2018

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, July 8, 2018

No Sunday School
One Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Monday, July 9, 2018

9:30 a.m. PYC Mission Monday
5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry/SMR

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

9:30 a.m. Transformation Yoga Basic/CH
11:30 a.m. Transformation Yoga Gentle/CH
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

6:00 p.m. PYC Outdoor Games

Thursday, July 12, 2018

9:30 a.m. Transformation Yoga Basic/CH
11:15 a.m. Prayer Group/GBH
11:30 a.m. Transformation Yoga Gentle/CH
12:15 p.m. Al-Anon/GBH

Friday, July 13, 2018

5:00 p.m. PYC Art Walk

Sunday, July 15, 2018

GenOn Conference
No Sunday School
One Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Care Meeting/GH
5:00 p.m. PYC/FH

Visit our website to view the calendar:
fpchsv.org

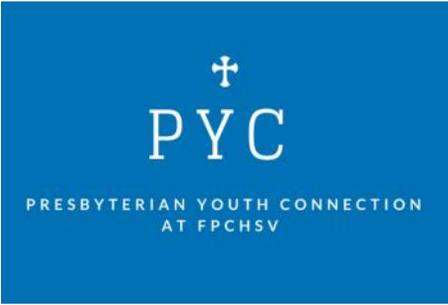


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Many thanks to Linda McAllister and Jan McKemie for leading in worship today and to Elizabeth Wright for sharing her music.

The Chancel Choir is on summer break. We look forward to their worship leadership when they begin leading worship again in August.

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.



July:

8th: PYC @ 5-7 pm

11th: Outdoor Games 6-7:30 pm

13th: Art Walk 5-7 pm

15th: PYC @ 5-7 pm

15th-21st: GenOn Conference

22nd: NO PYC

26th: Top Golf @ 10 am

28th-29th: Camping Trip, No PYC

August:

1st: Escape Room @ 3pm

3rd: Movie on the Lawn @ 6pm

5th: No Sunday School, PYC @ 5-7 pm

10th: Art Walk 5-7 pm

12th: Rally Day and Fall Kick-off

17th-19th: Family Camp at Camp Fellowship

19th: PYC @ 5-7 pm

26th: PYC @ 5-7 pm



***FPCHSV Family Fellowship Camp
at Camp Maranatha***

August 17-19, 2018

Family Camp is a time for fun and fellowship together! We will meet at Camp Maranatha and have time for boating, canoeing, swimming, climbing on the rock wall, zip-lining, and more! We will have meals together, Smores on Saturday night, and worship on Sunday morning.

The cost is \$125 per family (room) in hotel style accommodations; \$10 per family, per day, if you want to just come for the day.

The fun begins Friday night at 6 p.m.

Questions? Ready to sign-up? Contact the church office! You can also sign-up at the bulletin board downstairs.

Deadline to register and payments are due by July 22, 2018.



First Presbyterian Church supports a variety of international missions every year through our budgeted giving to The Outreach Foundation. Our church's missional focus this month is on these international missions. Each week of July you will find information about one of the many programs we currently support. Please pray for these organizations and all who work for them, as well as the people they serve. These are some of the places around the world where our church is currently making an impact.

Rwanda, Africa Mission Projects

In the tiny land-locked East Africa country of Rwanda The Outreach Foundation (TOF) supports a variety of projects that enable recovery, reconciliation and growth following the indescribably horrible 1994 genocide. TOF promotes new church construction, scholarships for seminary students, peacemaking training, vocational training, and support to vulnerable children in the inner city of Kigali. FPC mission partners traveled to Rwanda in 2013, 2014, and 2015. We visited schools and churches, sponsored scholarships and medical fees for elementary through college-aged students, participated in peacemaking discussions and support, and donated bibles, school supplies and medical supplies. We have helped build and dedicate two new churches that also serve as community centers, in Rukamiro and Shyorongi. FPC hosted visits from our mission partners in 2013 and 2015. The Presbyterian Church of Rwanda has over 300,000 members but fewer than 200 pastors and evangelists to serve the churches. FPC has fully funded the education of three young people through their college and seminary education at the Protestant University of Rwanda. Agnes graduated last year, Donatha will graduate this year, and Ben is scheduled to graduate next year. All will have Presbyterian

congregations to serve immediately upon graduation. FPC continues to be an active and vital partner in the many TOF mission projects that serve the people of Rwanda, East Africa.

Haiti Mission Trip

Our next mission trip to Haiti is planned for

October 11 - October 20, 2018

Cost is \$1650 per person

We have three slots still open. If you are interested in joining this very worthwhile adventure, please contact either:

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256-426-6111

or

Nancy Lundy
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Prayer Requests

Church Members:

- Ann Allen
- Anne Boles
- Emily Butler
- Jack Connor
- Marlyn Harris
- David Hatch
- J. R. Howard
- Kara Howard
- Billie Jones
- Cay Lambert
- Sage Lyons III
- Harper Grace Niedermeyer
- Sanders Pair
- Dolly Shuey
- Alsie Waller

Friends and Family:

- Merle Bass - Mother of Nancy Lundy
- Colleen Bolton - Daughter-in-law of Bill and Miriam Bolton
- Becky DeWees - Sister of Tish Hammer
- Dunar Family - Friends an FPC Choir Member
- 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
- 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.
- Jeff Minatra - Friend of Houston Matthews
- Lucia Miree - Daughter of Reggie and Dot Miree, Sister of Marian Bevel
- Ann Mullin - Mother of Truett Fink
- Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely
- Scott Sedlitz - Stepson of Annwhite Fuller
- Fred Stucky, Jr. - Father of Fred Stucky
- Linda Tsuhlares - Family Member of Causeys

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:

- **Reese Butler (Redstone Village)**
- 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) 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
- The CUP program
- **GenOn Conference July 15-21**

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.***



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