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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 15, 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 "Lasst Un Alle Froechlich Sein"* Healey Willan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Heidi Meadows

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

Many: Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

One: Tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

Many: The Lord will be our guide forever.

One: Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, we know that, all too often, we hear the voice of Christ sending us out toward those who wait in longing for your love, and we close our ears to your call. We stay safely within the walls of our church building, singing our hymns and saying our prayers, as though that is enough for us to be your people. We confess that, when people look at our church, they do not always see your faithful disciples living out your mission of healing and grace. Forgive us and remind us again of your hopes for us. Guide us by your Spirit to live new lives in joyful service to the glory of your 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.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We confess our weaknesses so that the power of Christ may dwell in us,

Many: and the power of Christ is to forgive us our sins and raise us to new life.

One: Rejoice that your sins are forgiven!

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Worship is, first and foremost, a people's meeting with the God who has taken the initiative to gather that people. It is a gathering intended for no other purpose than to offer our praise, our thanksgiving, and our lament, while trusting the Spirit to bring us into the presence of the risen Christ.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 11:16-19

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Jonathan Crutchfield

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Kathy Gillmore

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 38:1-26

It happened at that time that Judah went down from his brothers and settled near a certain Adullamite whose name was Hirah. There Judah saw the daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua; he married her and went in to her. She conceived and bore a son; and he named him Er. Again she conceived and bore a son whom she named Onan. Yet again she bore a son, and she named him Shelah. She was in Chezib when she bore him. Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn; her name was Tamar. But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord put him to death. Then Judah said to Onan, “Go in to your brother's wife and perform the duty of a brother-in-law to her; raise up offspring for your brother.” But since Onan knew that the offspring would not be his, he spilled his semen on the ground whenever he went in to his brother's wife, so that he would not give offspring to his brother. What he did was displeasing in the sight of the Lord, and he put him to death also. Then Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, “Remain a widow in your father's house until my son Shelah grows up” —for he feared that he too would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went to live in her father's house.

In course of time the wife of Judah, Shua's daughter, died; when Judah's time of mourning was over, he went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. When Tamar was told, “Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep,” she put off her widow's garments, put on a veil, wrapped herself up, and sat down at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. She saw that Shelah was grown up, yet she had not been given to him in marriage. When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a prostitute, for she had covered her face. He went over to her at the road side, and said, “Come, let me come in to you,” for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, “What will you give me, that you may come in to me?” He answered, “I will send you a kid from the flock.” And she said, “Only if you give me a pledge, until you send it.” He said, “What pledge shall I give you?” She replied, “Your signet and your cord, and the staff that is in your hand.” So he gave them to her, and went in to her, and she conceived by him. Then she got up and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood. When Judah sent the kid by his friend the Adullamite, to recover the pledge from the woman, he could not find her. He asked the townspeople, “Where is the temple prostitute who was at Enaim by the wayside?” But they said, “No prostitute has been here.” So he returned to Judah, and said, “I have not found her; moreover the townspeople said, ‘No prostitute has been here.’” Judah replied, “Let

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.

her keep the things as her own, otherwise we will be laughed at; you see, I sent this kid, and you could not find her.”

About three months later Judah was told, “Your daughter-in-law Tamar has played the whore; moreover she is pregnant as a result of whoredom.” And Judah said, “Bring her out, and let her be burned.” As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, “It was the owner of these who made me pregnant.” And she said, “Take note, please, whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff.” Then Judah acknowledged them and said, “She is more in the right than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.” And he did not lie with her again.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Different Kind of Righteousness”

The Rev. Dr. James W. Roberts

*Hymn 471

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

HEAR MY PRAYER

The Confession of 1967, in the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA), addresses the church’s role in the modern world. It calls the church to obedient action, particularly in response to social problems such as racial discrimination, nationalistic arrogance, and family and class conflict. It sees the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ as the pattern for the church’s mission today and calls on all Christians to be reconciled to God and to one another. It is built around a single passage of Scripture: “In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself” (2 Cor. 5:19).

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with [humanity]. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became [human] and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, [humanity], and the world. Therefore the church calls men [and women] to be reconciled to God and to one another.

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men [and women]. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

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

Adagio

J. S. Bach

*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

Another way we respond to the Word is by lifting up to God the Prayers of the People, which include intercessions for the church universal, the world and the nation, those in authority, the community, and persons in distressing circumstances or in special need.

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 313 *Lord, Make Us More Holy* LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* Anna Laura Page

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

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
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Liturgist

Doug Madison

Ushers

Andrew Bevel
Bryce Connor
Leslie Ecklund
Karen Lastovic
Michael Lastovic

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 Karen Brown. Ms. Brown 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*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sympathy of the Congregation is expressed to Pat and Bob Coats on the passing of Bob's brother, Gus Symmes Coats.

The Coats' mailing address is:
209 Bellingrath Drive
Huntsville, AL 35802

Just a reminder that the Seminar Class is continuing to meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in Classroom C on the Lower Level Education Wing. All are welcome.

PW Pickle Party! The FPC Presbyterian Women invite all women to join us as we make "welcome sweet pickles" to present to new members. We will meet in the kitchen on Monday, July 23 and 30, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Continuing through August 5, there will be only one service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The 8:30 a.m. service will resume on Sunday, August 12. Sunday School is on summer break and will also resume August 12.

Bicentennial T-shirts: If you ordered a t-shirt and have not picked it up yet, please do so at the Receptionist's office.

GenOn Conference: Please remember those from FPC who will be attending this conference in Wheeling, West Virginia from July 15 - 21.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, July 15, 2018

GenOn Conference
No Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Seminar Class/Classroom C
One Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Care Meeting/LIB
5:00 p.m. PYC/FH

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

GenOn Conference
9:30 a.m. Transformation Yoga Basic/CH
11:30 a.m. Transformation Yoga Gentle/CH
11:30 Personnel Comm. Staff Luncheon/FH
4:00 p.m. Bible Study/LIB & FH
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, July 19, 2018

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

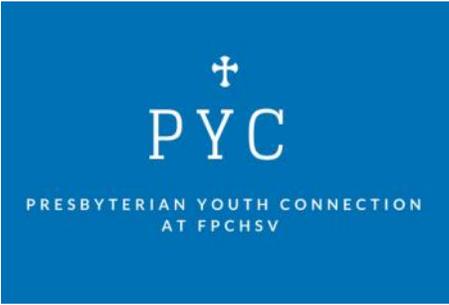
Sunday, July 22, 2018

No Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Seminar Class/Classroom C
One Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

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)

Visit our website to view the calendar:
fpchsv.org



July:

15th: PYC/FH

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

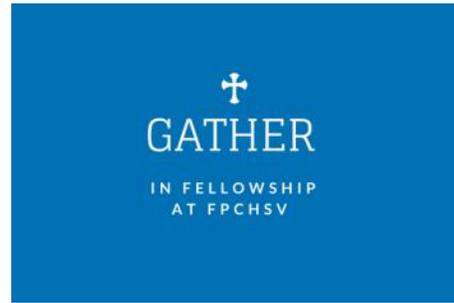


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Many thanks to Linda McAllister, Jan McKemie, and the Chancel Choir Ensemble for leading in worship today.

The Chancel Choir will resume practice on Wednesday, July 25, at 7:15 p.m. in the choir room. Come and join us!

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.



***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.

Cuba Mission Projects

In the island nation of Cuba, The Outreach Foundation (TOF) supports the Matanzas Evangelical Theological Seminary; the seminary enrolls over 400 protestant students, preparing young church leaders to meet the challenges of growth. TOF also sponsors new church construction across the country and the ongoing building of relationships and partnerships between US and Cuban churches. Beginning in 2011, FPC has sent several teams to Cuba, to visit the Seminary and TOF projects, and to begin to build relationships. FPC has established a special relationship with Rev. Yoelkis Sierra and his small congregation in the Guanabacoa church. The church has strong social outreach services: ministries include outreach to HIV/AIDS patients and their families, and support and meals for elderly persons. They sponsor clean water projects, a children's ministry, distant prayer houses, bible study, and worship services. The church is 114 years old and was the first evangelical protestant church in the area, but has been in need of care, repairs, and upgrades. Rev. Yoelkis visited us in Huntsville in September 2015 and shared the hopes and concerns of his small congregation in Guanabacoa, and their desire to acquire an adjacent property to serve as a guesthouse. FPC has provided ongoing support to Pastor Yoelkis

and our sister congregation in Guanabacoa for the past several years, to help with these needed repairs and the property acquisition. FPC continues to be an active and vital partner in TOF's seminary support and church building activities in Cuba.

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:

Bo Lundy
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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
- **Cindy Coulter - Frind of Sheila, Katie, and Natalie Fogle**
- 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**

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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