

Assemble in God's Name

When the prelude begins, let us quietly and prayerfully prepare our hearts and minds to worship Almighty God.

Prelude *Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death* George P. Telemann
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Cary Speaker

Chiming of the Bell

Choral Introit (10:30) *A New Day* arr. Allan Robert Petker
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space! Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

People: Give praise for God's mighty deeds! Give praise for God's resurrection power!

Leader: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

People: Praise God with the harp and the cello!

Leader: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

People: Praise God with flutes and guitars!

Leader: Praise God with cymbals and drums!

People: Let everything with life and breath praise God!

*Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn 122** *Thine Is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS

Prayer of Confession

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Hear now our silent confession...

Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* KYRIE

(8:00) **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

***Hymn** *Glorious is Thy Name* GLORIOUS NAME

*The Passing of the Peace (8:00)

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Proclaim God's Word

New Testament Lesson - Acts 2:25-32 pew Bible, NT, p.119
pew Bible (large print), NT, p. 145

Readers: Heidi Meadows (8:00); Connor Howard (10:30)

**Stand as you are able.*

Anthem *Peace Came to Earth* K. Lee Scott
Chancel Choir (10:30)

Time for Young Disciples Angela Green

*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.*

New Testament Lesson - John 20: 19-31 pew Bible, NT, p. 115
pew Bible (large print), NT, p. 141

***Hymn 116** *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!* O FILII ET FILIAE

Sermon "Being Like Thomas" Rev. Rosemary McMahan

Respond To God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical) Hymnal Page 15

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Nocturne, E-flat major* Frederic F. Chopin
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ

***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD ONE 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)

(Congregation please partake of the bread when you receive it. Please hold cup until all have been served.)

***Closing Hymn 538** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* SICILIAN MARINERS

*Benediction

***Postlude** *Hail Thee, Festival Day* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ

**AND NOW WE INVOKE OUR MISSION STATEMENT AS WE LEAVE:
Having been drawn into Community and nurtured by God's Word; we are called into the world.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members: Dave Butler, Anne Boles, J. R. Howard, Steven Jones, Cay Lambert, Lorinne Lilly, Sage Lyons, III, Lonnie McCormick, Patrick McCormick, Theresa Miller, Sanders Pair, and Anne Speake.

Friends & Relatives: Rossana Boyd - Sister of Patricia Hacker; Tara Byrd - Friend of Darlene Cooper; Stormy Dovers - Friend of Tom and Sharon Hudson; Samson Gamble - Great nephew of Mary Adams; Chris Gattis - Son of Jerry and Carlotta Gattis; Janice Hrabe - Daughter of Dave and Reese Butler; Lisa Heffington - Niece of Betty Dunaway; Emma Grace Huber - Granddaughter of Jeanette Hollis; Freya, Emma and Dean Huckstepp - Friends of Anne Peters; Gloria Hyatt - Mother of Jeff Hyatt; Alex Jordan - Nephew of Sherry Smith; Carla King - Friend of Lucinda and Marshall Schreeder; Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith; **The Midkiff and Anderson Families - Friends of Ginger Bryant;** Christina Mouradian - Sister of Bruce Peters; Rudy Peters - Father of Bruce Peters; Albert Rich - Friend of the Connor's and the Howard's; Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely; Patricia Smith - Mother of David Smith; Burt Stroupe - Son of Teensie Stroupe; Tom Wilson - Father of Elaine Stowe.

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care: Annabell Aust (Regency Village); Lorinne Lilly (Magnolia Cottage); Darwin Perkins (Brookdale Place); Ernestine Roberson (Brookdale Place); Ray Rose (Diversicare of Big Springs); Virginia Rowe (Whitesburg Gardens); Marge Sharp (Brookdale Place); Phil Skidmore (Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home); Teensie Stroupe (Belmont Village - Memphis).

The Church: The Pastor Nominating Committee; First Presbyterian Church, the Session and the North Alabama Presbytery.

Military & International: All those serving in the armed forces.

Our Nation: President Obama and our representatives.

First Presbyterian Missions & Ministries: Appalachia Service Project (ASP); Good Samaritans; The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; The Presbyterian Home for

TO ADD NAMES TO THE PRAYER REQUEST FOR SIX WEEKS, please call or email Cynde Tannehill, Pastor's Secretary, or use the Prayer and Care page by printing your prayer request and placing it in the offering plate. **Prayer requests only remain on the list for SIX WEEKS unless you contact Cynde at the church office.** If you know of someone who is in the hospital or need to inform the church of a death in your family, you may also contact Cynde Tannehill. Thank you!

Ushers serving this morning: 8:00 a.m.: Michael Lastovic and Marshall Corlew; **10:30 a.m.** - Karen Clayton, Dave Goodwin, Sally Troy and Amy Stucky.

The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Dr. Patricia Hacker and the music program by Jane McBride.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed this morning at all worship services. Our elders who will be serving communion at the services are: **8:00 a.m. service** - Heidi Meadows, Leslie Lockhart, Lucinda Schreeder and Charlotte Wessel; **10:30 a.m. service** - Harriet Bibb, Patty Conley, David Galloway, Houston Matthews, Jan McKemie, Dag Rowe, Melissa Rowe, Jay Stowe and Bruce Williams.

WELCOME VISITORS!

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.

Please sign in: Both members and visitors are asked to "sign in" each Sunday on the friendship folders passed down the pews during the offering. This is our only record of your attendance.

Looking for a Church home? Please speak with Dr. Speaker, Rev. McMahan, or an elder standing at the front of the sanctuary, following the 10:30 a.m. service. A Stephen Minister will be available for prayer or to answer any questions you might have.

The Flower Guild has the following dedication dates available **through July, 2016:** **April 10, 24; May 1; June 19; July 3, 10, 17 and 24.** Flower Dedication cards/envelopes are located in the pew racks or can be picked up at the church office. As of March 28th, flower dedications are \$50.00 each.

The Share Cluster will be presenting a slideshow and highlights of the recent Uganda mission trip on Wednesday, April 6 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come and eat a mission meal (rice/beans, pork roast) and hear all about the trip. Contact Anne Peters with questions.



Attention Graduates! We need the following information by Sunday, May 1st for publication in the May 22nd church bulletin: Graduate's name, High School,

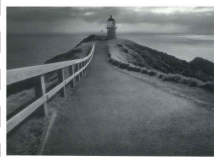
College or Graduate School name, plans for the fall (include college and major if known) and photo. Please send your information to Cynde at ctannehill@fpchsv.org.



First Presbyterian Boy Scout Troop 633 is having a Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 9th from 8:00 to 10:30 am. Breakfast includes orange juice, coffee, and sausage. Artisan pancakes are created to your specific order-artisan in that they are art specified by you. **DISCLAIMER:** In some cases your pancake maybe more impressionistic than realistic in art. Bring your family and friends, \$5 person and kids are free!



Join us at **Circle of Friends** on **April 7 at 12:00.** This month, we'll be making cards to help celebrate spring. You'll have a chance to make one of these simple but cheerful all occasion cards to send to a friend or hang on your bulletin board. As always, the craft is optional but the fellowship and dessert are not!



SIMPLY CHRISTIAN
Why Christianity Makes Sense
N. T. WRIGHT

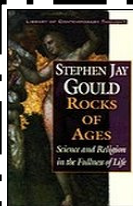
FPC Summer Sunday School Study
"Being Human"
Faith and Science Series
May-July 2016
Fellowship Hall



Noted Vanderbilt New Testament Scholar Coming to Huntsville April 15-17, 2016

Amy-Jill Levine, a self-described "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominately Christian divinity school [Vanderbilt] in the buckle of the Bible Belt" will be in Huntsville the **weekend of April 15-17, 2016**, on invitation from our Church, Church of the Nativity, and Temple B'nai Shalom. 'AJL' as she is referred to by those who have become familiar with her work and scholarship, is a world-renowned, widely published New Testament Scholar. She is particularly interested in understanding Jesus from the Jewish perspective, and in how Christians and Jews read scripture.

More information is on our bulletin boards and at our website www.fpchsv.org.



The next study by the Seminar Class (tentatively beginning April 10, but perhaps as late as April 24) will be Stephen Jay Gould's **ROCKS OF AGES: SCIENCE AND RELIGION IN THE FULLNESS OF LIFE.** Gould (he was dying of cancer when he wrote this book) was a paleontologist, and, as to religion, he was agnostic. However, he was no enemy of religion as are the current and strident atheists such as Dawkins, Harris, and the late Hitchens. He saw religion as speaking to vital moral issues beyond the purview of science. This book is highly readable, even entertaining, rich with stories and lots to think about. This is a 1999 book. Amazon has many, used, for a total of \$4.00.

PYC

Presbyterian Youth Connection meets on Sunday evening from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All youth are welcome and encouraged to come.

Mark your calendars for the Putt Putt Masters Tournament with Nativity on April 17th. Contact Amy Stucky at astucky123@me.com for more information.

Youth Sunday will be on April 24th at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

If you are interested in going on the ASP mission trip on June 12-18 (rising high school students only), please contact Jay Stowe at jstowe923@gmail.com.

LOGOS

The **LOGOS** theme for Wednesday, April 6 will be "National Tartan Day" so wear plaid. We will also have a short presentation from the Uganda mission team on their recent trip. The dinner menu is rice and beans, Cuban pork roast with red sauce, French bread, and cream of coconut cake.

Music Ministry

Handbell rehearsal will be today at 11:30 a.m. in the bell room.

Chancel Choir rehearsal is Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in the choir room.



Worship Time Change
Sunday, April 17th

8:00 a.m. - Worship Service Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service Sanctuary

FPC MINISTRY TEAM

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In case of emergency please contact the church office at 256-536-3354, ext.132.

This week at FPC:

SUNDAY, April 3rd
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

MONDAY, April 4th
9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
9:45 AM - Ladies Bible Study/LIB
12:00 PM - Monday Matinee/LIB
4:30 PM - Disciple/LIB
5:00 PM - Personnel Meeting/GBH

TUESDAY, April 5th
6:30 AM - Outback/GBH
9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
9:30 AM - Transformation Yoga/CH
6:00 PM - HMC Rehearsal/CR
6:00 PM - Outback Event/JAH
6:00 PM - Boy Scouts/GBH

WEDNESDAY, April 6th
7:00 AM - FPC Men's Bible Study/FH
9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
1:30 PM - Knitting Group/LIB
5:00 PM - LOGOS
6:00 PM - Adult Fall Bible Study/LIB
7:15 PM - Choir Rehearsal/CR

THURSDAY, April 7th
9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
9:30 AM - Disciple Bible Study/LIB
9:30 AM - Transformation Yoga
12:15 PM - AI-Anon Meeting/GBH

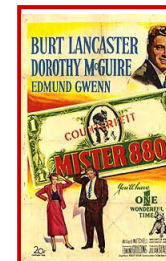
FRIDAY, April 8th
9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
SATURDAY, April 9th
7:00 AM - Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast FH

7:30 AM - Early Christians/LIB
SUNDAY, April 10th
8:00 AM - Worship Service/JAH
9:00 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN
11:30 AM - Handbell rehearsal
5:30 PM - PYC
6:00 PM - Disciple Bible Study



Lectionary Readings
April 10, 2016

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]; Psalm 30;
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19



MONDAY MATINEE FOR APRIL

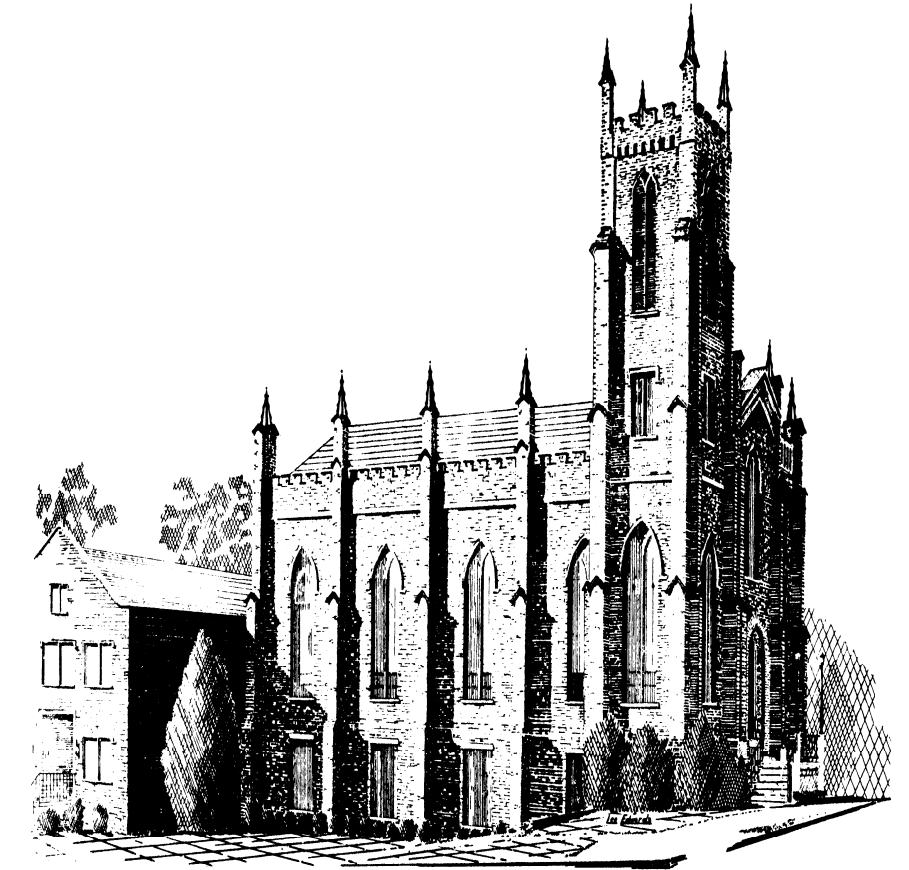
Our next movie will be tomorrow **at noon in the library.** We will be watching **Mister 880.**

Mister 880 is a gentle romantic comedy about a Secret Service Agent trying to catch a cold case counterfeiter and a United Nations translator.

Bring your bag lunch and join us!

First Presbyterian Church

Founded June 15, 1818



Second Sunday after Easter

April 3, 2016

8:00 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.

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

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