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Bicentennial Celebration



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ESTABLISHED JUNE 15, 1818

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one
that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 3:11

Welcome from the Bicentennial Committee

Dear Friends,

“Giving all glory to God” has been the vision of the Bicentennial Committee from the beginning, five years ago, of bicentennial planning. We committed to serving our Lord and our church to celebrate the gift of two hundred years in this place. We have sought to enhance the experience with music, art, service, fellowship, fun and history.

Approaching renowned composer/arranger Hal Hopson, we particularly wanted a Kyrie of our own rather than one borrowed from another denomination, and we wanted to commission a piece honoring the 200 years of First Presbyterian Huntsville that could be shared with others through time and distance. We are very pleased that Mr. Hopson arranged for choir and congregation the exhilarating hymn that we will use today for rejoicing: “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” Music unites us spiritually and emotionally as we lift our praise to our heavenly Father. To raise funds for commissioning this special music, the Chancel Choir offered a happy evening featuring a successful bake sale.

We attempted to design a banner that reflects the symbols on our paraments as well as our scriptural theme, and as Madelyn Dees Hereford, primary designer, so beautifully expressed the meaning of this piece of art,

“Our banner tells a story...I am moved by the cross and crown and its message of the King of Kings and the risen Savior. The buildings speak to me of the faithful and yet the imperfect congregations who through two hundred years have proclaimed the love poured out by our King of Kings and our risen Savior. Surely, as the chosen scripture tells us, there is only one foundation, Jesus Christ, who is our King and Savior.”

The scripture on the banner has been the theme of the bicentennial, keeping the focus on Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Service to church and community occurred throughout this year, involving many congregants who willingly gave their time and efforts to cleaning our buildings and who gave their \$200 in honor of our 200 years. Our committee set aside a tithe of our budget for local mission work.

Presbyterians are good cooks, generously sharing their culinary talents at pot-luck suppers and after-worship dinners, chili cook-offs, ice cream suppers, and gatherings. This past week the choir hosted a fun skit night, scripted by Patricia Ramirez Hacker, Sherry Jordan Smith, and Elizabeth Smelley Wright from actual choir fiascos. Gathering first for a potluck dinner, we enjoyed home-cooked salads, desserts, and vegetables and especially Thomas Wayne Miller’s brisket. We sang old hymns and laughed at the antics of choirs of old.

Needing a new FPC cookbook, we were thrilled when Paula Smith Brown and her committee of Nancy Foster Pike, Susie Shaver Harper, Sue Harper Garrison, and Betty Jo Trowbridge Thompson began collecting 200 recipes to publish a bicentennial cookbook.

Our bicentennial speakers have given us history, spirit, inspiration, information, witness, and insight into who we have been, who we are, and perhaps who we shall be. We are thankful for Marcellus George Harsh, Harriet Walker Bibb, Stanley Dagnal Rowe, Melissa Holliman Rowe, Janis Ridout Williams, Patricia Ramirez Hacker, William Schley Lummus, Jr., Roy E. McCorkle, III, Suzanne Leverett Shaver, Madelyn Dees Hereford, Judith Jamison Howard, and Robert Lull McKemie, who supplied us with moments of rich understanding.

It has been our privilege to serve our Lord in preparation for this year, acknowledging that He is our foundation. There could be no reason for this celebration today other than thanksgiving to Jesus Christ for His earthly blessings and promise of heavenly reward, for His sacrifice for us.

Thanks be to God for this church!

James Andrew Bevel
Amy Moore Cornelius

Patricia Davis Hammer, chairman
Marcellus George Harsh

Roy E. McCorkle, III
Suzanne Leverett Shaver

Bicentennial Celebration Worship

June 17, 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.

The elements of worship are brought forward as the worship hour begins. These include: lighting of candles to symbolize the light of Christ, the Bible as the Word of God, bagpipe, drums and clan banners in honor of our Scottish heritage and our denominational flag.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL

Highland Cathedral
Jim MacRae, Bagpiper

Traditional

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing joyful songs to God, our Savior.

Many: Remember the Lord, who set us free.

One: Blow the trumpets; sound the tambourines.

Many: Remember the Lord, the God of Life.

One: Celebrate this day, this 200th year of ministry and mission!

Many: Remember the Lord, who makes all things possible.

One: Let us worship Almighty God.

*OPENING PRAYER

We join the great cloud of witnesses who have confessed their sin and we remember the promises of God's redemption, and the claims God has on all human life. The assurance of God's forgiving grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ. We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, we are raised by God to new life.

*OPENING HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you - to hide our faces - to hide our sin - yet you have never hidden your love from us. We have tried to search for you - in temples, in books, on mountaintops - yet you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ. Forgive us and transform us, so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy
FPC Bicentennial Commissioned Service Music
(printed inside the back cover of your hymnal)

Hal H. Hopson

Congregation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Cantor/Choir: Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Many: Amen.

*HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory

To God Be the Glory

**Those who are able, please stand.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 23

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!
Bicentennial Commissioned Anthem

Hal Hopson

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Reproducible Congregational Page
Commissioned by First Presbyterian Church
Huntsville, Alabama
to celebrate its Bicentennial (1818-2018)
and offered to the Glory of God

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Brian Dill, 1949-2016

DARWALLS 148th
John Darwall, 1737-1789
Arranged by Hal H. Hopson

Choir: 1. Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate
the journey now and praise the Lord!

Choir: 2. Long years have come and gone,
And still God reigns supreme.
Empowering us to catch the vision,
dream the dream!

Choir: 3. Let courage be our friend,
Let wisdom be our guide.
As we in mission
magnify the Crucified!

In bold accord, come celebrate
the journey now and praise the Lord!

In bold accord, come celebrate
the journey now and praise the Lord!

Congregation

4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has tri-umph'd o'er the a-ges long!
In bold ac-cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!

Text: (c) 1989 Brian Dill Arrangement: (c) 2018 Hal H. Hopson

When the Bible has been read, its message is proclaimed in a sermon or other form of exposition of God's Word. The God who speaks in scripture speaks to us now. The God who acted in biblical history acts today. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ is present in the sermon, offering grace and calling for obedience. The proclamation of God's Word in scripture and sermon invites a response of faith. We respond in song, affirmation of faith, prayer, and offering.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-12, 16b-18

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“That Is Easy: It’s Grace”

The Rev. Glenn Wick McDonald

*Hymn 269

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lancashire

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Fanfare on LOBE DEN HERREN

arr. Mark Shepherd

*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 321

The Church’s One Foundation

Aurelia

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
David Jones, Organ

Smith

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

Please join us immediately following worship for a luncheon downstairs.

The charge renews God’s call to us to engage in obedient and grateful ministry as God’s agents to heal life’s brokenness. By the power of the Spirit, we are to be in life and ministry what Christ has redeemed us to be. God calls the church to join the mission of Christ in service to the world. As the church engages in that mission, it bears witness to God’s reign over all of life.

TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HUNTSVILLE

PASTORS

The Reverend Dr. Tara Webster Bulger
The Reverend Dr. James Wayne Roberts
The Reverend Glenn Wick McDonald

LITURGIST

Marcellus George Harsh

MUSIC

Dr. Patricia Ramirez Hacker, Director of Music

USHERS

Anne Baker Brigance
Bryce Gerald Connor
Leslie Tanner Ecklund
Andrea Holiman Gaskins
Joseph Thomas Lundy, III
Sally Edwards Troy

First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

David Jones, organ

Jim MacRae, Bagpipe
Joshua Simborsky, trumpet I
Mara Snowman, trombone I
Celeste Owens, handbells

Joe Cochran, timpani
Leah Snowman, trumpet II
Rob Manning, trombone II

Sopranos

Alicia Beam
Miriam Bolton
Karen Brown
Mary Darsey
Alice Gardner
Barbara Martin
Linda McAllister
Peggy McClure
Serena Neely
Susan Livingston
Betty Loeb
Kira Plumly
Stacy Owens
Regina Renk
Robyn Lang*
Terrie Pung*
Sally Priester*
Kelli Gilbreath*

Altos

Erin Chapman
Mary Lou Danner
Eliza Francis
Patricia Hammer
Haley Flemons
May Myer
Jan McKemie
Langley Polk
Sue Shaver
Sherry Smith
Beverly Wills
Amelia Adams*
Elsie Peterson*
Stacey Kelley*
Bonny Gierhart*
Rebecca Pears*

Tenors

John Crisler
Woodward Howard
Gabriel Irby
David Jones
David Caine*
Jeanne McKenzie*
Greg Wright*
Rosemarie
Juergensen*

Basses

Willie Anderson
Clinton Garrison
Morris Hammer
Jeff Hyatt
Bob McKemie
Tom Miller
Allen Polk
Ed Willis
George Fletcher*
Tim Miller*
Mark Russell*

*Huntsville Master Chorale

FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Edwin Shaver, Sr. by Susie & Tommy Harper, and Sue & John Shaver.

The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Hugh N. Thompson and son, Michael J. Thompson by Mrs. Betty T. Thompson.

The flowers in the narthex this morning are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Bicentennial Committee by Patricia Hammer.

BICENTENNIAL WINDOW FLOWERS

Given by Eleanor & George Harsh in memory of Mary & Howard Sweatt, and Dorothy & Marcellus Harsh.

Given by Jan & Bob McKemie in memory of their parents, Ida Belle & Herman McKemie, and Mildred & James Lilienkamp.

Given by Paula & David Hatch in memory of Annabell Aust.

Given by Ella & Alex Yi in honor of the Bicentennial.

Given by Patricia Hacker in honor of the FPC Chancel Choir for their dedication and service to the Glory of God.

Given by Jan & Chuck Hooker in memory of their parents, Ouida & J. C. Foxhall, and Anna & Edwin Hooker.

Given by Jack Connor, Ashley & Bryce Connor, Linda Woodward, Austin and Connor Howard in memory of Jan Connor and Scott Connor.

Given by Joanne & Lou Horn in memory of their son, Joseph Faust Horn.

Given by Mary Margaret Cofield in memory of Margaret & Frank Neely.

Given by Leslie & Fred Ecklund, and Alice Hinshaw Tanner in memory of Gertrude & Howard Hinshaw.

Given by Amy & Steve Cornelius in memory of Gwen & Hubert Williams.

Given by Nan & John McBride in honor of the Bicentennial.

Processional

Light - Ryann Katherine Bulger

Bible - Harper Grace Watson

Cross - Davis Ryan Parker

Banners

Bicentennial Banner

Presbyterian Flag

Clan Abernethy Sebt of Leslie - for the Abernethy Family

Clan Armstrong - for the Shaver, Harper Parker and Watson Families

Clan Bates - for the Bates Family

Clan Buchanan - for the Martinson Family

Clan Campbell - for the Troy /Stucky Family

Clan Fraser - for the McKemie - Miree Family

Clan Galloway - for the Galloway Family

Clan Grant - for the Rowe Family

Clan Gray - for the Bates Family

Clan McBride/ McDonald - for the McBride Family

Clan MacLaren - for the Brown Family

Clan Murray - for the Murray Family

Clan Steward - for the Brown Family

Clan Wallace - for the Hammer and Recio Family

Clan Weymss - for the Weems - Hudson Family

Flag and Banner Bearers: Damon Lee Abernethy, Elliott Lee Abernethy, Mary Gamble Adams, Daniel Richerson Bryant, Charles Howard Bozeman, Leigh Brown, Brian Clayton, Charles Stephen Cornelius, Sheila Haynes Fogle, Doyle David Galloway, Louis Giles Horn, III, Horace Woodward Howard, III, William Schley Lummus, Jr., Karen Kolyer Madison, Roy E. McCorkle, III, Robert Lull McKemie, James Ryan Parker, Marshall Tufts Schreeder, Jr., and John Andrew Watson, III.

LEADERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RULING ELDERS

CLASS OF 2018

Daniel Richerson Bryant
Doyle David Galloway
Victoria Fuller Goodwin
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

MINISTRY TEAM AND STAFF

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2018 Bicentennial Speakers

Harriet Walker Bibb
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Roy E. McCorkle, III
Robert Lull McKemie
Melissa Holliman Rowe
Stanley Dagnal Rowe
Suzanne Leverett Shaver
Janis Ridout Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

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 Peggy Galloway. Mrs. Galloway is available to answer questions about First Presbyterian Church, our programs, or finding locations within our building.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mission of the Month

Good Samaritans of Huntsville

Good Samaritans is a Christian non-profit organization providing help and hope for the homeless and less fortunate to become self-sufficient. See the Information Board to learn how you can support this ministry and volunteer for June 22 and June 23 below:

June 22, 9:00 a.m. - Kitchen

Mission of the Month Work Day - Info and sign-up at the Bulletin Board.

June 23, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Laundry Day at Super Kleen - Info and sign-up at the Bulletin Board.

(We are also collecting monetary donations to pay for the laundry day. Donations can be made through the church office or through the envelopes in the pew racks)

June 24, 11:30 a.m. - Library

Haiti Mission Informational Meeting

June 24, 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

New Member Reception

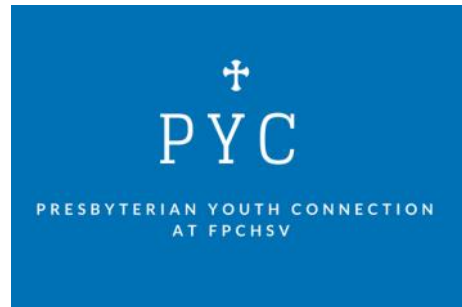
Vacation Bible School

ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE!

June 25-28, 9:00-12:00

Ages Rising Pre-Kindergarten – 5th Grade
REGISTER ONLINE NOW! Just visit our website, fpchsv.org, and click on the VBS slide.

Visit our website to view the calendar: fpchsv.org



June:

17th - NO PYC // Bicentennial

24th - PYC @ 5-7pm

28th-Lunch at noon

July:

No Sunday School in July

1st: PYC @ 5-7 pm

2nd: Mission Monday at 9 am

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



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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.

Prayer Requests for Week of June 17, 2018

Church Members:

- Ann Allen
- 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
- Ed Walker
- Alsie Waller

Friends and Family:

- Colleen Bolton - Daughter-in-law of Bill and Miriam Bolton
- Becky DeWees - Sister of Tish Hammer
- Dunar Family - Friends 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
- John Leisenring, father of Colleen Leisenring Bolton - Daughter-in-law of Bill and Miriam Bolton
- Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith
- Kevin McCarley - Brother of Roy McCorkle
- 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:

- Elissa Green (Brookdale Hampton Cove)
- Jeanette Hollis (Harbor Chase)
- Theresa Miller (Redstone Village)
- 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.

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.



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