

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 Peggy Galloway. Ms. Galloway 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.: Jessie Guthrie, Drew and Leslie Lockhart; 10:30 a.m.: Karen Clayton, Joe and Nancy Lundy, Jane McBride, and Fred Stucky.

The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Channing & James Deloach on the event of their marriage on March 31, 2018, by her grandmother, Sue Garrison.

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.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, April 2, 2018 for Easter Holiday. It will reopen on Tuesday, April 3 at 8:00 a.m.



Sympathy of the Congregation is expressed to Peggy Galloway on the death of her brother,

Markes Little

The Galloway's mailing address is:
478 Brenda Drive
Madison, AL 35758

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



PW Circles
will meet
Monday, April 9

Circle 1 - 10:00 a.m., meet at the Gideon Blackburn House.
Circle 2 - 10:00 a.m., hosted by Peggy Galloway, 478 Brenda Dr., Madison
Circle 3 - 6:30 p.m. in the Carriage House.



North Alabama Presbytery
Presbyterian Women's Spring
Gathering
First Presbyterian Church
Huntsville
April 16, 2018 - 9:30-1:00
All Women Are Invited to
Attend

Southern Ladies Tea for all Ages
April 28, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Gideon Blackburn House
Presented by the PW of FPC
Sign-up at the bulletin board by
April 15



March/April:

1st - NO PYC//Easter Sunday
8th - PYC @ 5-7pm//and I will ALWAYS love you"
15th - PYC @ 5-7pm//H.O.P.E.
22nd - PYC @ 5-7pm//Earth Day
29th - Putt Putt Masters with Nativity Youth (more info to come!!)



Many thanks to David Jones, piano; Joshua Symborski, trumpet I; Leah Snowman, trumpet II; Steve Fisher, trombone I; Mara Manning, trombone II; Patrick Sullivan, tuba; Sarah Shifrin, horn; Joe Cochran, percussion.

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 - April 1, 2018 EASTER SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION
8:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN

MONDAY - April 2, 2018 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 AM - FF Preschool
TUESDAY - April 3, 2018

9:00 AM - FF Preschool
12:00 PM - Personnel Mtng/LIB

5:30 PM - Worship Mtng/LIB
6:30 PM - Boy Scouts 633

6:30 PM - HMC Rehearsal/CR
WEDNESDAY - April 4, 2018

9:00 AM - FF Preschool
9:30 AM - Disciple 1/LIB

1:30 PM - Prayer Shawl Ministry/LIB
4:30 PM - BIC Mtng/Study

6:00 PM - Gather Cluster Mtng/LIB
7:15 PM - Chancel Choir Practice/CR

THURSDAY - April 5, 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 - April 6, 2018

9:00 AM - FF Preschool
SATURDAY - April 7, 2018

7:00 AM - Scout Pancake Fundraiser/FH
7:30 AM - Early Christians Study Grp/LIB

SUNDAY - April 8, 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/FH

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)

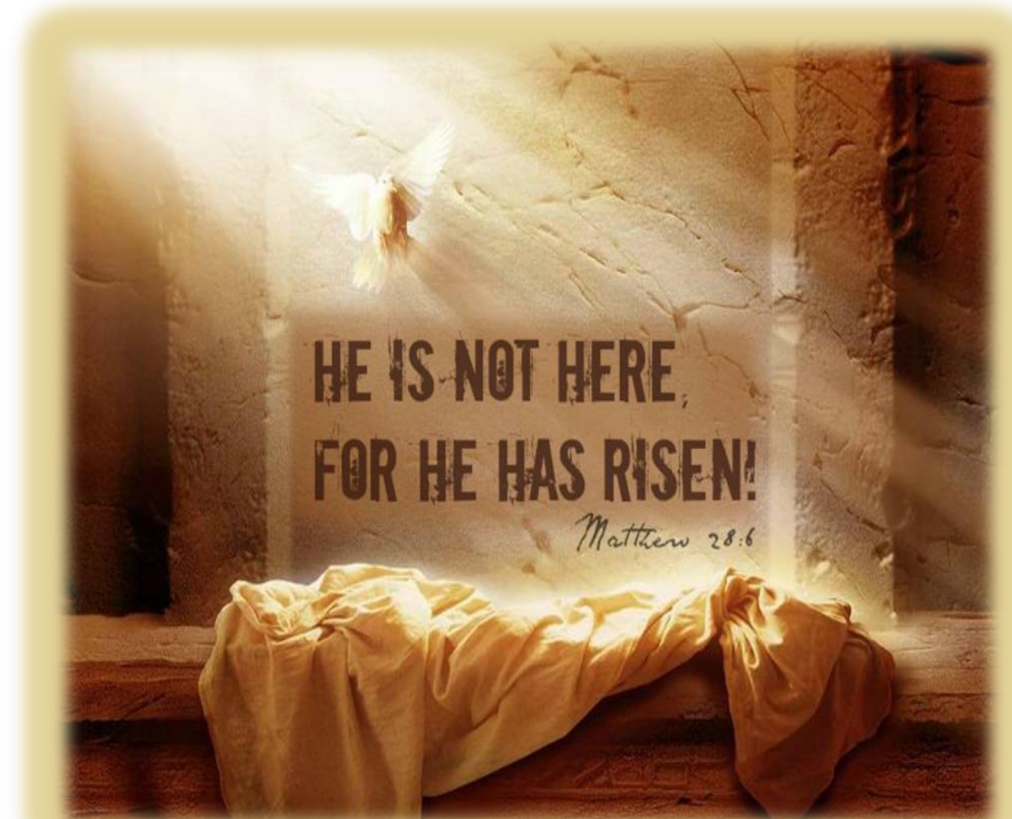


Lectionary Readings April 8

Act 4:32-35; Psalm 133;
1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

First Presbyterian Church

Founded June 15, 1818



Easter Sunday

Resurrection of the Lord

April 1, 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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Who: Pre K - Sixth graders
When: Friday, April 13, 2018
5:30 - 8:00 pm
Where: Fellowship Hall
Sign-up at the bulletin board.



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 *Fanfare on Coronation* Oliver Holden
David Jones and Brass Quintet arr. Mark Shepperd

Welcome and Announcements

Bicentennial Minute Peggy Galloway

***Choral Introit** *Thine Be The Glory* G. F. Handel

Congregation and Choir

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave- clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

Choir Only

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let His church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hast lost its sting, glory,
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!
Thine be the glory, Risen, conquering Son!*

Congregation and Choir

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!*

Choir Only

Thine be the glory! Thine be the glory! Thine be the glory! Amen!

*Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: In joy, in gratitude, humbled by the miracle of this day, let us worship **God!**

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn 232** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

Prayer of Confession

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen. (silence for reflection)

**Stand as you are able.*

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: By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation. You shall not die but live. The rejected cornerstone has become our strength and our song. I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, who lives and reigns with us all, now and forever. Amen.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen

***Hymn 826** *Lift High the Cross* (verses 1, 3, 4) CRUCIFER

*The Passing of the Peace (8:30)

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-9 pew Bible, OT, pg. 652
pew Bible (large print), OT, pg. 798
(10:30) Alex Yi

Anthem *Fanfare and Canticle for Easter Day* Benjamin Harlan
Chancel Choir, Congregation, and Brass Quartet

Choir Only

*Christ is risen, alleluia!
Christ the Lord is risen from the dead!
Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease.
In God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.*

Choir and Congregation

***O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived.
O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament,
Know with Thee, O God Immortal, Jesus Christ whom Thou has sent!***

Choir Only

Alleluia!

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.*

Second Reading - John 20:1-18 pew Bible, NT, pg. 114
pew Bible (large print), NT, pg. 140

Sermon *"The Only Response"* The Rev. Tara W. Bulger

Respond To God's Word

***Hymn 233** *The Day of Resurrection!* LANCASHIRE

***Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical) Hymnal Page 34

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.

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

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Kingsfold* arr. David Marlatt
Brass Quintet

***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 246** *Christ is Alive!* (verses 1, 2, 5) TRURO
At this time, we invite the congregation to come forward and join the choir in singing The Hallelujah Chorus.

*Benediction

***Choral Response** *Hallelujah Chorus* G. F. Handel
Chancel Choir with Brass

***Postlude** *Jesus Shall Reign* Isaac Watts
David Jones, 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, **Reggie Miree**; 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; 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; Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith; Kevin McCarley - Brother of Roy McCorkle; **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.

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).