

Assemble in God's Name

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

Prelude *Liebster Jesu* Johann S. Bach
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Bell

Choral Introit (10:30) *Take My Life* HENDON
Chancel Choir arr. Allan Robert Petker

***Call to Worship** Liturgist: Roy McCorkle (8:00); Connor Howard (10:30)

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

People: The journey begins in the wilderness.

Leader: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

People: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

People: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

*Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn 84** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* RATHBUN

Prayer of Confession

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. 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 341** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* ASSURANCE

***Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.***

***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

Old Testament Lesson - Deuteronomy 26:1-11 pew Bible, OT, p. 180
pew Bible (large print), OT, p. 226

Anthem *For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth:* G. F. Handel
The People That Walked in Darkness from Messiah
Tyler Henderson, baritone (8:00)

Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love Gabriel Fauré
Chancel Choir (10:30)

Time for Young Disciples (10:30) 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 - Luke 4:1-13 pew Bible, NT, p. 61
pew Bible (large print), NT, p. 74

***Hymn 81** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

Sermon "Defining Moments" Dr. Cary Speaker

Respond To God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (*Traditional*) Hymnal Page 14

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.

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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 God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Adagio Sostenuto* Ludwig Van Beethoven
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ (8:00)

For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth: G. F. Handel
The People That Walked in Darkness from Messiah
Tyler Henderson, baritone (10:30)

***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**

***Closing Hymn 85** *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** (10:30) *A Blessing* Martin Shaw

***Postlude** *The Heavens Are Telling* Franz J. Haydn
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

(Names in bold type indicate new prayer concerns.)

Members Anne Boles Cay Lambert
J R Howard Lorinne Lilly
Sage Lyons, III Steven Jones
Sanders Pair Anne Speake

Others Sally Benton - Friend of Peggy Galloway
Stormy Dovers - Friend of Tom and Sharon Hudson
Gloria Hyatt - Mother of Jeff Hyatt
Gay Le Jeune - Friend of Peggy Galloway
Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith
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
Jean Weatherly - Mother of Charlotte Wessel
Tom Wilson - Father of Elaine Stowe

Specialty Care Annabell Aust - Regency Village
Mildred Branson - Brookdale Place
Kathleen James - Redstone 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

TO ADD NAMES TO THE PRAYER AND CARE LIST FOR 6 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. 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!

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, 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.


Ushers serving this morning: 8:00 a.m. - Libby Brown and Bruce Williams; 10:30 a.m. - Karen Clayton, June Guyne, Sally Troy and Leslie Ecklund.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Robert and Genie Miller on the occasion of their birthdays by John and Martha Collins.

Our food pantry needs the following items: canned meat, canned vegetables, canned fruit, boxes of instant potatoes, Bisquick, cornbread mix, ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, tea bags and kool aid. No glass containers, please.



Our Annual Chili Cook-off will be Friday, March 4th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come and see who goes home with this year's bragging rights. Please sign up on the bulletin board.



Lectionary Readings February 21st, 2016
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35



Please join the women of First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, for World Day of Prayer Friday, March 4, 2016 10:00 am—2:00 pm Gideon Blackburn House

Guest Speaker: Rev. Marçaret Davis

The women of Cuba have planned lessons on the theme "Receive Children, Receive Me."



Mark your calendar for a Mother and Daughter Day Retreat scheduled for Sunday, February 28th. Mothers and daughters in the sixth through twelfth grade are invited to spend a day of fellowship, fun and study with Mary Cady Bolin of Nashville, visiting hospital chaplain and full time mother of two daughters. Contact Amy Stucky for questions or to sign up at 256-653-9100.



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-known widely published New Testament Scholar. She is particularly interested in understanding Jesus from the Jewish perspective and how Christians and Jews read scripture.

Stephen Ministers Are There to Care



Are you going through a difficult time – emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer alone.

Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing.

To find out more, talk with: Dr. Cary Speaker, Doug Madison, or Jill Chappell. Contact the church office to schedule an appointment.

PYC

Presbyterian Youth Connection (PYC) will meet tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

First Friends

First Friends Registration 2016-2017: Registration for the community begins Feb. 15th. Registration forms are available in the church office. Contact Lacey Guthrie with questions or if you need more information.

LOGOS

The LOGOS theme on Wednesday, February 17th will be "Tacky Sweater/ Mismatch Night" so wear tacky mismatched clothes.

Music Ministry

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

Hand bells will rehearse today at 11:30 a.m. in the Bells room.

We need volunteers from the balcony to help with videotaping of our 10:30 a.m. worship service. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Patricia Hacker.

We invite you to a Taizé service this evening at 5:00 p.m. in the John Allen Hall of the Gideon Blackburn House.

FPC MINISTRY TEAM

- Evelyn Carter, Sexton
- Dr. Frank Contreras, *Organist*
- Ruth Erwin, *Business Administrator* *rerwin@fpchsv.org Ext. 121*
- Quentin Fitzpatrick, Sexton
- Lacey Guthrie, *First Friends Preschool Director* *ffdirector@fpchsv.org Ext. 128*
- Dr. Patricia Hacker, *Director of Music* *phacker@fpchsv.org Ext. 126*
- Taffy Matheny, *Church Accountant* *tmatheny@fpchsv.org Ext. 136*
- Rev. Rosemary McMahan, *Interim Assoc. Pastor* *rmcmahan@fpchsv.org Ext. 127*
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- Mary Beth Taylor, *Receptionist/Secretary* *mtaylor@fpchsv.org Ext. 130*

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

This week at FPC:

- SUNDAY, February 14th**
 - 8:00 AM - Worship Service/JAH
 - 9:00 AM - Sunday School
 - 10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN
 - 11:30 AM - Hand bell rehearsal/BR
 - 5:00 PM - Taize Service/JAH
 - 5:30 PM - PYC
 - 6:00 PM - Disciple Bible Study/LIB
- MONDAY, February 15th**
 - 9:00 AM - No First Friends Preschool
 - 9:00 AM - Hope for Haiti/FH
 - 9:45 AM - Women's Bible Study/LIB
 - 4:30 PM - Disciple/LIB
- TUESDAY, February 16th**
 - 6:30 AM - Outback/GBH
 - 9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
 - 9:00 AM - Vine Special/GBH upstairs
 - 5:30 PM - Worship Committee/FH
 - 6:00 PM - HMC Rehearsal/CR
 - 6:30 PM - Boy Scouts 633
- WEDNESDAY, February 17th**
 - 7:00 AM - FPC Men's Bible Study/FH
 - 9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
 - 5:00 PM - LOGOS
 - 6:00 PM - Adult Fall Bible Study/LIB
 - 7:15 PM - Choir Rehearsal/CR
- THURSDAY, February 18th**
 - 9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
 - 9:30 AM - Disciple 3 Class/LIB
 - 12:15 PM - Al-Anon Meeting/GBH
- FRIDAY, February 19th**
 - 9:00 AM - First Friends
- SATURDAY, February 20th**
 - 7:30 AM - Early Christians/LIB
- SUNDAY, February 21st**
- BOY SCOUTS SUNDAY**
 - 8:00 AM - Worship Service/JAH
 - 9:00 AM - Sunday School
 - 10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN
 - 11:30 AM - Hand bell rehearsal/BR
 - 5:00 PM - Taize Service/JAH
 - 5:30 PM - PYC
 - 6:00 PM - Disciple Bible Study/LIB



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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Presbyterian Church

Founded June 15, 1818



First Sunday in Lent

February 14th, 2016

8:00/10:30 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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