

Assemble in God's Name

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

Prelude *I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ* J. S. Bach
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Bell (10:30) Brandon Conrad, Sr. Patrol Leader

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

***Call to Worship** Liturgist: Fritz Gant (8:00); Sam Schultz, Patrol Leader (10:30)

Leader: The psalmist sings, One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple. Sisters and brothers, God is good, and in love and mercy greets us here.

*Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn 263** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

Prayer of Confession David Smith, Scout Master

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. 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

Prayer for Illumination Harrison Smith, Eagle (10:30)

Old Testament Lesson - Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 pew Bible, OT, p. 12
pew Bible (large print), OT, p. 14
Reader: Michael Nolin, Eagle (10:30)

Anthem *God of Abraham from Elijah* F. Mendelssohn
Joseph Getfield, baritone (8:00)

In Thee, O Lord F.J. Haydn
Chancel Choir (10:30)

Time for Young Disciples (10:30) Lacey Guthrie

*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 13:31-35 pew Bible, NT, p. 77
pew Bible (large print), NT, p. 93

***Hymn 333** *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

Sermon "Jerusalem, Jerusalem" Dr. Cary Speaker

Respond To God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** (8:00) The Apostles' Creed Rev. Rosemary McMahan

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

***Litany of Response (Based on the Scout Law) - see insert** (10:30)

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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 *Meditation* Jules Massenet
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ (8:00)

God of Abraham from Elijah F. Mendelssohn
Joseph Getfield, 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 438** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude** *O Bless the Lord, My Soul* Albert Beck
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
Alex Jordan - Nephew of Sherry Smith
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 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 Request 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!

**Stand as you are able.*

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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.

We celebrate our Boy Scout Troop #633 this morning during our 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Ushers serving this morning: 8:00 a.m. - Libby Brown and Marshall Corlew; 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 our Boy Scout Troop #633 by Lori and David Smith.

ATTENTION PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Our quarterly gathering is scheduled for Monday, March 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall starting with a Coffee Hour hosted by Circle 1. An interesting program by Ron Wicks on Antique Bibles, with examples, and history of the Bible should make ALL women want to attend. Circles will meet the second Monday, March 14. Circle 2 will meet with Idajo Daughtry and all other circles will meet at the church at their regular times. Mark your calendars now.



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.




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 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.

Many thanks to Joseph Getfield for the beautiful music that he provided during our worship services this morning.

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



Lectionary Readings February 28th, 2016

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13-19

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, 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 - Taizé Service/JAH
 5:30 PM - PYC
 6:00 PM - Disciple Bible Study/LIB

MONDAY, February 22nd
 9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
 9:45 AM - Women's Bible Study/LIB
 4:30 PM - Disciple/LIB
 5:30 PM - Stephen Ministry Meeting/SMR

TUESDAY, February 23rd
 6:30 AM - Outback/GBH
 9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
 6:00 PM - HMC Rehearsal/CR
 6:00 PM - Outback Evening Meeting/GBH
 6:30 PM - Boy Scouts 633
 7:00 PM - Share Cluster Meeting/FH

WEDNESDAY, February 24th
 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 25th
 9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
 9:30 AM - Disciple 3 Class/LIB
 12:15 PM - Al-Anon Meeting/GBH

FRIDAY, February 26th
 9:00 AM - First Friends

SATURDAY, February 27th
 7:30 AM - Early Christians/LIB

SUNDAY, February 28th
 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 - Taizé Service/JAH
 5:30 PM - PYC
 6:00 PM - Disciple Bible Study/LIB



FPC Summer Sunday School Study

"Being Human"

Faith and Science Series

May-July 2016 Fellowship Hall



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent

IN LENT

Second Sunday in Lent
 February 21st, 2016
 8:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 10:30 a.m. - Boy Scout Sunday

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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