

Assemble in God's Name

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

Prelude *Meditation, G major* Dom Paul Benoit
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission George Van Kirk

Chiming of the Bell (10:30)

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

***Call to Worship** Rev. Rosemary McMahan

Leader: Everyone who thirsts:

People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Leader: All who are hungry for righteousness:

People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Leader: All who need the help of God:

People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

*Opening Prayer

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

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessings, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. 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 298** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

*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 - Isaiah 55:1-19 pew Bible, OT, p. 685
pew Bible (large print), OT, p. 839
Readers: Bill Chappell (8:00); Stephanie Hyatt (10:30)

**Stand as you are able.*

Anthem *This We Pray* Jay Althouse
Barbara Martin, soprano (8:00)

Adoration Felix Borowski
Barbara Poularikas, violin/Frank Contreras, piano (10:30)

Time for Young Disciples (10:30) Jay Stowe
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: 1-9 pew Bible, NT, p. 76
pew Bible (large print), NT, p. 92

***Hymn** *Ancient Words* ANCIENT WORDS
(see insert)

Sermon "When Bad Things Happen" Dr. Cary Speaker

Respond To God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed 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 *Andante Favori* Ludwig Van Beethoven
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ (8:00)

Träumerei Robert Schumann
Barbara Paularikas, violin/Frank Contreras, piano (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 282** *If Thou But Trust In God to Guide Thee* WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*Benediction

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

***Postlude** *Divertissement, G minor* Dom Paul Benoit
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Friends & Relatives: Sally Benton - Friend of Peggy Galloway; Stormy Dovers - Friend of Tom and Sharon Hudson; **Samson Gamble - Great nephew of Mary Adams;** 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.

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: Good Samaritans; The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; The Presbyterian Home for Children; Second Mile Preschool and the CUPS program.

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!



TAIZÉ LENTEN SERVICE

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
5:00 P.M.**

JOHN ALLAN HALL

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.

Ushers serving this morning: 8:00 a.m. - Libby Brown and Marshall Corlew; 10:30 a.m. - Karen Clayton, June Guyne, Sally Troy and Gene Beam.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME BEGINS**
MARCH 13, 2016
2:00 A.M.
Time to Spring Ahead



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. Margaret Davis

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

Signup at the bulletin board. Deadline is February 29th.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Jane Dickson

November 19, 1925 - February 11, 2016



With Deepest Sympathy

Sympathy of the Congregation is expressed to Libby Smith on the death of her grandfather, James Thomas McCulloch, Jr. Libby's mailing address is 724 Owens Drive, SE, HSV (01).

WELCOME New Members

Anne Brigrance

100 Westbury Drive SW
Huntsville, AL 35802

Brian and JoAnna Peoples

6440 Midtowne Lane NW
Huntsville, AL 35806



**CHILI
COOK-OFF**

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



Lectionary Readings
March 6th, 2016

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-3

Stewardship REPORT

Thank you to all the faithful First Presbyterian families who have made a financial commitment to the church for 2016.

If you have not yet pledged, there is still time!

As of February 22nd, we have \$676,592.00 in pledges.

Your pledge makes all the difference in how our missions are carried out.

FPC Stewardship Ministry

PYC

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

First Friends

First Friends Registration for the 2016-2017 school year continues. 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, March 2 will be "Read Across America/Dr. Seuss Day" so bring a used book you own and trade it for another.

Music Ministry

Chancel Choir rehearsal is Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir room.

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

Many thanks to Barbara Martin for the beautiful music that she provided during our worship services this morning.

Many thanks to Barbara Poularikas, violin, and Frank Contreras, piano, for the beautiful music that they provided during our worship services this morning. They will have a recital on Sunday, May 8th beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the John Allan Hall of the Gideon Blackburn House. Mark your calendar!



CAT IS COMING...

FPC MINISTRY TEAM

Evelyn Carter, Sexton
Dr. Frank Contreras, Organist
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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 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

MONDAY, February 29th

9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
9:45 AM - Women's Bible Study/LIB
4:30 PM - Disciple/LIB

TUESDAY, March 1st

6:30 AM - Outback/GBH
9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
9:30 AM - Transformation Yoga/CH
6:00 PM - HMC Rehearsal/CR
6:30 PM - Boy Scouts 633

WEDNESDAY, March 2nd

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

THURSDAY, March 3rd

9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
9:30 AM - Disciple 3 Class/LIB
9:30 AM - Transformation Yoga/CH
12:15 PM - Al-Anon Meeting/GBH

FRIDAY, March 4th

9:00 AM - First Friends
10:00 AM - World Day of Prayer/JAH
6:00 PM - Chili Cook-off/FH

SATURDAY, March 5th

7:30 AM - Early Christians/LIB

SUNDAY, March 6th

HOLY COMMUNION

8:00 AM - Worship Service/JAH
9:00 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN
11:30 AM - Hand bell rehearsal/BR
3:00 PM - Reunion Group/FH
5:00 PM - Taizé Service/JAH
5:30 PM - PYC
6:00 PM - Disciple Bible Study/LIB



The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed next Sunday, March 6th at all worship services.



Transformation Yoga

Yoga from a Christian Perspective

Tuesdays and Thursdays
Carriage House

Taught by Lori Smith

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Basic Level
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Gentle

First Presbyterian Church

Founded June 15, 1818



Third Sunday in Lent

February 28th, 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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