

Assemble in God’s Name

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

Prelude *Hymn of Adoration* F. Correa de Araujo
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Bell

***Choral Introit** (10:30) *I Will Sing to the Lord* Karle Erickson
Chancel Choir

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

Leader: We are children of God, learning to walk.

People: Day by day, we are learning to be the church.

Leader: God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk.

People: God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.

*Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn 423** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

Prayer of Confession

Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways on account of your love for us. Yet we do not always follow your call; we turn away from you and go our own way. Forgive us, and return us to our rightful home in you, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Hear now our silent confession . . .

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

***Hymn 391** *Take My Life* HENDON

*The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Proclaim God’s Word

First Lesson - Hosea 11: 1-11 pew Bible, NT, p. 842
pew Bible (large print), NT, p. 1032
Readers: Bill Chappell (8:30); Eric Adams (10:30)

Anthem *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending with
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Richard Hillert
Arr. Mary K. Sallee
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano (8:30)

Our Hope, Our Life (Psalm 49) O WALY WALY
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.

Second Lesson - Luke 12: 13-21 pew Bible, NT, p. 74
pew Bible (large print), NT, p. 90

***Hymn 422** (10:30) *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

Sermon “Money Matters” Dr. Cary Speaker

Respond To God’s Word

***Affirmation of Faith** - The Belhar Confession

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that the church must stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

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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 *Pasacalles* Juan de Cabanilles
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ

***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

***Choral Benediction** *Go Forth for God* Kenneth Dake
Chancel Choir

***Postlude** *Sonata, D flat major* Antonio Soler
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ

**AND NOW WE INVOKE OUR MISSION STATEMENT AS WE LEAVE:
Having been drawn into Community and nurtured by God’s Word, we are called into the world.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members: Anne Boles, John Clark, Lillian Cowart, J. R. Howard, Steven Jones, Pat Kyser; Cay Lambert, Susan Lewis, Lorinne Lilly, Sage Lyons, III, Lonnie McCormick and Sanders Pair.

Friends & Relatives: Elizabeth Haynes - Mother of Sheila Fogle; Gloria Hyatt - Mother of Jeff Hyatt; Gay LeJeune - Friend of Peggy and David Galloway; Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith; Jay Mortimer - Neighbor of Serena Neely; Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely; Patricia Smith - Mother of David Smith; Avery Grace Tincher (Daughter of Michael and Lindsey Beth Tincher, Granddaughter of Ann and Steve Tincher, and Great-granddaughter of Marlyn and Hoyt Harris); Tom Wilson - Father of Elaine Stowe.

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care: Annabell Aust (Regency 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).

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: Appalachia Service Project (ASP); Good Samaritans; The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; The Presbyterian Home for Children; Second Mile Preschool, and the CUP program.

We pray for the departed: Chris Gattis - Son of Jerry and Carlotta Gattis; Dean Y. Matthews - Former member of FPC; Jane Estes Bailey - wife of the late Rev. Donald B. Bailey, Sr. (former pastor at FPC), and the mother of Harald Bailey; Helen Bechtold Cotney - Mother of Carol A. Cotney.

The History of “The Belhar Confession”

The Belhar Confession was written in 1986 by the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa as a challenge to apartheid. The Belhar Confession arose out of the South African Reformed community whose leaders were oppressed because of their race and imprisoned for their resistance to their nation’s legally mandated system of apartheid. Apartheid was a strict segregation of people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds. The “mother church” of European immigrants had divided the Reformed Christians of South Africa into four distinct churches according to the system of apartheid: one for descendants of white colonials, one for black Africans, one for those of mixed race (the church that produced the Belhar Confession), and one for descendants of Asian immigrants. The mother church taught that apartheid was justified on the basis of Scripture. In 1982 the World Alliance of Reformed Churches declared that reading of Scripture to be heretical. The Belhar Confession was written to provide a strikingly different Biblical view. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has voted through its presbyteries to add the Confession of Belhar to *The Book of Confessions*. The 222nd General Assembly (2016) approved Belhar (June 18-25, 2016) and it will now be added to *The Book of Confessions*. (***First Presbyterian will use this confession during the summer.***)

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. Also please do not take flash photographs during services.

Please sign in: The folders will be passed during the announcements.

Looking for a Church home? Please speak with Dr. Speaker, Rev. McMahan, or the "Ask Me" person standing at the front of the sanctuary.

Ushers serving this morning: 8:30 a.m.: Elaine Stowe and Lucinda Schreeder; 10:30 a.m.: Dave Goodwin, Mary Adams, Eric Adams and Andi Gaskins.

The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Alice Tanner on the occasion of her 80th birthday by Fred and Leslie Ecklund.

The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Grace Stucky on the occasion of her 12th birthday by Fred, Amy, Caroline, and Margaret Stucky.

Transformation Yoga will resume on August 2.

Celebrate the end of summer with your church family. Join us the weekend of August 19th—21st at Maranatha. Signup at the bulletin board. Contact Bo Lundy at ilundyjr@knology.net if you have any questions.



With Deepest Sympathy

Sympathy of the Congregation is expressed to Jerry and Carlotta Gattis on the death of their son, Chris Gattis. The Gattis' mailing address is 102 Morland Pointe, Huntsville, AL 35824.

Sympathy of the Congregation is expressed to Harald Bailey on the death of his mother, Jane Estes Bailey. Harald's mailing address is 1822 Mountainbrook Drive, HSV (01).

Sympathy of the Congregation is expressed to Carol Cotney on the death of her mother, Helen Bechtold Cotney. Carol's mailing address is P. O. Box 4653, HSV (15).



Our Summer Adult Bible study "On Being Human: Faith and Science Conversations" continues this morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This week we will be studying ethics case study on "Pregnancy and Genetic Testing/Genetic Matching for Congenital Disorders."



New! Be an "Ask Me" person. An "Ask Me" person is someone who knows FPC well enough to answer any general questions a newcomer might have. All that is required is the ability to stay 5-10 minutes after worship at either the 8:30 or 10:30 service. If you are willing to be part of hospitality at FPC, please contact Pastor Rosemary at rmcmahan@fpchsv.org or Karen Brown at karenclintonbrown@gmail.com. You'll even get a button!



Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday, August 7, at the 10:30 service. All teachers and students are invited to bring a briefcase, laptop, or backpack to be blessed.



Lectionary Readings August 7, 2016

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20; Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23; Hebrew 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40



August Fellowship Supper

Please attend the August 10 Fellowship Dinner at 5:45. At 6:30 PM, the program will include a town hall type forum on "The State of the Church." A Commissioner from General Assembly will be present, and we will also hear reports from the Pastor Nominating Committee, Cary, and Rosemary. Please sign up on the board. The menu is Houston Matthew's chicken, mac-n-cheese, vegetables, and a cookie.



Wed Nite Live is on its way! Mark your calendars now for Sept. 14, the kick-off of our intergenerational ministry. Parent Orientation for 2 year old through sixth grade will be held following worship on August 7 and again from 6-7 PM on Wed, August 17. Adult classes and more information can be found on the web site under "Ministries."



Sunday School will meet at our regular time. PYC is tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be a meeting for the Haiti Youth Mission trip on Sunday, August 7, at 11:30 am, in the Library for students in high school and college. Contact Bo Lundy, 256-426-6111 for more information.

We need more adult volunteers for the Fall! You do not need to be a parent of FPC Youth to help out. Volunteering is easy and we will work with your schedule. Call or email Jim today to sign up!

Music Ministry

Many thanks to Sarah Shiffrin for leading us in worship today while Dr. Hacker is on vacation.

If you would like to join the choir, this is the perfect time. Rehearsals for the Fall and Christmas Season is every Wednesday starting at 7:15 p.m. in the choir room. Please join us.

Hand bell rehearsals will begin on August 14 from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We welcome ages 10 years old to adult. If you would like to be a part of this group, please contact Dr. Hacker.

Many thanks for all of the generous donations that the music ministry has recently received. These gifts have made it possible for us to purchase the new "Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal." We are grateful for your generosity in making this purchase possible.

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, July 31st

8:30 AM - Worship Service/JAH
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN
5:30 PM - PYC/FH

MONDAY, August 1st

5:00 PM - Personnel Committee/GBH
5:30 PM - First Friends Board Meeting/CE

TUESDAY, August 2nd

6:15 AM - Outback/GBH
9:30 AM - Transformation Yoga/CH
5:30 PM - Worship Cluster/LIB
5:30 PM - Youth Committee/CE
6:00 PM - HMC Auditions/CR
6:30 PM - Boy Scouts/GBH

WEDNESDAY, August 3rd

7:00 AM - FPC Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM - FF Teachers Meeting/FH
7:15 PM - Chancel Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, August 4th

9:30 AM - Transformation Yoga
11:00 AM - FPC Prayer Group/Rm 23
12:15 PM - AI-Anon Meeting/GBH

FRIDAY, August 5th

9:00 AM - FF Teachers CPR/FH
12:00 PM - FF Teachers Lunch/FH

SUNDAY, July 31st

8:30 AM - Worship Service/JAH
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN
5:30 PM - PYC/FH



The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed next Sunday, August 7 at all worship services.



August 7 - Holy Communion
August 7 - Blessing of the Backpacks
August 8 - First Friends Open House
August 9 - First Friends First Day
August 10 - Wednesday Night Dinner (State of the Church)
August 14 - Congregational Meeting
August 19 - Fellowship Camp
August 20 - Fellowship Camp
August 21 - Fellowship Camp
August 28 - Rally Day
August 28 - Teacher Recognition
September 4 - Holy Communion
September 5 - Holiday/Church office closed
September 14 - Wednesday Nite Live! begins

First Presbyterian Church

Founded June 15, 1818



11th Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2016

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.

(The worship service is broadcast over WLOR AM 1550 or FM 98.1)

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