

Assemble in God's Name

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

Prelude *Elevation, D minor* Marcel Dupré
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission Roy McCorkle

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: Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Leader: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn 356** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. 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 181** *Come Sing to God* ELLACOMBE
(VERSE 4)

*You change my grief to joy-filled dance, my sorrows You destroy.
In faithfulness You hear my cry and fill my life with joy.
And so to You my heart shall sing, my voice Your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore, my life shall sing Your praise.*

***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 - Joshua 5: 9-12 pew Bible, OT, p. 197
pew Bible (large print), OT, p. 244
Readers: Roy McCorkle (8:00); Bruce Peters (10:30)

**Stand as you are able.*

Anthem *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Tom Shelton
Shane Bloemetjie, tenor (8:00)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Tom Shelton
Chancel Choir/Mary Balch, Saxophone (10:30)

Time for Young Disciples (10:30) Bo Lundy
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 15:1-3, 11b-32 pew Bible, NT, p. 78
pew Bible (large print), NT, p. 95

***Hymn 370** *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* WOODWORTH

Sermon "Come to the Party" Dr. Cary Speaker

Respond To God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical) Hymnal Page 15
**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.**

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* Arr. Cindy Berry
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**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

(Congregation please partake of the bread when you receive it. Please hold cup until all have been served.)

***Closing Hymn 280** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Voluntary, B minor* G. F. Handel
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; **Chris Gattis - Son of Jerry and Carlotta Gattis; Lisa Heffington - Friend of Betty Dunaway;** 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; **Ron and Phyllis Kimmel - Friends of Patty Conley;** 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; 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.

We pray for Charlotte Wessel and her family as they mourn the loss of her mother, Jean Weatherly.

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, MARCH 6TH
5:00 P.M.**

JOHN ALLAN HALL

CCLI # 1345744

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. - Amy Stucky; **10:30 a.m.** - Carlotta Gattis, Leslie Ecklund, Lennie Hartwell and Gene Beam.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed this morning at all worship services. Our elders who will be serving communion at the services are: **8:00 a.m. service** - Leslie Lockhart, Drew Lockhart and Heidi Meadows; **10:30 a.m. service** - Bo Lundy, Jay Stowe, Andy Watson, Melissa Rowe, Harriet Bibb, Bruce Williams, Nicole Schroer, George Van Kirk, Patty Conley and Marilyn Schild.

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.

The Flower Guild still has the following dedication dates available through June, 2016: **March 13, 27; April 3, 10; May 8, 15, 29; June 19.** Flower Dedication cards/envelopes are located in the pew racks or can be picked up at the church office.

Monday Matinee is cancelled for March. Our next movie will be Monday, April 4th at noon in the library. We will be watching *Mister 880*.



**Circle of Friends
"St. Patrick's Day
Gathering"
March 10, 2016
12:00 p.m.**

Wear your green, bring your lunch and a dessert will be provided. If you're interested, we'll be making St. Patty decorations for Sunday Fellowship Hour, or to take home. They are simple to make and oh so cute. Join us in the library.



CAT IS HERE!!!

The Session seeks your participation in a survey that will measure the demographics, opinions, health, and vitality of our congregation. The Church Assessment Tool (CAT) is an important activity, and will provide valuable information to the Pastor Nominating Committee and to the Session going forward. It only takes about 15 minutes of your time, and can be completed online at home. All information is strictly confidential.

Please follow the link below to take the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FirstPresHuntsville>.

Laptops will be made available next Sunday in the library for those who don't have a computer at home. Details will follow. Paper copies will also be available for those who are unable to use the computer.



**PW Circle Meetings on
Monday, March 14:**

- Circle 1** - 10:00 a.m. at the Gideon Blackburn House.
- Circle 2** - 10:00 a.m. at the home of Ida Jo Daughtry, 6823 Criner Road, HSV (01).
- Horizon Bible Study** - 2:30 p.m. at the church in the library.
- Circle 4** - 6:30 p.m. in the Carriage House.



HOLY WEEK
Worship Services

Sunday, March 20
Passion/Palm Sunday
8:00 a.m. in the John Allan Hall
10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Thursday, March 24
Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 25
Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

Saturday, March 26,
Holy Saturday
Celebration and Egg Hunt
4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 27
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter
Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m.
Gideon Blackburn House Courtyard
Easter Services, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sanctuary

PYC

Presbyterian Youth Connection (PYC) will meet tonight from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the John Allan Hall for the Taizé service. Cary and Rosemary will fellowship with the youth over pizza immediately afterwards.

The PYC Sunday morning lesson, let by Melissa Rowe, continues our study of "Justice and Grace" from Zechariah 7:8-8:23.

The play "Legally Blonde" is on Friday evening, March 11. Tickets are \$10 and must be pre-purchased. Please RSVP to Amy Stucky at astucky123@me.com.

We will have a Youth Parent meeting on Sunday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss youth programming. Dinner is \$5 and you must RSVP for dinner to Amy Stucky at astucky123@me.com.

PYC upcoming services opportunities:
Hide Easter eggs on Saturday, March 26 at 3:30 p.m. at the church; **Mission and a Movie** for the elementary kids on Friday, April 15. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these fun opportunities, please contact Amy Stucky at astucky123@me.com.

LOGOS

The LOGOS theme on Wednesday, March 9 will be "Trivia Night" so we will be testing your church IQ.

Music Ministry

Many thanks to Mary Balch and Shane Bloemetjie for the beautiful music they provided during our worship services.

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.

FPC MINISTRY TEAM

- Evelyn Carter, *Sexton*
- Dr. Frank Contreras, *Organist*
- Quentin Fitzpatrick, *Sexton*
- Lacey Guthrie, *First Friends Preschool Director*
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In case of emergency please contact the church office at 256-536-3354, ext.132.

This week at FPC:

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
5:00 PM - PYC
6:00 PM - Disciple Bible Study/LIB

MONDAY, March 7th
9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
9:00 AM - FF Book Fair/LIB
10:00 AM - PW Spring Gathering/FH
4:30 PM - Disciple/LIB

TUESDAY, March 8th
6:30 AM - Outback/GBH
9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool
9:00 AM - FF Book Fair/LIB
9:30 AM - Transformation Yoga/CH
5:30 PM - Session/FH
6:00 PM - HMC Rehearsal/CR
6:00 PM - Boy Scouts/Court of Honor

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

THURSDAY, March 10th
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 11th
9:00 AM - First Friends
SATURDAY, March 12th
7:30 AM - Early Christians/LIB
SUNDAY, March 13th
HOLY BAPTISM

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

FIRST FRIENDS BOOK FAIR
MARCH 7-8, 2016
8:45 A.M. - 1:45 P.M.
CHURCH LIBRARY

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME BEGINS
MARCH 13, 2016
2:00 A.M.

Lectionary Readings
March 13, 2016
Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126;
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12: 1-8

First Presbyterian Church

Founded June 15, 1818



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6, 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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