

## Assemble in God's Name

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

**Prelude** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Cindy Berry  
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ

### Welcome and Announcements

### Chiming of the Bell

**Choral Introit** (10:30) *Come Worship God This Holy Day* arr. Michael Bedford  
Chancel Choir

**\*Call to Worship** Readers: Bill Chappell (8:00); David Smith (10:30)

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

**People: Let all the peoples praise you.**

### \*Opening Prayer

**\*Opening Hymn 264** *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* ENGELBERG

### Prayer of Confession

So often, Lord God, we want to choose our own routes and head in our own direction. We think we know where our church should go, what it should be, what ministries it should take on, and so we place our confidence in ourselves instead of slowing down and paying attention to your guidance. Please forgive our tendencies to place personal agendas before the pressing needs around us. Forgive us when we take the easier path to avoid discomfort and when we fill our ears with every opinion instead of your call. Help us to be more like the Apostle Paul and to go boldly wherever you lead us to build your kingdom. We ask for pardon in Jesus' name as we now make 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 379** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

**\*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

**First Lesson** - Revelation 21:10;22-26;22:1-5 pew Bible, NT, p. 259  
pew Bible (large print), NT, p. 315

**Anthem** *As the Deer* Martin Nystrom  
Patricia Hacker, mezzo-soprano arr. Lloyd Larson  
*I Will Arise* Shaw/Parker  
Chancel Choir (10:30)

**Time for Young Disciples** 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** - Acts 16:9-15 pew Bible, NT, p. 136  
pew Bible (large print), NT, p. 165

**\*Hymn 441** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

**Sermon** "To Boldly Go!" Rev. Rosemary McMahan

## 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** *Nocturne, E flat major* Frederic Chopin  
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 447** *Lead On, O King Eternal* LANCASHIRE

### \*Benediction

**\*Postlude** *Carillon-Sortie* Cesar Franck  
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Members:** Dave Butler, Anne Boles, John Clark, **Debbie Deutscher**, Jeannette Hollis, J. R. Howard, Steven Jones, Cay Lambert, Lorinne Lilly, Sage Lyons, III, Lonnie McCormick, Theresa Miller and Sanders Pair.

**Friends & Relatives:** Chris Gattis - Son of Jerry and Carlotta Gattis; Dr. Charles Durham - Former Interim Pastor of FPC; **Kim Fredricks - Friend of Mary Darsey**; Gloria Hyatt - Mother of Jeff Hyatt; Carla King - Friend of Lucinda and Marshall Schreeder; Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith; The Midkiff and Anderson Families - Friends of Ginger Bryant; Christina Mouradian - Sister of Bruce Peters; Rudy Peters - Father of Bruce Peters; Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely; Patricia Smith - Mother of David Smith; 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.

**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!

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**Ushers serving this morning: 8:00 a.m.:** Libby Brown; **10:30 a.m.** - Karen Clayton, Amy Stucky, June Guynes and Andi Gaskins.

**The flowers this morning** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Hannah Claire Peters on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

**The flowers this morning** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Katie Elizabeth Fogle on the occasion of her birthday by Sheila and Natalie Fogle.

**The flowers are given** to the Glory of God in honor of Mary Kathryn Martinson on the occasion of her 22nd birthday by Sarabeth, Mac, Sarah Abbott and Coleman Martinson.

**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 and Charlotte Wessel; **10:30 a.m. service** - Houston Matthews, Harriet Bibb, Andy Watson, Bo Lundy, Bruce Peters, Jay Stowe, Elaine Stowe, Marilyn Schild, Nicole Schroer and Gary Tucker.

## 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 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.

**The Flower Guild** has the following dedication dates available **through July, 2016: July 3, 17 and 24.** Flower Dedication cards/envelopes are located in the pew racks or can be picked up at the church office. As of March 28th, flower dedications are \$50.00 each.

**The Early Christians Bible Study** continue to meet on Saturday mornings at 7:45 a.m. to review Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's series "Great Figures of the New Testament". This week's study is on Thomas. Join us.


**Circle of Friends** will be on hiatus until the fall.

**The Monday Movie Matinee** will not meet in May due to the Presbyterian Women



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE GREENE STREET MARKET!**

Volunteer for a day, a month or all summer! We need volunteers every Thursday beginning this Thursday, **May 5**. For more information, contact Melissa Jones at (256) 536-3851 or [baabyem-el@bellsouth.net](mailto:baabyem-el@bellsouth.net).




**From the Personnel Committee:** First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville has immediate openings for the following positions:

**Facilities Coordinator (Part-time, 15-20 hours per week):** Responsible for the general maintenance of all church facilities and equipment owned or operated by FPC.

**Assistant Sexton (Part-time, 15-20 hours per week):** Has overall responsibility and duty to maintain the church facilities in a clean and orderly condition.

Resumes should be sent to **First Presbyterian Church, Attention: Personnel Committee, 307 Gates Ave, Huntsville, AL**




**PW Circle Meetings on Monday, May 9th:**

**Circle 1** - 10:00 a.m. at the Gideon Blackburn House.

**Circle 2** - 10:00 a.m. at the home of Joanne Horn, 11 Ledges Main SE, HSV (02).


**Horizon Bible Study** - 2:30 p.m. at the church in the library.

**Circle 4** - 6:30 p.m. in the Carriage House.




**Lectionary Readings May 8th, 2016**

**Acts 16: 16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17: 20-26**



All women of the church are invited to the PW Gathering in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m. Circle 2 will provide refreshments for the Coffee before and after the meeting. This is the last Gathering of our 2015-2016 year so make a special effort to attend. Patricia Hacker is in charge of the program so you know you don't want to miss it. You do not need to be a member of a circle to attend.



**Youth are invited** to spend all day or half of a day helping with the Downtown Rescue Mission meal on Saturday, May 21st. Cooks should report to our kitchen on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Aprons and/or a change of t-shirts are suggested. Volunteers can stay all day, travel to the Downtown Rescue Mission to serve, or leave later in the afternoon.

We need at least four volunteers to go to the Mission to serve but more can come. We will leave the church about 3:30 p.m. but servers should be at FPC no later than 3:00 p.m. to help load. Servers must wear closed toed shoes. Parents can expect to pick up servers around 6:00 p.m. It would be best for parents to wait for a call.

We would also like two helpers to shop Friday afternoon, May 5. Another adult in the kitchen would be great if anyone is so moved.

Contact Amy Stucky at [astucky123@me.com](mailto:astucky123@me.com) if you would like to participate.

## PYC

Presbyterian Youth Connection meets on Sunday evening from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All youth are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Music Ministry

**Handbell rehearsal** will be today at 11:30 a.m. in the bell room.

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



**Attention Graduates!** We need the following information by **Sunday, May 1st** for publication in the May 22nd church bulletin: Graduate's name, High School, College or Graduate School name, plans for the fall (include college and major if known) and photo. Please send your information to Cynde at [ctannehill@fpchsv.org](mailto:ctannehill@fpchsv.org).



## Coming Soon! FPC Prayer Group


Pastor Rosemary will be starting a weekly prayer group in her office on Thursday mornings from 11-noon beginning May 19. This gathering will include fellowship, study, and support as she leads the group in exploring various methods of prayer and growing in relationship with Christ. For more information, please contact her at [rmcmahan@fpchsv.org](mailto:rmcmahan@fpchsv.org) or call the church.

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

## This week at FPC:

- SUNDAY, May 1st**  
**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
8:00 AM - Worship Service/JAH  
9:00 AM - Sunday School  
10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN  
11:30 AM - Handbell rehearsal  
5:30 PM - PYC
- MONDAY, May 2nd**  
9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool  
10:00 AM - PW May Gathering/FH  
4:30 PM - No Disciple Bible Study/LIB
- TUESDAY, May 3rd**  
6:30 AM - Outback/GBH  
9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool  
9:30 AM - Transformation Yoga/CH  
5:30 PM - Worship Cluster/LIB  
6:00 PM - HMC Rehearsal/CR  
6:00 PM - Boy Scouts/GBH
- WEDNESDAY, May 4th**  
7:00 AM - FPC Men's Bible Study/FH  
9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool  
7:15 PM - Choir Rehearsal/CR
- THURSDAY, May 5th**  
9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool  
9:30 AM - Disciple Bible Study/LIB  
9:30 AM - Transformation Yoga  
12:15 PM - AI-Anon Meeting/GBH
- FRIDAY, May 6th**  
9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool  
12:00 PM - FF Mother's Day Art Show/FH  
5:30 PM - Mission and a Movie/CH
- SATURDAY, May 7th**  
7:30 AM - Early Christians/LIB  
2:00 PM - PW Tea/GBH  
2:00 PM - James Williams Graduation Dinner/FH
- SUNDAY, May 8th**  
8:00 AM - Worship Service/JAH  
9:00 AM - Sunday School  
10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN  
11:30 AM - Handbell rehearsal  
5:30 PM - PYC



**Mission and a Movie is Back!**

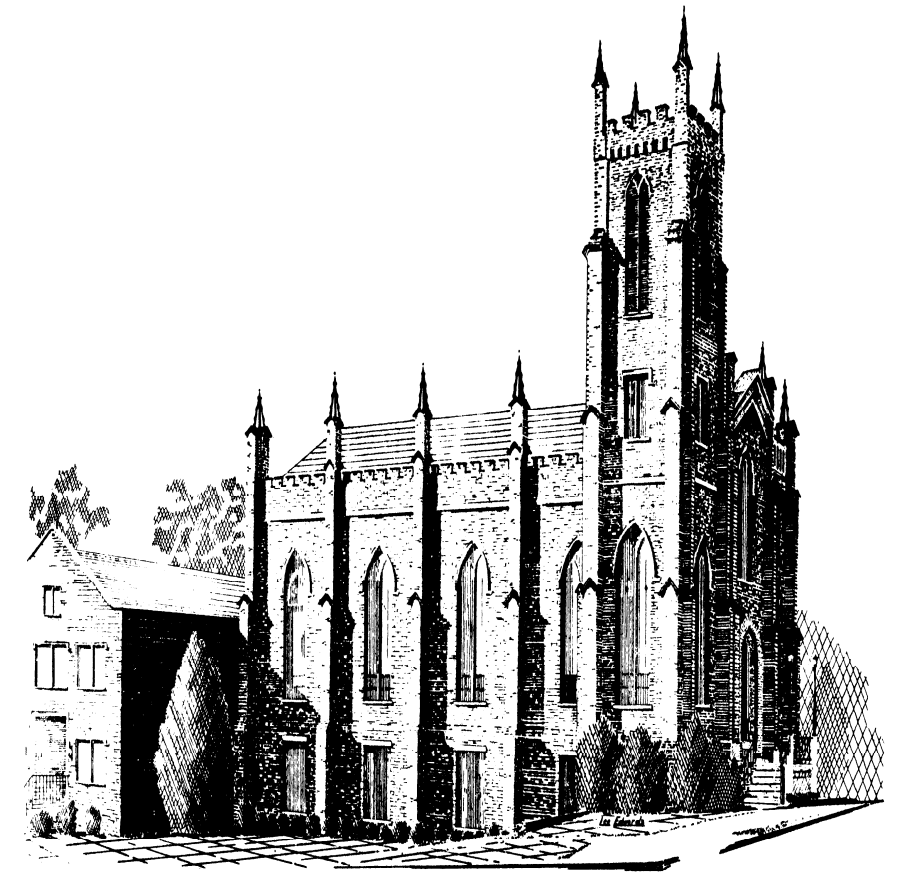
**FPC Fellowship Hall**  
**Friday, May 6th, 2016**  
**5:30-8:00 p.m. in the Carriage House**  
**Ages Pre-K through 5th Grade**

Sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.

We would love to have your child join us as we prepare cookies, silverware packets, and placemats to accompany dinner that will be served by our youth at the Downtown Rescue Mission. After our mission project we will have dinner together while we watch the new PEANUTS movie (rated G). Please contact Juliet Wells at [julietwellshome@gmail.com](mailto:julietwellshome@gmail.com) or Angela Green at [agreen@fpchsv.org](mailto:agreen@fpchsv.org) with any questions.

# First Presbyterian Church

Founded June 15, 1818



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 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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