WELCOME VISITORS!

First Presbyterian is a Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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 the services.

Please sign in: The red Friendship Folders will be passed during the offering.

Looking for a Church home? Please speak with an usher after the 8:30 service or the "Ask Me" person standing at the rear of the church after the 10:30 service, who this week is Houston Matthews. Mr. Matthews is available to answer questions about First Presbyterian Church, our programs, or finding locations within our building.

Ushers serving this morning: 8:30 a.m.: Heidi Meadows: 10:30 a.m.: Susan Brooks, Davis Carter. Patty Conley, and Dag and Melissa Rowe.

The flowers this morning in the narthex are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Ron and Karen Brown's 40th wedding anniversary.

Help us celebrate Easter morning by bringing your flowers to place at bottom of the wooden cross at the front of the church. Your beautiful contribution will help us announce the Good News of The Resurrection to the whole community!

We will welcome The Rev. Glenn McDonald as our speaker during our Bicentennial Celebration on June 17, 2018. For more information about Rev. McDonald and to receive his daily Morning Reflection please email him at

Mission and a Movie: Friday, April 13, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Pre-K through 5th Grade. See sign-up board for details.



Thursday, March 29 Maundy Thursday. 7:00 p.m., John Allan Hall

Friday, March 30 Good Friday/Tenebrae Service

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary The Seven Last Words by Michael John Trotta presented by the Chancel Choir and Woodwind Ensemble

Sunday, April 1 **Easter Egg Hunt** 9:30-10:15 a. m., Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 1 Resurrection of the Lord/Easter 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary **Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt** Sunday, April 1, 2018 9:30-10:15 a.m. Nursery age - 3rd Grade

Parents are welcome to attend as well!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday during the Sunday School hour for a story, egg hunt & snacks.



The Bicentennial cookbook committee is collecting recipes at the church office. Please submit as many as you like, and place them in the container labeled "Recipes."

Each recipe should be typed and include your name and phone number. If there is an interesting story about a recipe please include it.

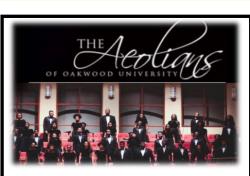
DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, APRIL 1.

Boy Scout Troop 633's Annual Pancake Fundraiser Saturday April 7th 7:30 am to 10:30 am Fellowship Hall Tickets are \$5; children under 5 are free

FPC Troop 7 Alumnus are especially invited

to come as we will hold a short program on Troop 7's history in honor of our church's Bicentennial year. See information board for more details.





Join us as we welcome The Aeolians of Oakwood University

Sunday, April 8, 2018

10:30 a.m. Worship Service 3:00 p.m. Concert in the Sanctuary

> **Lectionary Readings** April 1, 2018

Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 cor. 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-8 or Mark 16:1-8 Easter Evening: Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49



March/April:

25th - NO PYC//Palm Sunday

1st - NO PYC//Easter Sunday

8th - PYC @ 5-7pm//"and I will ALWAYS love

15th – PYC @ 5-7pm//H.O.P.E. 22nd - PYC @ 5-7pm//Earth Day

29th - Putt Putt Masters with Nativity Youth (more info to come!!)



We would like to thank Jan McKemie and Sherry Smith for sharing their music with us this morning.

Our church has been invited to participate in Festival Corale Internationale Di Roma in Italy with Z. Randall Stroope June 20th-29th, 2019. If you would like to be part of this memorable experience, contact Dr. Hacker for more details. Brochures with all the trip information are located in the entrance of the church.

If you would like to join the Chancel Choir, please join us on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. We would love to have you. Handbell rehearsals are Sunday at 11:30 a.m. after the 10:30 service.

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

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8:30 AM - Worship Service/JAH 9:30 AM - Sunday School 11:30 AM - Handbell Rehearsal/BR

12:00 PM - The Vine: Lent Healing Svc/JAH

TUESDAY - March 27, 2018

6:30 PM - Boy Scouts 633

WEDNESDAY - March 28, 2018

9:30 AM - Disciple 1/LIB

THURSDAY - March 29, 2018

SPRING BREAK - NO FF PRESCHOOL

9:30 AM - Disciple IV/LIB

12:15 PM - Al-Anon/GBH

SPRING BREAK - NO FF PRESCHOOL

SATURDAY - March 31, 2018 **GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**

7:30 AM - Early Christians Study Grp/LIB

EASTER SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

Calendar Legend:

CH - Carriage House (GBH)

GBH - Gideon Blackburn House

JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)

CER - Christian Ed Resource upstairs

SMR - Stephen Ministry Room (GBH)

BR - Bell Room

CR - Choir Room

LIB - Library

SAN - Sanctuary

FH - Fellowship Hall

HR - Historical Room

9:30 AM - Sunday School

We seek to be a Church United in Christ.

Scripturally Based, and a Compassionate Community of Faith.

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 25, 2018

8:30 a.m./10:30 a.m. Worship Service

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

First Presbyterian Church

Founded June 15, 1818

This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

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SUNDAY - March 25, 2018 PALM SUNDAY

10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN

6:00 PM - Bible Study/LIB

MONDAY - March 26, 2018 SPRING BREAK - NO FF PRESCHOOL

5:30 PM - Stephen Ministry/SMR

SPRING BREAK - NO FF PRESCHOOL

6:30 PM - HMC Rehearsal/CR

SPRING BREAK - NO FF PRESCHOOL

1:30 PM - Prayer Shawl Ministry/LIB

7:15 PM - Chancel Choir Practice/CR

MAUNDY THURSDAY

11:15 AM - FPC Prayer Group/LIB

7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service/JAH

FRIDAY - March 30, 2018 **GOOD FRIDAY**

7:00 PM - Tenebrae Service/SAN

SUNDAY - April 1, 2018

8:30 AM - Worship Service/JAH

9:30 AM - Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt/FH 10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN

Assemble in God's Name

With the chiming of the bell, we quietly and prayerfully prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

Chiming of the Bell

Prelude (8:30) Hosanna to the King! (10:30) Hosanna!

Jan McKemie, piano/organ

Welcome and Announcements

Bicentennial Minute Melissa Rowe

*Processional Hymn 197 (10:30) Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ELLACOMBE

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith,

People: who, for the joy set before him, endured the cross, scorning its

shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

Leader: Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people, so

that we will not grow weary and lose heart.

People: Come! Let us worship God!

*Opening Prayer

Choral Introit (10:30) Hosanna to the Son of David! Michael Bedford

Children's Choir

*Hymn 197 (8:30) Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ELLACOMBE

Prayer of Confession

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause - to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. (silence for reflection)

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

Leader: The Lord God helps us; so who can declare us guilty? Sister and brothers, beyond the shadow of doubt, your sins are forgiven. By the mercy of

Christ, let us stand together forgiven and free.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen

*Hymn 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*The Passing of the Peace (8:30)

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-9a pew Bible, OT, pg. 681

pew Bible (large print), OT, pg. 833 Reader: (8:30) Roy McCorkle

Anthem The Palms Jean-Baptiste Faure

Sherry Smith, mezzo-soprano

Time for Young Disciples (10:30)

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.

arr. Marty Parks

Noel Benson

Second Reading - John 12:12-16

pew Bible, NT, pg. 106 pew Bible (large print), NT, pg. 129

Sermon *"Forgetting and Remembering"* The Rev. Tara W. Bulger

Respond To God's Word

*Hymn 198 Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! ST. DROSTANE

*Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed (E

The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical) Hymnal Page 34

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.

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Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory (8:30) Blessing and Honor

O QUANTA QUALIA arr. Michael Burkhardt

(10:30) Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Jan McKemie, piano/organ

*Doxology Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 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 702 Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

*Benediction

*Choral Response Peace of

Peace of God Be With You Chancel Choir

d Be With You AS-SALAAMU LAKUM

*Postlude

(8:30) Rejoice, the Lord is King John Darwall, arr. Marty Parks (10:30) Jerusalem Henry Parker, arr. Roger C. Wilson Jan McKemie, piano/organ

PRAYER REQUESTS

<u>Members:</u> Anne Boles, Charlie Bonner, Emily Butler, Reese Butler, Marlyn Harris, David Hatch, J. R. Howard, Kara Howard, Billie Jones, Cay Lambert, Sage Lyons III, Harper Grace Niederrmeyer, Sanders Pair, Dolly Shuey, and Ed Walker.

Friends & Relatives: Patricia Dunkin - Friend of Beverly Wills; Stella Fair - Sister of David Galloway; Susan Gillespie - Friend of FPC; Richard Hartley - Friend of Tam Bevel; Donna Hester - Sister-in-law of Anne Peters; Tina and James Hester - Parents of Anne Peters; Lydia Kimbrel, daughter of Craig and Ashley Kimbrel - Friends of Nan McBride; Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith; Kevin McCarley - Brother of Roy McCorkle; Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely; Scott Sedlitz - Stepson of Annewhite Fuller; Fred Stucky, Jr. - Father of Fred Stucky.

<u>Members and Relatives in Specialty Care</u>: Elissa Green (Brookdale Hampton Cove); Jeanette Hollis (Harbor Chase); Darwin Perkins (Brookdale Place); Ray Rose (Diversicare of Big Springs); Marge Sharp (Birmingham).

<u>The Church:</u> Rev. Tara Bulger, and her family; First Presbyterian Church, the Session, the North Alabama Presbytery, and for all the church staff. NAP seminary students Devon Reynolds (New Market) and Sara Jane Bush Nixon (First, Athens).

Military & International: All those serving in the armed forces.

Our Nation: President Trump and our representatives.

<u>First Presbyterian Missions & Ministries:</u> Appalachia Service Project (ASP); Good Samaritans; International Missionary Fellowship (HaitiHospital.org); The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; The Presbyterian Home for Children; Second Mile Preschool; Kids to Love; and the CUP program.

<u>Other Prayers:</u> Let us remember all those who have suffered and continue to suffer from natural disasters, our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program, and other benevolent agencies.

