

## Assemble in God's Name

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

### Chiming of the Bell

**Prelude** *All Hail the Power (Medley)* arr. Don Wyrzten  
David Jones, organ/piano

### Welcome and Announcements

**Choral Introit** (10:30) *Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator* Tilly Lubis  
Chancel Choir

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

Leader: Come, let us make a joyful sound to the rock of our salvation!

**People: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all the earth.**

Leader: Let us worship and bow down before the lord, our Maker!

**People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture.**

### \*Opening Prayer

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

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord.

**People: We confess that we envy others. We do not live like Christ who calls us to be content with what we have. Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader: "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

**People: We covet what belongs to our neighbor. Our lives are driven by our wants. Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader: "Though your sins are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

**People: We begrudge the invitation to give generously and joyfully. We turn away from the needs of others and do not see the difference our caring can make. Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader: "I will forgive...and will remember their sins no more." 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  
(verses 1-4)

### \*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

**Minute for Stewardship** Heidi Meadows (8:30); David Galloway (10:30)

**Anthem** *Shepherd Psalm Medley* arr. Don Wyrzten  
David Jones, piano (8:30)

*Give Ears, O Ye Heavens* Dale Woods  
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.*

**The Lesson** - Exodus 17 Charles Bozeman (8:30); Melissa Rowe (10:30)

**Sermon** "Greatness" Dr. Cary Speaker

## Respond To God's Word

### Recognition of New Members

**\*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.**

### Prayer for New Members

**People's Response: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** Hymnal Page 16

**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** *Berceuse* Frederick Chopin  
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano (8:30)

*Amazing Grace* TRADITIONAL  
Marc Simons, Tenor/André Ellis, 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 434** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

### \*Benediction

**\*Choral Response** (10:30) *Lord, Let Your Servants Depart Now in Peace*  
Chancel Choir Kenneth Dake

**\*Postlude** *Toccata C major* Juan de Cabanilles  
Dr. Frank Contreras, piano/organ

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Members:** Anne Boles, John Clark, J. R. Howard, Cay Lambert, Lorinne Lilly, Sage Lyons, III, Glenda Miller, and Sanders Pair.

**Friends & Relatives:** Gloria Adamson - Sister of Betty Dunaway; Sharon Barnes - Cousin of Lacey Matthews; Elvira Contreras de Cuevas - Sister of Frank Contreras; Elizabeth Haynes - Mother of Sheila Fogle; Lisa Heffington - Niece of Betty Dunaway; Freya Huckstepp - Daughter of Dean and Emma Huckstepp (Friends of Bruce and Anne Peters); Gloria Hyatt - Mother of Jeff Hyatt; **Betty and Larry Johnson - Friends of Betty Dunaway;** Tine Liegerot - Friend of Irmie and Roger Hammer; Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith; **Finn Lewis - Friend of Allison Peters;** Arleigh McClendon - Great niece of Karen and Doug Madison; Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely; **Martha Schneider - Grandmother of Stephanie Hyatt;** J. C. Schrimsher - Friend of Everett Mosley; 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).

**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.

**For the departed:** Linda Condra Griffin

**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!



**Congratulations** to Sarah and Ben Matthews (and big brother, Luke) on the September 20th birth of their daughter (and Luke's baby sister), Lillian Cruse Matthews. Proud grandparents are Mary and Eric Adams.



**Congratulations** to Adam and Kelli Connor Cohen of Birmingham on the September 20th birth of their son, Jackson Scott Cohen. Proud FPC family members include great-grandparents Jan and Jack Connor, uncle Bryce Connor, aunt and uncle Linda and Woodward Howard, and cousins Ashley Connor, Austin and Connor Howard.



## 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 offering.

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

**Ushers serving this morning: 8:30 a.m.:** Carter Wells; **10:30 a.m.:** Lennie Hartwell and Carlotta Gattis.

**The flowers this morning** are given to the Glory of God.

**Nursery Update:** This morning, we bid a fond and appreciative farewell to three of our faithful nursery workers: Sherry Nwigwe, Dorothy Jordan, and Frostine Tennyson. Beginning next Sunday, October 2, come greet our new nursery staff as we partner with Oakwood College and its Education Department.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated next Sunday, October 2nd at both worship services.

### IN MEMORIAM

*Linda Griffin*

January 2, 1937 - September 19, 2016



### Lectionary Readings October 2, 2016

Lam. 1: 1-6; Psalm 137;  
2 Timothy 1: 1-14; Luke 17: 5-10

### Hospitality Team Meeting



Are you interested in welcoming visitors and newcomers into the life of FPC? Come learn about being an "Ask Me" person, a greeter, a newcomer visitor, a small group host or hostess, or simply share ideas about how to be a welcoming community. Join us on **October 2** following the 10:30 worship service in the upstairs Christian Ed Resource room. Questions? Contact Pastor Rosemary at [rmcmahan@fpchsv.org](mailto:rmcmahan@fpchsv.org).



**Who:** Kindergarten – Sixth graders  
**When:** Friday, Sept 30th  
5:30 – 8:00 pm  
**Where:** Fellowship Hall

A Mission Project then we will watch "Ratatouille." Dinner is included. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Angela Green at [agreen@fpchsv.org](mailto:agreen@fpchsv.org)

## Music Ministry

The Music Ministries would like to invite you to join the Chancel Choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room.

**Handbell rehearsals today** at 11:30 a.m. in the bell room.

**Many thanks** to David Jones for providing the beautiful music during our worship service this morning.

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**The Chancel Choir** is preparing for the Christmas season. Last weekend the choir spent a full day of activities preparing for the Fall and Advent music season.



This morning the Chancel choir is singing *Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator*, a hymn based on Psalm 148. This para-

phrase of the Psalm began as an Indonesian text. The English translation, however, establishes its connection with the biblical text by beginning with the word that opens Psalms 146-150: "Hallelujah." In fact, the opening phrase in each later stanza can be understood as a development of that central theme "Praise the Lord, Give to God all the glory and honor." This hymn was first published in 2010 in the Global Songs for Worship hymnal.

The hymn *When in Our Music God is Glorified* written by Fred Pratt Green, was first published in The Hymn, edition in 1973. This hymn provides an effective illustration of how we can glorify God through our voices and instruments in church. Charles Villiers Stanford's composed ENGELBERG, the tune setting for *For All the Saints* text, in 1904 edition, but two years later this tune was eclipsed by Ralph Vaughan William's masterful SINE NOMINE.

The hymn *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* was created to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign of the Presbyterian Church which had the theme "Called to Be Disciples." Much of the strength of this text derives from its incorporation of biblical allusions that help to flesh out the distinguishing marks of discipleship. The KINFOLD tune was harmonized by Ralph Vaughn Williams and it was first published in 1903.

## PYC

**PYC Progressive Dinner tonight** – Our regressive dinner has now switched to a progressive dinner.

### Dinner Schedule

5:00 pm - Church – appetizers  
5:45 pm - Gary and Wendy Tucker's house  
Dinner/Entrée  
6:45 pm - Bert and Elizabeth Moore's house  
Dessert  
7:30 pm - Church – pickup

**PLEASE note the time change. We are meeting at the church at 5:00 pm!** Pickup will still be at the regular 7:30 pm hour (at church). I will ask for a headcount via "GroupMe" later this week for catering purposes. RSVP Jim Williams at [jwilliams@fpchsv.org](mailto:jwilliams@fpchsv.org). Feel free to invite a friend for this fun, local bus trip.

**Sunday School will meet** at 9:30 a.m. We will continue our study on the parables of Jesus.

**On October 29 and 30**, we will be visiting the Presbyterian Home for Children to do a weekend mission trip. We will be back in time for football games and Trunk or Treat. Please let Jim know if you are planning to go.

**WNL** - We had a great time at Wed Nite Live the last couple of weeks. It's not too late to sign up. Visit <http://www.fpchsv.org/fall-2016-wnl-registration-for-children-and-youth> for more information and to sign up.

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

### This week at FPC:

#### SUNDAY, September 25th

8:30 AM - Worship Service/JAH  
9:30 AM - Sunday School  
10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN  
11:30 AM - Handbell rehearsal/BR  
3:00 PM - NAP Meeting/LIB  
4:30 PM - WNL Meeting/CE Resource  
5:00 PM - PYC/Progressive Dinner offsite  
6:00 PM - Bible Study/LIB

#### MONDAY, September 26th

9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool  
10:00 AM - Ladies Bible Study/LIB  
4:30 PM - Disciple Bible Study/LIB  
5:30 PM - Stephen Ministry/SMR

#### TUESDAY, September 27th

6:15 AM - Outback/GBH  
9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool  
9:30 AM - Transformation Yoga  
12:00 PM - NAP Youth Ministry Meeting/LIB  
5:00 PM - Share Cluster Meeting/LIB  
6:00 PM - HMC Rehearsal/CR  
6:30 PM - Boy Scouts/GBH

#### WEDNESDAY, September 28th

7:00 AM - FPC Men's Bible Study  
9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool  
9:00 AM - Disciple Bible Study/LIB  
5:00 PM - Wed Nite Live!  
7:15 PM - Chancel Choir rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, September 29th

9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool  
9:00 AM - Disciple Bible Study/LIB  
9:30 AM - Transformation Yoga  
11:15 AM - FPC Prayer Group/LIB  
12:15 PM - Al-Anon Meeting/GBH  
5:30 PM - Disciple Bible Study/LIB

#### FRIDAY, September 30th

9:00 AM - First Friends Preschool  
5:30 PM - Mission and a Movie/FH

#### SATURDAY, October 1st

7:30 AM - Early Christians Study Group/  
LIB

#### SUNDAY, October 2nd

##### HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 AM - Worship Service/JAH  
9:30 AM - Sunday School  
10:30 AM - Worship Service/SAN  
11:30 AM - Handbell rehearsal/BR  
11:30 AM - Hospitality Meeting/CE Resource  
5:30 PM - PYC/FH  
6:00 PM - Bible Study/LIB

## The Kirkin' o' The Tartans

October 30, 2016

10:30 a.m. service

Every year, First Presbyterian Church celebrates the Kirkin' O' Tartan Service during Reformation Sunday. This year this special service will be October 30, 2016 at our only service that day at 10:30 a.m. During this special service, we will have a procession of clan flags where different families will stand and be recognized as their clan is called. If you would like to know more about Scottish heritage and would like to participate in this service visit this website [www.scottishtartans.org](http://www.scottishtartans.org).

# First Presbyterian Church

Founded June 15, 1818



## 19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 25th, 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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