

# First Presbyterian Church

307 Gates Avenue, Huntsville AL 35801

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If you've grown up in this church, you no doubt think it is the friendliest place in the world. However, if you are a newcomer, you might be more hesitant about assuming how things work around here, so FPC has begun a new team that is focused on promoting hospitality for visitors and new members. The Hospitality Team is responsible for the creation of the "Ask Me" ministry, the inclusion of the "Recognition of New Members" in the liturgy, the placement of a greeter in the main hallway each Sunday, and quick follow up of guests who sign the Fellowship pad. We continue to consider ways to make FPC welcoming to everyone, young and old, new members and lifelong

members.

One recent suggestion which a team member made came from an article she read on "inhospitable territorialism," a fancy phrase for always sitting in the same place. Sitting in the same pew Sunday after Sunday prevents members from meeting other members and often prevents them from noticing a guest, who might be sitting behind them or across the aisle from them. Changing seats occasionally not only helps us meet more people, but it also gives us a new perspective on worship, seeing things we haven't noticed before.

In an effort to continue to grow in hospitality, please consider breaking a habit and move around a bit! Not only might you be blessed, but you may just be a blessing to someone new sitting beside you.

**Rev. Rosemary McMahan \* Interim Associate Pastor \* (256) 536-3354, ext. 127**  
[rmcmaham@fpchsv.org](mailto:rmcmaham@fpchsv.org)

## In Memoriam



**BGen (Ret) Dallas Wendall Fanning**

Read obituary [here](#).

## Kairos Ministry



### LIMESTONE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

#### Cookie Instructions

#### The Key Ingredient: Prayer

Pray individually or as a family over the ingredients before and during mixing. Pray over the cookies as you drop them onto the cookie sheets and bake them. Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and staff during the Kairos weekend. Pray that each cookie brings the inmate, officer or warden who eats it closer to God. We want every person who eats a cookie to become part of the family of God.

#### Cookie Preparation:

The types of cookies that are generally acceptable and appreciated are: Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Molasses, Chocolate Chip, Ginger, Sugar (note rules below), Rice Crispy, and Brownies (without frosting) to name a few but you are not limited to these. Nuts and coconut are allowed. Be creative but be **careful**. We tend to focus on what we can't do rather than what can. Almost all cookies can be adapted to go into the prison. Just remember to follow the PRISON RULES and KAIROS RULES listed below.

- No sugar coating, powdered sugar, sprinkles, or icing on cookies or brownies.
- No fruit or raisins in or on the cookies.
- Cookies should be medium-sized - no extra large or thick ones.
- No store bought cookies. Not even from a bakery. Store or bakery bought cookies will not be allowed to go into the prison.
- Please make your cookies from a mix or from scratch if possible. The slice and bake/refrigerator cookies are not very popular.

#### Packing the Cookies:

Bag **completely cooled** cookies in gallon-sized Ziploc bags (no twist ties), a dozen cookies to a bag. Label each bag with the kind of cookies contained within. Freeze any cookies that will not be delivered within three days.

*All cookies must be received at First Presbyterian Church preferably on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 but no later than Thursday morning. As a temporary holding area, cookies can be put in the Historical (Willing Workers) room. If the cookies are brought to the Historical room before October 5, please call or text Tam Bevel 256-603-4168 so they can be properly stored.*

"I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36

Tam Bevel, Moderator \* (256) 603-4168 \* [tsb10@icloud.com](mailto:tsb10@icloud.com)



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 this Sunday 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).

### Wednesday Nite Live!



**WNL will not meet on October 5th due to Fall Break.** We will resume on **October 12th** with the theme "Kindness/Inside Out" so wear clothes inside out.

### The Kirkin' o' The Tartans



**October 30, 2016**  
**10:30 a.m. service**

Every year, First Presbyterian Church celebrates the Kirkin' O' The Tartan service during Reformation Sunday. This year this special service will be October 30, 2016 at our only service that day 10:30 a.m. During this special service, we will have a procession of clan flags where different families will stand and will 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).

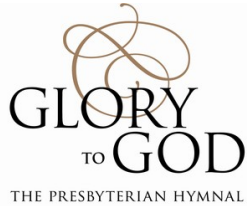
**Dr. Patricia Hacker \* Director of Music \* (256) 536-3354, ext. 126**  
[phacker@fpchsv.org](mailto:phacker@fpchsv.org)

**Music Ministry**



## Sunday, October 2nd:

- **Choir rehearsal**, 10:00 a.m. in the choir room
- **Handbell rehearsal**, 11:30 a.m. in the bell room



The hymn *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* was written by Omer Westendorf and composed by Robert Kreutz. This hymn was selected out of more than two hundred entries to be the official hymn for the Forty-First International Eucharistic Congress held at Philadelphia in 1976. It originally bore the title *Gift of Finest Wheat*. This beautiful hymn is included in the edition of "Glory to God." Since we are celebrating World Communion Sunday this weekend, the Chancel Choir will sing an arrangement made by John Ferguson.



Wed Nite Live Youth Choir is preparing to perform the play "Christmas Unwrapped" by Michelle R. Davis. Rehearsals are at 5:00-5:40 p.m. every Wednesday.

**Dr. Patricia Hacker \* Director of Music \* (256) 536-3354, ext. 126**  
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## Children's Ministries



## Sunday, October 2nd:

- **Children's Church** at 10:30 a.m.
- **Nursery provided** from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Sunday School**, 9:30 a.m.

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**Trunk or Treat**  
**October 30th**  
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
Toddlers - 5th Grade



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Church members and groups...we need donated candy and decorated cars! Sign-up with your theme on the bulletin board.

**Angela Green \* Director of Children's Ministry \* (256) 536-3354, ext. 129**  
[agreen@fpchsv.org](mailto:agreen@fpchsv.org)

## Youth Ministries



### Sunday, October 2nd:

- **Worship services**, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- **Sunday School**, 9:30 a.m.
- **NO PYC tonight - Fall Break**

**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.



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**Jim Williams \* Interim Director of Youth Ministry \* (256) 536-3354, ext. 131**

## Flower Dedications



Flower Dedications are given to the glory of God in memory of loved ones, or in honor of special occasions such as a birthday, wedding anniversary or a special person. A donation of \$50 will sponsor a flower arrangement arranged by the Flower Guild.

Flower Dedication cards/envelopes are located in the pew racks or can be picked up at the church office.

**Upcoming available Sunday dates:  
October 2; November 6, 13, 20 and 27.**

**Leslie Ecklund, Flower Guild**  
[leslie.ecklund@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:leslie.ecklund@huntsvilleal.gov)

## Worship This Week

**Sunday, October 2, 2016  
20th Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:30 a.m. (John Allan Hall)  
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Associate Pastor, preaching  
"Remembering"

Scripture text: [Isaiah 55: 1-5](#); [Philippians 3: 4b-14](#).

A worship bulletin for this Sunday is available online on Thursday afternoons [here](#).

## Church Calendar



[View our Church Calendar Online](#)

## Sermons



In keeping with Presbyterian tradition, the hearing of God's word in Scripture and preaching is central to each Sunday service of worship at First Presbyterian Church. For those who were unable to be with us-and for those who want to reflect further on a sermon or save it-you will find below the online text of the most recent sermons.

Scripture comments and texts of the sermons are available in the church literature racks, which are located in the church office across from the Pastor's Secretary office.

Audio-in MP3 and streaming formats-for the 10:30 worship service is also available below.

**For a pdf of the Sunday worship bulletin, click on the service time at right.**

## **Sunday, October 2, 2016**

**"Remembering"**  
[a.m.](#)

Rev. Rosemary McMahan

[8:30 and 10:30](#)

## **Sunday, September 25, 2016**

**"Greatness"**  
[a.m.](#)

Dr. Cary Speaker

[8:30 and 10:30](#)

[Scripture comments](#)

[Sermon Text](#)

[Audio Sermon](#)

## **Sunday, September 18, 2016**

**"Abundance"**  
[a.m.](#)

Dr. Cary Speaker

[8:30 and 10:30](#)

[Scripture comments](#)

[Sermon Text](#)

[Audio Sermon](#)

## **Sunday, September 11, 2016**

**"Scarcity"**  
[a.m.](#)

Dr. Cary Speaker

[8:30 and 10:30](#)

[Scripture comments](#)

[Sermon Text](#)

Sunday, September 4, 2016

"Growing in Faith"  
a.m.

Dr. Cary Speaker

[8:30 and 10:30](#)

[Scripture comments](#)  
[Sermon Text](#)

## Prayer Request



**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; Family of Finn Lewis - Friends 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: BGen (Ret) Dallas Wendall Fanning**

*If you are hospitalized or in need of a pastoral visit, please notify the Pastor's Secretary (256-536-3354, ext. 132). Please remember that area hospitals do not notify us about admissions.*

## First Presbyterian Church Staff and Leadership

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#### THE CHURCH STAFF

**Office: 256-536-3354; Fax: 256-536-3038**

**Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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Quentin Fitzpatrick, *Sexton*

#### THE SESSION

**Class of 2016:** Patty Conley (Care); David Galloway (Sustain); Leslie Lockhart (Maintain); Jan McKemie (Worship); Jay Stowe (Grow); Nicole Schroer (Share); Open (Gather).

**Class of 2017:** Harriet Bibb (Care); Bo Lundy (Gather); Houston Matthews (Maintain); Heidi Meadows (Share); Melissa Rowe (Grow); Andy Watson (Sustain); Charlotte Wessel (Worship)

**Moderator:**

Dr. Cary Speaker

**Clerk of Session:**

Lucinda Schreeder

**Moving Clerk:**

Bruce Williams

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SESSION  
MINUTES

**DIACONATE (DEACONS)**

**Class of 2016:** David Goodwin, Chair (Care); Marshall Corlew (Sustain), Leslie Ecklund (Worship); Carlotta Gattis (Gather); Lennie Hartwell (Share); Michael Lastovic (Maintain); Amy Stucky (Grow).

**Class of 2017:** Gene Beam (Sustain), Libby Brown (Maintain), Karen Clayton (Gather); June Guynes (Share); Andi Gaskins (Care); Elaine Stowe (Grow); Sally Troy (Worship).

**TRUSTEES**

**Class of 2016:** Janice Fowler (Treasurer of Church) and Wayne Bonner

**Class of 2017:** Mac Martinson and Charles Bozeman (Treasurer of Trustees)

**Class of 2018:** Bill Johnson and Jay Stowe

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