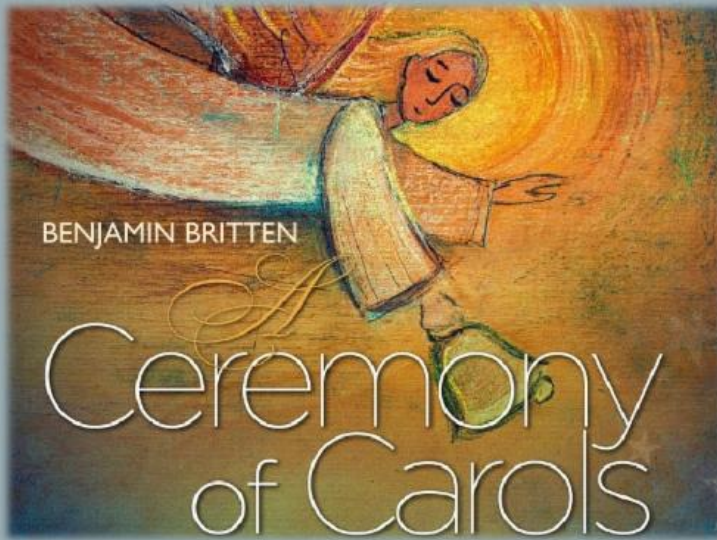


307 Gates Avenue SE, Huntsville AL 35801

Third Sunday of Advent



December 17, 2017

8:30 am – John Allan Hall
10:30 am - Sanctuary

Women of the
FPC Chancel Choir
Katherine Newman-Harp

Christmas Pageant



Presented by our FPC Children

**December 17, 2017
5:00 pm - Sanctuary**

**Hot Cocoa and Cookies will follow in the
Fellowship Hall**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services



*Lessons & Carols
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
December 24, 2017
3:00 and 5:00 pm
Sanctuary*

Prayer Vigil



First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville
24-hour Prayer Vigil
for our Pastor Nominating Committee

Friday, December 29, 2017 through
Saturday, December 30, 2017

[Click here for details](#)

WNL Adult Education Class 2018

[Click here for more details](#)

WNL will be offering a new adult education opportunity beginning January 10, 2018.

John Dominic Crosson, one of the world's foremost historical Jesus scholars, examines this question in the Living the Questions DVD series "Violence Divine".

Registration opening soon.

Mark Your Calendar

ONE SERVICE SUNDAYS

December 24, 2017 - Christmas Eve Day
December 31, 2017 - New Year's Eve Day

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

Holiday Office Hours

December 22, 25, 26 - OFFICE CLOSED

December 27 & 28 - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

December 29 - OFFICE CLOSED

January 01, 2018 - OFFICE CLOSED

**Regular office hours will resume
Tuesday, January 02, 2018 at 8:00 am.**

*The Staff of First Presbyterian Church wish you all a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

Celebrating First Presbyterian's First 200 Years in Christ

**\$200 for 200 Years
Mission/December Devotional**



For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 3:11

A Note From the Finance Office



Last minute Contributions:

Our sincere thanks to all who have given generously this year to the life and work of our church. If you plan to make any additional contribution before year's end that you wish to be counted as a 2017 tax deduction, please remember that it must be either postmarked or received by the church by December 31, 2017. Any contributions postmarked or received on or after January 1 will be considered a 2018 tax deduction.

Also, if you are considering a gift of stock, please be aware that it takes several days for the transfer to occur and the stock market usually has limited hours during the holiday season as does our church office. Please contact the finance office to let Ellen know that you are preparing to transfer stock before the end of 2017.

Ellen will be in the church office on December 27 & 28 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. to accept contributions in person. Otherwise contributions can be put through the mail slot in the outside office door. Again make sure that your contribution is postmarked December 31, 2017 to be counted as a 2017 tax deduction.

Thank you for your continuing support to First Presbyterian Church and its ministries.

Maranatha Newsletter

Don't miss out on any upcoming event or opportunity.
Sign-up at the Bulletin Board for the Camp Maranatha newsletter!

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for all announcements for the bulletin and/or the weekly email is Wednesday morning by 9:00 a.m.

Please submit your announcements to Cynde Tannehill at:

administrator@fpchsv.org

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE . . .

The Newsletter will be taking a break for the Holiday Season.

The last Weekly News for 2017 will be emailed on:

December 21, 2017

The Newsletter will resume after the holidays on:

January 4, 2018

Worship This Week



**Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017**

**Rev. Dr. Carol Tate,
Interim Pastor**

"Mothers of God"

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

Scripture this week:

[Luke 1:26-38](#); [Luke 1:47-55](#)

[View Bulletin](#)

Sermons Online

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. Simply click "Audio Sermon."

For a PDF of the Sunday worship bulletin, click on the service time.

**Sunday, December 17,
2017**

"Mothers of God"

Rev. Dr. Carol Tate

[8:20/10:30 a.m.](#)

**Sunday, December 10,
2017**

***"Has Anybody Seen My Old
Friend John?"***

Rev. Dr. James Roberts

[8:20/10:30 a.m.](#)

[Audio Sermon](#)

**Sunday, December 3,
2017**

"Hanging of the Greens"

No Sermon

[10:30 a.m.](#)

**Sunday, November 26,
2017**

"Fully Alive"

Rev. Dr. Carol Tate

[8:30/10:30 a.m.](#)

[Audio Sermon](#)

Music at FPC

THE MUSIC MINISTRY *of*
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 17:

- **Many thanks** to the women of the FPC Chancel Choir and guest women for sharing your music with us in this very special presentation of *A Ceremony of Carols*.
- **Many thanks** to Katherine Newman for her beautiful harp music.
- **NO CHOIR REHEARSAL DECEMBER 27.**
- **Choir Rehearsal** will resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:15 pm in the choir room.

Dr. Patricia Hacker, Director of Music
 256-536-3354, ext. 126
music@fpchsv.org

Children and Youth Ministries

Announcements



Schedule

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



December/January

12/17 – CHANGE IN PLANS:
 Meeting at 11:30 after the morning worship to go to Five Guys for lunch then CAROLING. Afterwards, we would love if you can stay to watch the Children's Pageant, too!

12/24 – No PYC (Christmas Eve)

12/31 – No PYC (New Year's Eve)

1/7 – New Year Kickoff
 Bring your friends as we go Ice Skating in the Park! Meeting in the Fellowship Hall then we will walk down to the park to get our skate on!!

1/14 – No PYC (Martin Luther King Jr. weekend)

Louise McCallion,
Director of Youth Ministry
256-536-3354, ext. 131
youth@fpchsv.org

First Friends Preschool



*First Friends Preschool provides a loving and nurturing Christian education program for children ages twelve weeks through Pre-Kindergarten. Established in 1982, First Friends Preschool's mission is to nurture children of First Presbyterian Church and the community and to serve as a preparatory school for entrance into public or private school Kindergarten. *Click the photo to visit our website.**

Lacy Guthrie, Director of First Friends Preschool
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Upcoming Events

[View our Church Calendar Online](#)

Flower Dedications for Sunday

Flower Dedications for 2017

Flower Dedications are given to the Glory of God in memory of loved ones or in honor of special a special occasion such as a birthday, wedding, or anniversary.

A donation of \$50 will sponsor a flower arrangement by the Flower Guild.

Flower Dedication cards/envelopes are located at the back of the sanctuary, or at the bulletin boards, or can be picked up at the church office.

Upcoming available Sunday dates:
Dec. 31, 2017

Prayer Requests

We are here to pray for you . . .

Members: Anne Boles, Charlie Bonner, Paula Brown, Emily Butler, Frances Byrd, Marilyn Harris, David Hatch, J. R. Howard, Kara Howard, Billie Jones, Cay Lambert, Sage Lyons III, Sanders Pair, Amy Ricks, John Shaver, Jr., Dolly Shuey, and Bruce Williams.

Friends & Relatives: Alice Contreras Anaya - Sister of Frank Contreras; Joany Bass - Sister of Nancy Lundy; Kolebi Baxter - Friend of Roger and Irmie Hamner; Mary Nell Beam - Daughter of Gene and Alicia Beam; Colleen Bolton and Holly Bolton - Daughters-in-Law of Bill and Miriam Bolton; Kim & Jeanne Chamberlin - Friends of Frank Contreras; Leslie Crows on - Friend of Everett Mosley; Kimberly Daniels - Friend of Carol Cotney; Claudia Fahrner - Friend of FPC; Stella Fair - Sister of David Galloway; **Jimmy Forbes - Son of Jean Forbes;** Calhecia Francis - Sister of Eliza Francis; Susan Gillespie - Friend of FPC; Donna Hester - Sister-in-law of Anne Peters; Tina and James Hester - Parents of Anne Peters; Frances Kyser - Friend of Patricia Hacker; Lori Lee - Friend of Beverly Wills; Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith; Markes Little - Brother of Peggy Galloway; Kevin McCarley - Brother of Roy McCorkle; Beth Lee McCormick - Friend of the Fowler Family; Glenn Myers - Friend of Beverly Wills; Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely; Scott Sedlitz - Stepson of Annwhite Fuller.

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care: Elissa Green (Brookdale Hampton Cove); Jeanette Hollis (Harbor Chase); Pat Ivy (Redstone Village); Darwin Perkins (Brookdale Place); Ray Rose (Diversicare of Big Springs); Virginia Rowe (Whitesburg Gardens); Marge Sharp (Birmingham).

The Church: The Pastor Nominating Committee; the Nominating Committee; First Presbyterian Church, the Session, the North Alabama Presbytery, and for all the church staff.

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

Our Nation: President Trump and our representatives.

First Presbyterian Missions & Ministries: 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.

Other Prayers: Let us remember all those who have suffered and continue to suffer from natural disasters: the victims of... Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, José, Maria, and Nate; the earthquake in Mexico; the fires in the West; to the victims, families & loved ones affected by the senseless violence in Las Vegas and Texas. Also, our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program and other benevolent agencies.

Staff & Leadership

OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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

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Dr. Frank Contreras, *Organist*

Louise McCallion, *Youth Director*; ext. 131; youth@fpchsv.org

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Cynde Tannehill, *Office Administrator/Notary*; ext. 132; administrator@fpchsv.org

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Finance Department, ext. 136; finance@fpchsv.org

Quentin Fitzpatrick, *Sexton*

THE SESSION

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

Class of 2018: Vicky Goodwin (Care); Marshall Schreeder, Jr. (Sustain); Danny Bryant (Gather); David Galloway (Maintain); Bob McKemie (Worship); Karen Madison (Share); Woodward Howard (Grow).

Moderator:

Dr. Carol Tate, *Interim Pastor*

Clerk of Session:

Bruce Williams

Moving Clerk:

Louis Horn

To view Current session minutes, click [HERE](#).

DIACONATE (DEACONS)

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

Class of 2018: Ryan Parker (Sustain); Sue Garrison (Worship); Joe Lundy (Gather); Annwhite Fuller (Care); Andrew Bevel (Share); Jesse Guthrie (Maintain); Ben Peters (Grow).

TRUSTEES

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

Class of 2017: Bill Johnson and David Galloway

Class of 2019: Bill Lummus and Jim Daughtry

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