

First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville

307 Gates Avenue SE, Huntsville AL 35801

Second Sunday of Advent

*"A Fanfare of Bells"
Westminster Ringers and Youth Ringers*

**December 10, 2017
8:30 am - John Allan Hall
10:30 am - Sanctuary**

Advent and Christmas at FPC



[Click Here for the Schedule of Events](#)

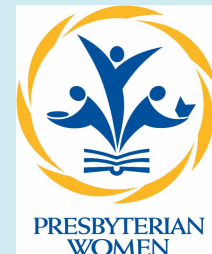
Presbyterian Women

**PW Circles will meet
Monday, December 11**

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

Circle 2 - 10:00 a.m., hosted by Ann Tubbs,
54 Northampton, HSV

Circle 3 - 6:00 p.m. in the Carriage House.



Christmas Pageant



Presented by our FPC Children

December 17, 2017
5:00 pm - Sanctuary

Hot Cocoa and Cookies will follow in the
Fellowship Hall

Mark Your Calendar

ONE SERVICE SUNDAYS

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

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

In Sympathy

Sympathy of the Congregation

is expressed to Nan McBride
on the death of her sister,

Biddie Schrader

The McBride's mailing address is:
2103 Raincreek Trail
Huntsville, AL 35811



*Celebrating First Presbyterian's
First 200 Years in Christ*

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



A Note from the Bicentennial Committee:

Thank you to all who came to help, to our Maintain Cluster for planning the activities and providing lunch, and to our Sexton, Quentin, for his leadership that day.

**Photo Highlights of
our Church Work Day
November 18th**

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

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017**

**Rev. Dr. James Roberts,
Interim Associate Pastor**



"Has Anybody Seen My Old Friend John?"

8:30 a.m. (John Allan Hall)

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Scripture this week:

[Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8](#)

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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 10,
2017**

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

Rev. Dr. James Roberts

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

**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](#)

**Sunday, November 19,
2017**

"Living Toward God"

Rev. Dr. Carol Tate

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

[Audio Sermon](#)

Music at FPC



December 10:

- **Many thanks** to Vivian Moore, Jane Beason Moore, Margaret Buckner, Ethan Yeuell, Langley Polk, Celeste Owens, Eliza Francis, and Stacey Owens for ringing this morning.
- **We invite you to *A Ceremony of Carols***, sung by the women of the Chancel Choir, on December 17, during both services.
- **If you would like to join the Chancel Choir**, we would love to have you. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room.
- **Handbell Rehearsals** are on Sundays at 11:30 a.m., immediately following the 10:30 service in the Bell 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



December/January

12/10 – Galaxy of Lights
We are hoping to take the church bus to drive through the Galaxy of Lights at Huntsville

- a.m.
- Children's Church - 10:30 a.m.

Botanic Gardens. Meet in the Fellowship Hall for supper then we will aim to set off ASAP.

12/17 – Caroling

Meeting at 2:30pm for Caroling then back to church to watch the Pageant together! Pick up after 6:30pm!

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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ffdiretor@fpchsv.org

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

Jan. 7, 14, 28, 2018

Prayer Requests

We are here to pray for you . . .

Members: Anne Boles, Charlie Bonner, Paula Brown, Emily Butler, Frances Byrd, Marlyn 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; **Lesie Crowson - Friend of Everett Mosley;** **Kimberly Daniels - Friend of Carol Cotney;** Claudia Fahrner - Friend of FPC; Stella Fair - Sister of David Galloway; 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 - Steps on of Annewhite 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.

First Presbyterian Church Staff & Leadership

OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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THE CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Carol Tate, *Interim Pastor*; ext. 132; pastor@fpchsv.org

Dr. James Roberts, *Interim Associate Pastor*; ext. 127; associatepastor@fpchsv.org

Dr. Patricia Hacker, *Director of Music*; ext. 126; music@fpchsv.org

Dr. Frank Contreras, *Organist*

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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); Annewhite 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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Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"