



First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville

307 Gates Avenue SE, Huntsville AL 35801

A Note From The Pastor...

I have just finished putting away my last Christmas decorations, and now I find Ash Wednesday rushing upon us. As if its sudden approach isn't enough, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are vying for our attention this year, both being on February 14. Ashes and mortality face an uphill battle against chocolate, roses, and romance, a battle that I do not intend to enter. But I would like to invite and encourage you to make space in your Valentine's celebration as the Lenten Season begins for remembering the Ultimate Love: the sacrificial act of The Word, Jesus Christ, that prevents death from having the final word.

We will hold a noontime service with the imposition of ashes in the Gideon Blackburn House and hope that those of you who work will attend during this lunch hour, and we will hold a family-friendly 20 minute service, with ashes, in the sanctuary at the conclusion of Wed Nite Live at 6:45 PM. If you are unable to make either of those times, either Pastor Jim or I will be available throughout the day to mark you with ashes, and the sanctuary will be open for quiet meditation.

Finally, Lenten devotionals will be available for pick up at both the Gideon Blackburn House and outside the offices. Please use them to help guide your Lenten journey, and may you have a blessed Lent.

Blessings,
Rosemary

Holy Communion this Sunday

February 4, 2018

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be observed during both
worship services.**

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Services February 7, 2018

**12:00 PM - Gideon Blackburn House
6:45 PM - Sanctuary**

"Thank You!"

*"Thank you, First Presbyterian Church - my friends in Christ - for a wonderful Christian send off. I could mention *many things*, but certainly the Laying on of Hands was a meaningful, blessed experience in my life as a Christian. FPC has been so good and generous to me! The Peace of the Lord be always with you!*

Your friend in Christ,
Frank Contreras

P.S. It was a *joy* to play three of my favorite pieces for you!"

Welcome to First Presbyterian

**We welcome the following new members to
our church family:**

**Elizabeth and Kent Wright
110 Woods End Road
Huntsville, Al 35806**

**Betty Loeb
2106 Twist Circle
Huntsville, AL 35806**

**Dianne Bowling
706 Indian Ridge Drive SE
Huntsville, AL 35803**

**Allen, Laura, and Langley Polk
106 Fox Island Court**

Concert Opportunity



presents

Mosaic of Love
Fly Me to the Moon
Songs of Frank Sinatra

02.10.18 - 3PM & 7PM
Faith Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall

www.hsvmasterchoral.org

CHILI COOK-OFF TIME!

The Gather Cluster & Bicentennial Committee

invites everyone to our

Annual Chili Cook-off

February 18, 2018 after the 10:30 a.m. service
Fellowship Hall

Get your favorite chili recipes ready! We would love for any group, individual, scout troop, or Sunday school class to participate.

We will also welcome Dr. John Kvach, professor of history, who will be presenting a program for us on the last 200 years of history in Huntsville in preparation for our upcoming **Bicentennial Celebration on June 17, 2018.**

Sign-up at the bulletin board today!

A Loss in Our Church Family

In Memoriam

Mavis Daniell joined the church triumphant on Tuesday evening, January 23, 2018.

Visitation will be on Saturday, February 3 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with the service immediately following in the sanctuary.



Mission Trip to Haiti

FPC is sponsoring a mission trip to Haiti February 13-20, 2018: eight group participants will help our mission partners, the Rideouts, with several projects including an eyeglasses fitting clinic. Contributions from the congregation are welcome and will be applied to the highest priority projects. Please make checks out to FPC and note "Haiti Mission Projects".

[Details Here](#)

Retreat Weekend!

Tennessee Valley Presbyterian Cursillo

When: April 19-22, 2018

Where: Camp Maranatha, Lake Guntersville near Scottsboro, Alabama

Registration: \$150 (for all meals, lodging and programming), and includes a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

Application deadline: **March 1** (space is limited, applications are on first-come basis).

[Complete Details](#)

[Application](#)

Celebrating First Presbyterian's

First 200 Years in Christ

**\$200 for 200 Years
Mission/February 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

Bicentennial News!



BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 17, 2018

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

and to Amber Stewart at:

receptionist@fpchsv.org

Worship This Week

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 2018**

Rev. Rosemary McMahan



Interim Pastor

"Lost Jesus?"

8:30 a.m. - John Allan Hall

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

Scripture this week:

[Isaiah 40:21-31](#); [Mark 1:29-39](#)

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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, January 28,
2018**

"Whose Voice?"

Rev. Rosemary McMahan

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

[Audio Sermon](#)

**Sunday, January 21,
2018**

*"Something Old,
Something New"*

Rev. Rosemary McMahan

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

[Audio Sermon](#)

**Sunday, January 14,
2018**

"Playing God"

Rev. Dr. James Roberts

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

Sunday, January 7, 2018

"Living Our Baptisms"

Rev. Rosemary McMahan

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

Audio Sermon

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Music at FPC



THE MUSIC MINISTRY *of* FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 4:

- **Many thanks** to Eliza Francis for sharing her music with us today, and to David Jones for playing the piano and organ.
- **We would like to invite you to a Choir Retreat on February 25 at 11:30 am.** We will study *The Seven Last Words of Christ* in preparation for our Holy Week and Easter celebration. Please join us. (Lunch will be provided)
- **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.

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

Children and Youth Ministries

Announcements

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY



February

2/4 – PYC @ 5:15-7-ish
Super Bowl Party

2/11 – PYC @ 5-7pm
“Tug-of-War”

2/18 – No PYC Presidents
Day

2/25 – *Mary Poppins* @ 2pm

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 2018

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:

**Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25;
March, April, May...**

Prayer Requests

We are here to pray for you . . .

Members: Anne Boles, Joyce Bond, Charlie Bonner, Emily Butler, 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, Anita Verble, and **Ed Walker**.

Friends & Relatives: Sheriff Blake Dorning - Friend of Houston Matthews; Claudia Fahrner - Friend of FPC; Stella Fair - Sister of David Galloway; Calhecia Francis - Sister of Eliza Francis; Jimmy Ford - Son of Jean Forbes; Susan Gillespie - Friend of FPC; Donna Hester - Sister-in-law of Anne Peters; Tina and James Hester - Parents of Anne Peters; Frances Kysler - 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; Fred Stucky, Jr. - Father of Fred Stucky; Lucy Vedane - Friend of LaRhue Johnson; Billy Wallace - Brother of Beverly Wills.

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); Marge Sharp (Birmingham).

The Church: Incoming pastor, Rev. Tara Bulger, and her family; 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, 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 SESSION

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).

Class of 2019: Mary Adams (Care); Steve Cornelius (Sustain); Sheila Fogle (Gather); Brian Clayton (Maintain); Leslie Ecklund (Worship); Charles Bozeman (Share); Leigh Brown (Grow).

Moderator:

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, *Interim Pastor*

Clerk of Session:

Leigh Brown

Moving Clerk:

Amy Stucky

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

DIACONATE (DEACONS)

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

Class of 2019: Rick Rawls (Sustain); Anne Brigance (Worship); Bryce Connor (Gather); Jane McBride (Care); Nancy Lundy (Share); Joe Sparks (Maintain); Stephanie Hyatt (Grow).

TRUSTEES

Class of 2017: Bill Johnson and Jay Stowe

Class of 2019: Bill Lummus and Jim Daughtry

Class of 2020: Andy Watson and Sara Graves

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