



# **First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville**

*307 Gates Avenue SE, Huntsville AL 35801*

## ***A Message From Rev. McMahan***

***Greetings and Happy New Year to all of you at FPC!***

*It is a pleasant surprise to find myself back with you as we await the arrival of your next installed pastor. For the time that I am here, I invite you to join me in preparing for new leadership by studying the Gospel of Mark on Wednesday evenings at WNL. I also invite those who are able to attend the ongoing Thursday morning prayer group where we will be praying for FPC's future, along with lifting prayers for the PNC, the Session, the Bicentennial Committee, the work and ministries of this congregation, and the next pastor.*

*My goal is to prepare us as spiritually as possible to welcome the new pastor and to move into a blessed and fruitful next two hundred years of being Christ's presence here in downtown Huntsville, our community, and the world.*

***Blessings,  
Rosemary***

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**To contact the pastor:**

**Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor; ext. 132; [pastor@fpchsv.org](mailto:pastor@fpchsv.org)**

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## ***PW Circles***

**PW Circles will meet  
Monday, January 8**

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

**Circle 2** - 10:00 a.m. hosted by Harriet Bibb, 1316 Forbes Drive, HSV

**Circle 3** - Will meet next Monday, January 15

6:30 p.m. in the Carriage House.

## Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, January 14, 2018**

**Immediately following the 10:30 am Worship Service**

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the annual report and to elect the 2018 representative nominating committee.

## WNL Class 2018 - REGISTER NOW!

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

1. "Mark's Good News!" Join us on Wednesday nights in January and February for an introduction and overview of the shortest, and first, telling of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Gospel According to Mark.

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

["Violence Divine"](#)

["Mark's Good News"](#)

[For more details about WNL](#)

[Click here for Adult Registration](#)

[Click here for Children/Youth Registration](#)

## Thank you for praying!

The Pastor Nominating Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the prayer vigil last week. Your prayers truly strengthen and sustain us for together we are one body of Christ. Thank you for your love, support and encouragement as we continue to seek the person that God has already chosen to be our next pastor.

## *In Sympathy*

**Sympathy of the Congregation**  
is expressed to Bruce Peters  
on the death of his father,

*Rudolph Peters*

The Peters' mailing address is:  
2745 Box Canyon Road  
Huntsville, AL 35803

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**Sympathy of the Congregation**  
is expressed to Bill and Miriam Bolton  
on the death of their nephew,

*John Ostermeyer*

The Bolton's mailing address is:  
115 Sugar Plum Way  
Huntsville, AL 35811



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

**\$200 for 200 Years  
Mission/January 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

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## **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

**Church members who requested 2018 pre-printed offering envelopes** may pick them up this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall before and after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

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As of December 19th, we have received pledges for \$711,664 for 2018. We are grateful for your faithful commitments to support First Huntsville next year. Communicating the level you intend to give is very helpful for planning purposes.

**If you have not submitted a pledge card, please consider indicating your plan to contribute to the Church's work by contacting:**

**Ellen DeAngelo - [finance@fpchsv.org](mailto:finance@fpchsv.org), (256) 536-3354 Ext 136**

As we turn the page on 2017, we are setting the 2018 budget based on your generous pledge to support the many ministries of First Huntsville that live out our Mission -

*"drawn into community, nurtured by God's Word, called into the world".*

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## *A Special Note of Thanks*

*"I could not have imagined a lovelier reception and send-off than our time together after worship last Sunday. Heartfelt thanks to all who made the tables so beautiful—the flowers and food and centerpieces were wonderful. Your words and tears and kind cards will remain in my heart. Lou Horn's remarks were gracious and touched on the deep relationship that unfolded among many of us during our time together. Such a caring way you made for us to say goodbye and I am very grateful. I will be cheering you on from Nashville and will be praying for the staff and all of you as you move toward and into a new relationship with your pastor.*

*Rich blessings to you, and my love and prayers abide with you, Carol"*

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## *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:**

## Worship This Week



### First Sunday after Epiphany January 7, 2018

Rev. Rosemary McMahan,  
Interim Pastor

*"Living Our Baptisms"*

8:30 a.m. - John Allan Hall  
10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

Scripture this week:  
[Psalm 29](#); [Acts 19:1-7](#)

[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, January 7, 2018**

*"Living Our Baptisms"*  
Rev. Rosemary McMahan

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

**Sunday, December 31,  
2017**

*"The Impossible Possibility"*  
Rev. Dr. Carol Tate

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

[Audio Sermon](#)

**Sunday, December 24,  
2017**

***"Not What We Thought  
We Wanted"***

Rev. Dr. Carol Tate

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

**Audio Sermon**

**Sunday, December 17,  
2017**

***"Mothers of God"***

Rev. Dr. Carol Tate

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

**Audio Sermon**

## *Music at FPC*



### THE MUSIC MINISTRY *of* FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### ***January 7:***

- **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](mailto: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.

YOUTH MINISTRY



## January

**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](mailto: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  
256-536-3354, ext. 128  
[ffdirector@fpchsv.org](mailto:ffdirector@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:**

**Jan. 7, 14, 28**

**February, March, April...**

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## *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 Anita Verble.

**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; **The Crowson Family - Friends 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; 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 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 Annewhite Fuller; 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:** The Pastor Nominating Committee; the Nomnating 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, our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program and other benevolent agencies.

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## *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.**

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

### **THE CHURCH STAFF**

**Rev. Rosemary McMahan**, *Interim Pastor*; ext. 132; [pastor@fpchsv.org](mailto:pastor@fpchsv.org)

**Dr. James Roberts**, *Interim Associate Pastor*; ext. 127; [associatepastor@fpchsv.org](mailto:associatepastor@fpchsv.org)

**Dr. Patricia Hacker**, *Director of Music*; ext. 126; [music@fpchsv.org](mailto:music@fpchsv.org)

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**Louise McCallion**, *Youth Director*; ext. 131; [youth@fpchsv.org](mailto:youth@fpchsv.org)

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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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