



First  
Presbyterian  
Church

307 Gates Avenue, Huntsville AL 35801

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## From the Session



### **We welcome The Rev. Dr. Carol Ann Tate as our new Interim Pastor!**

The Reverend Dr. Carol Ann Tate is our new Interim Minister for First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville beginning July 1, 2017. Prior to her most recent interim in Fayetteville, TN, she was on the staff of Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills, MI, where she was the Pastor for Adult Ministries. She served as a Parish Associate at University Presbyterian Church in Austin, TX while working on a Doctorate of Ministry degree at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, completed in 2014. During her Austin years, Carol was also the Coordinator of Chapel Music at the seminary, playing the services, conducting the seminary choir, and teaching cantors. Carol graduated from Centre College in Kentucky as a valedictorian and member of Phi Beta Kappa. She has a Master's degree from New England Conservatory in Boston in organ performance. Carol greatly enjoyed her career as a musician in the church, serving churches in several states and denominations, culminating as the Director of Music for the extensive program at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville, TN.

The call to ministry, however, had been a lifelong concern, and Carol responded at last, graduating from Vanderbilt Divinity School in 2000 with highest honors. She became a New Church Development pastor and was installed as the pastor of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Nashville. In 2012 she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by her alma mater, Centre College, where she had been an adjunct professor while serving the Presbyterian church in Danville, KY for several years after conservatory. In 2013 her husband, K. C. Ptomey, Jr. died unexpectedly, and she returned to their home in Nashville in May 2015 to be near her children Liz and John and his wife, Claire. Carol is currently finishing additional course work in conflict at the Institute for Conflict Management at Lipscomb University and has completed Rule 31 civil and family practice mediation training, among other courses that address issues of process and resolution. Theology, the arts, a passion for teaching and learning, a love of people and of Christ's church-Carol is excited to be joining in the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Tate can be reached at the church office at 256-536-3354, ext. 122 or at [pastor@fpchsv.org](mailto:pastor@fpchsv.org) after July 1, 2017.

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**We welcome The Rev. Dr. James W. Roberts as our new Interim Associate Pastor!**

We welcome Dr. James W. Roberts as Interim Pastor for First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville beginning July 1, 2017.

Jim and his wife, Diane, have been residing in the Hampton Ridge subdivision since his retirement last September, and after having served First Presbyterian Church Charleston, West Virginia, for eight and a half years. Before moving to Charleston, he served Hope Presbyterian Church in Huntsville for over twelve years. Jim is returning home to the presbytery that ordained him over thirty-six years ago. Diane retired from the Huntsville City Schools when they moved to Charleston. Her last position was as guidance counselor at Lee High School, at which time she was honored with Alabama Guidance Counselor of the Year in 2005.



They have three adult children and families: Bart, his wife, Carolyn, and their almost 5 year old son, Andrew, live in Decatur; Alison and her 13 year old daughter, Leyla, live in Huntsville; and Anna and her husband, Mo, live in Huntsville.

Jim grew up in Hartselle, where his sister and brother-in-law continue to live. His brother and some of his family live in Vancouver, Washington. Diane hales from Hanceville, where her 92 year old mother and her brother and sister-in-law reside. So, moving to Huntsville is very much "coming home" for both Diane and Jim, as they enjoy their kids and grandkids and local family.

Jim's primary role at First Huntsville will be that of congregational care and Christian education with secondary responsibilities for worship leadership and occasional preaching. This congregation has a long, distinguished history of shining the light of God's kingdom in the Huntsville community, our presbytery, and around the world. You are poised to do even greater things as you prepare for the leadership of the new permanent pastors God is calling to First Huntsville. Both Jim and Diane look forward to worship, care, mission, and fellowship with all the members of First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Roberts can be reached at the church office at 256-536-3354, ext. 127 or at [associatepastor@fpchsv.org](mailto:associatepastor@fpchsv.org) after July 1, 2017.

**June Guest Pastors**

Please join us as we welcome these  
area pastors who will be preaching  
on the following Sundays:

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**June 18** – The Rev. John C. Bush, Decatur

**June 25** – The Rev. Dr. Peggy McClure, Huntsville

## Mark Your Calendar



## Fellowship Camp

# MARANATH

## FPC 2017 Fellowship Camp August 11-13

Friday night at 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Sign up at the bulletin board  
ALL PAYMENTS DUE JULY 14

For additional information contact Bo Lundy at 256-426-6111

### Every Sunday



### "Pop on Over"

Every Sunday after the late service

Gideon Blackburn Front Lawn

Join us every Sunday during the summer months after the late service for popcorn, lemonade, and fellowship.

### Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 26-29, 2017 9:00 UNTIL NOON

*MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!*

Please consider helping in one of these areas:

**Crew Leader:** Responsible for leading a group of 8-10 children to each of their rotations each day. We need 8 Crew Leaders for the week.

**Arts & Crafts:** Assist Lacey Guthrie with craft and science experiments.

**Games and Recreation:** Assist with active outdoor fun.

**Set-up and Decorations:** Duties include gathering decoration supplies, and/or assisting with set-up/decoration. This is done the weekend before VBS.

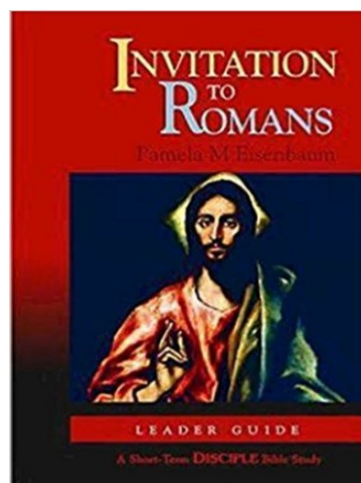
Contact [Angela Green](#) to sign-up or for more information:

256-536-3354, ext. 129 OR [children@fpchsv.org](mailto:children@fpchsv.org)





## Summer Bible Study



Summer Bible Study, Thursday Mornings,  
July 13 – August 31, 2017  
10:00–11:15 a.m.

### Invitation to Romans, A Short-Term Disciple Bible Study

Romans gives us insight into the theology of Paul and is central to reformed theology. It provides some of the key components of Christianity. Reading of Scripture and accompanying materials outside of class take approximately 1–2 hours for each lesson. The class includes a video and focused discussions on the material studied. The study consists of 8 lessons and are scheduled weekly beginning July 13 through August 31. The cost of the book is \$16.00 and will be collected at the first class.

Contact Vicky Goodwin at 623–330–5805 or [goodwingoodwins@gmail.com](mailto:goodwingoodwins@gmail.com) to sign up.

## Worship This Week

**Sunday, June 18, 2017**



**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Rev. John C. Bush, Guest Pastor, preaching

"Sarah's Laughter"

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

**10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Scripture this week: [Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19](#); [Genesis 18:1-16; 21:1-7](#).

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

## Music Ministry



### Sunday, June 18:

- **Many thanks** to Moriah Berry for singing this morning.
- **Chancel Choir** will take a well-deserved summer break starting June 18 through July 19. They will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, July 12 and will sing on Sunday, July 16.

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

## Children's Ministry



### Sunday, June 18:

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

Vacation Bible School

June 26-29, 2017



9:00 a.m. - noon

Children ages Rising Pre-k (4 year old)  
through Rising 6th graders

Click [here](#) to register now!

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

## Youth Ministry



### JUNE

**Saturday, June 17** - ASP group returns

**June 18** - NO PYC, Happy Father's Day

**June 25** - PYC out to dinner downtown

**June 26-29** - Volunteer to help with VBS youth out to lunch after VBS on June 29. Contact Angela Green if you can help out with VBS.

**July 2** - Our new Youth Director, Louise McCallion, arrives in the U.S.! More details to celebrate her arrival to come soon.

**Leigh Brown \* Youth Committee Moderator \* (256) 653-8991**

[lbrown8991@gmail.com](mailto:lbrown8991@gmail.com)

## Church Calendar



[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 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 in the pew racks or can be picked up at the church office.

**Upcoming available Sunday dates:**

**July 2, 16, 30; August 6, 13, 20;**

**Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24**

**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 Office Administrator's office.

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

**Sunday, June 18, 2017**

**"Sarah's Laughter"**

Dr. John C. Bush

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

**Sunday, June 11, 2017**

**"I Believe in God...Creator of Heaven and Earth"**

Dr. James Roberts

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

**Sunday, June 4, 2017**

**"An Invitation to Dream"**

Dr. Joe Sparks

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

**Sunday, May 28, 2017**

**"Kerygma!"**

Rev. Rosemary McMahan

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



## Prayer Request



**Members:** Anne Boles, Emily Butler, Marlyn Harris, David Hatch, Jeanette Hollis, J. R. Howard, Kara Howard, LaRhue and Carroll Johnson, Cay Lambert, Sage Lyons, III, Charles Morris, Sanders Pair, Amy Ricks, and Dolly Shuey.

**Friends & Relatives:** Jerry Adams - Friend of FPC; Cam Cotney - Nephew of Carol Cotney; Celia Duncan - Friend of Sarah Watson; Henry Howard - Great Nephew of Woodward Howard; Martha Jones Family - Friends of Jo Recio; Kelley - Friend of Jo Recio; Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith; Margaret Linn - Mother of Melissa Jones; Markes Little - Brother of Peggy Galloway; Dell Page - Family of Sheila, Katie and Natalie Fogle; Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely; Scott Sedlitz - Stepson of Annewhite Fuller; Patricia Smith - Mother of David Smith.

**Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:** Lorinne Lilly (Magnolia Cottage); Darwin Perkins (Brookdale Place); Ray Rose (Diversicare of Big Springs); Virginia Rowe (Whitesburg Gardens); Marge Sharp (Birmingham).


**The Church:** The Pastor Nominating Committee; First Presbyterian Church, the Session, the North Alabama Presbytery, and for our new Director of Youth Ministry.

**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.

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



## Church Staff & Leadership

### 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.**

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

Dr. Frank Contreras, Organist

Angela Green, *Director of Children's Ministry*; ext. 129; [children@fpchsv.org](mailto:children@fpchsv.org)

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Cynde Tannehill, *Office Administrator/Notary*; ext. 132; [administrator@fpchsv.org](mailto:administrator@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:**

Vacant

#### **Clerk of Session:**

Bruce Williams

#### **Moving Clerk:**

Louis Horn

To view current session minutes, click [here](#).

SESSION  
MINUTES

### 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);

Anewwhite 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 2018:** Bill Johnson and David Galloway

**Class of 2019:** Bill Lummus and Jim Daughtry

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