



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HUNTSVILLE, AL

*307 Gates Avenue SE, Huntsville AL 35801*

## *Welcome to FPC!*

### *A Word from Our Pastor*

**Dear friends,**

**This past Sunday in worship we talked about hope. We remembered that our hope is always in our Lord Jesus Christ and that hope never fails.**

**I see signs of hope all over our congregation. We have elected 23 people who will serve our congregation in various capacities over the next few years.**

**Finding people who love the church enough to give of themselves is a sign of hope! Many of you also made financial commitments to the church for the next year. Committing yourself to this church is a sign of hope. Friends- there is so much to be grateful for and I find myself thanking God often that my family and I get to be a part of this community of faith.**

**While we root ourselves in the hope offered in Jesus Christ, let us also look forward to the future that only God can author.**

**Grace and Peace to You,**

**The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger**

*Join Us For Our New Sermon Series!*

EVERYBODY LOVES A

# Surprise

THE PARABLES  
OF JESUS IN  
MODERN TIMES

Sundays at FPCHSV  
Nov. 4, 11 & 18

## *Worship This Week*



**Twenty-fourth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
November 4, 2018**

**The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger  
Senior Pastor**

*"When the Surprise Isn't the Ending"*

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

Scripture this week:  
[Ezekiel 34:11-22](#); [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

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## *Special Notices*

**The Early Christian Study Group WILL NOT MEET this Saturday, November 3.**

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**Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Sunday, November 4.**

*Don't forget to "fall back."*

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**The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed on Sunday, November 4, during both services.**

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**First Presbyterian Church  
Bicentennial Commemorative Book  
\$20 each - Order by November 18**

**Sign-up and further details are at the Bulletin Board.**

*This is a limited printing, so reserve your copy now!*

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**The Grow Committee is seeking a librarian to organize and maintain our church resources. If you would be interested, or would like more information, please contact Kathy Gillmore at [dce@fpchsv.org](mailto:dce@fpchsv.org).**

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## *In Sympathy*



**Sympathy of the Congregation**  
is expressed to Libby Smith  
on the passing of her father, Jim Mitchell.

The Smith's address is:  
724 Owens Drive SE  
Huntsville, 35801

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## *Field Trip*

*College and Career Class Field Trip  
National Memorial for Peace and Justice/  
Legacy Museum  
Montgomery, Alabama  
Saturday, November 10*

We will leave FPC at 7am. There are 10 seats available on the bus.  
Sign-up at the Bulletin Board.

**COST: \$18 adults; \$12 students/seniors, plus money for 2 meals.  
For more information, contact Andrew Bevel.**

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## *FPC Concert Series Begins*

*Announcing the  
FPC Concert Series 2018-2019*

The first concert will be  
Allanda Small, soprano  
November 11, 3:00 p.m.  
Gideon Blackburn House-John Allan Hall

*Click here to learn more!*



## *Honoring Our Veterans*

**VETERANS PARADE AND PICNIC  
Monday, November 12  
11:00 a.m.**

Bring your lawn chairs and join us at the front of the Weil House as we watch the Veterans Parade together. Following the parade, we will enjoy a picnic of hot dogs, chips, tea, cookies, and lemonade.

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## *Presbyterian Women*

## **PW Circles will meet Monday, November 12:**

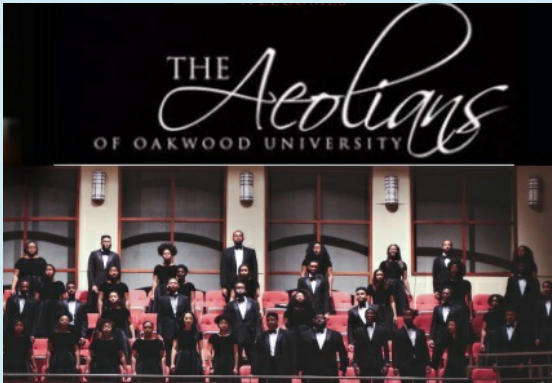
Circle 1 - 1:00 p.m., GBH Parlor (*note time change*)

Circle 2 - 10:00 a.m., hosted by Joanne Horn  
11 Ledges Main, Huntsville

Circle 3 - 6:30 p.m., Carriage House



## ***The Aeolians Are Coming!***



***Sunday, November 18,  
during the 10:30 a.m.  
worship service.***

## ***Mission of the Month-November***

### **Santa for Seniors**

For our November Mission of the Month, FPC has the opportunity to partner with TARCOG-Area Agency on Aging to provide Christmas gifts for fifty low income, disabled, homebound seniors.

TARCOG provides assistance in the home for these seniors through the Medicaid Waiver program which allows them to remain in their homes rather than having to go into a nursing facility. Many of these clients have no family support or assistance from family members and the gifts they will receive from us are the only gifts they will get for Christmas.

During the month of November, there will be a Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. On this tree will be names and information about these individuals along with their Christmas wish list.

Please take a name from the tree and record on the clipboard the number of the client you have selected.

Please WRAP the gifts, bag them altogether and return them to the fellowship hall BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018. We will transport these gifts to TARCOG and the case managers will deliver them to the seniors as they do their December monthly home visits.

If you have questions, please contact Marilyn McCorkle or Karen Madison.

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## *Mission of the Month Updates*

### *Report on Mission of the Month for October Presbyterian Home for Children.*

We had a great time helping out the Presbyterian Home for Children on Saturday, October 27! Sixteen church members ranging from 4<sup>th</sup> grade to, well let's just say "retired" travelled to Talladega to assist with the Children's Home Challenge. This is a bike ride event with routes from 5 to 100 miles with rest stops and water stops along the way. We manned a rest stop and water stop, handing out food, drink, and encouragement to the bikers who came from as far away as Missouri to participate. The weather was a little chilly and windy, but thankfully no rain! This was the Home's third year to host this event and it tripled in size from last year! They hope it will continue to grow and provide funding for their many programs. Thank you to all who participated!

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## *DEADLINE REMINDER*

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

**Please submit your announcements to Amber Stewart at:**

**[secretary@fpchsv.org](mailto:secretary@fpchsv.org)**

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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 most recent sermons. Simply click "Audio Sermon" or "Video Sermon."

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

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**Sunday  
October 28, 2018**

***"Why Hope?"***  
The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

8:30 a.m./10:30 a.m.

**Audio Sermon**

**Sunday  
October 21, 2018**

***"Why FPCHSV?"***  
The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

8:30 a.m./10:30 a.m.

**Audio Sermon**

**Sunday  
October 14, 2018**

***"Why PCUSA?"***  
The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

8:30 a.m./10:30 a.m.

**Audio Sermon**

**Sunday  
October 7, 2018**

***"Why Reformed?"***  
The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

8:30 a.m./10:30 a.m.

**Audio Sermon**

## *Music at FPC*



### ***November 4:***

- **Many thanks** to Stacy Owens for sharing her music with us this Sunday.
- **The Chancel Choir has resumed practice** - Wednesdays, at 7:15 p.m., in the choir room. We would love to have you sing with us!
- **Handbell Practice has resumed practice** - Sundays, at 11:30 a.m. in the bell room. Come and join us!
- **Come sing with us in Italy - June 20-29, 2019!** We will sing and tour and even do a little mission work along the way. It will be the

experience of a lifetime! Contact Dr. Hacker for more information.

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

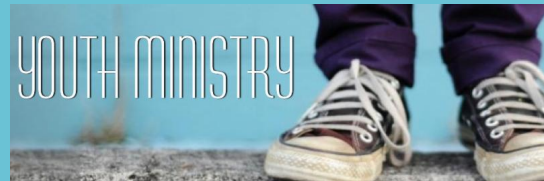
## Children and Youth Ministries

### 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.



#### November/December

##### November:

**04th:** PYC (6th graders) 5-6:30pm + (7-12) 6-7:30pm

**11th:** PYC (6th graders) 5-6:30pm + (7-12) 6-7:30pm

**18th:** No PYC

**25th:** PYC (6th graders) 5-6:30pm + (7-12) 6-7:30pm  
6:00-6:30pm/FH - Summer Mission Trips information meeting for parents.

##### December:

**02nd:** PYC (6th graders) 5-6:30pm + (7-12) 6-7:30pm  
Location TBA

**NO PYC** - Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30

Louise McCallion,  
Director of Youth Ministry  
256-536-3354, ext. 131  
[youth@fpchsv.org](mailto:youth@fpchsv.org)

### 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.

**Contact the Church Office for available dates.**

**256-536-3354**

## *Prayer Requests*

*We are here to pray for you . . .*

**Members:** Emily Butler, Bob Coats, **Mary "Rickey" Currie**, Marlyn Harris, David Hatch, J. R. Howard, Kara Howard, Billie Jones, Cay Lambert, Sage Lyons III, Harper Grace Niedermeyer, Sanders Pair, Dolly Shuey, Jo Stroud, Bill Wahlheim, and Alsie Waller.

**Friends & Relatives:** Merle Bass - Mother of Nancy Lundy; Barry Blackwell - Nephew of Betty Dunaway; Athlea Burnham - Mother of Diane Roberts; Cindy Coulter - Friend of Sheila, Katie, and Natalie Fogle; **Dr. Lawrence Crowson - Friend of Dr. Everett Mosely**; Patricia Dunkin - Friend of Beverly Wills; Stella Fair - Sister of David Galloway; Susan Gillespie - Friend of FPC; Robert Guynes - Son of June and Buddy Guynes; Richard Hartley - Friend of Tam Bevel; Donna Hester - Sister-in-law of Anne Peters; Tina and James Hester - Parents of Anne Peters; Houston Hodges - Friend of FPC; Sherry Jackson - Cousin of Bryce Connor and Linda Howard; Lydia Kimbrel, daughter of Craig and Ashley Kimbrel - Friends of Nan McBride; Mary Harmon Lankford - Great granddaughter of Mary Edith Thompson; Luke Matthews - Uncle of Houston Matthews; Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith; Kevin McCarley - Brother of Roy McCorkle; Beth McCormick - Daughter-in-law of Susie McCormick Johnston; Jeff Minatra - Friend of Houston Matthews; Matt Rideout - Haiti Missionary; Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely; Scott Sedlitz - Stepson of Annewhite Fuller; Patricia Smith - Mother of David Smith; Christine Steenwyk - Daughter-in-law of Al Steenwyk; Linda Tshulares - Family Member of Causeys; Patsy Verhoff - Sister of Jan Hooker; **Pam Ward - Friend of the Matthews**; J. L. Weldy - Father of Leigh Wermuth.

**Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:** Elissa Green (Windsor House); Jeanette Hollis (Harbor Chase); Darwin Perkins (Redstone Village); Ray Rose (Diversicare of Big Springs); Marge Sharp (Birmingham).

Theresa Miller - this is her new address:

Sunrise at Huntcliffe Summit  
8480 Roswell Road  
Sandy Springs, GA 30350  
678-461-1138

**The Church:** Rev. Tara Bulger, and her family; First Presbyterian Church, the Session, the Board of Deacons, the North Alabama Presbytery, and for all the church staff; NAP seminary students Devon Reynolds (New Market) and Sara Jane Bush Nixon (First, Athens), and Joe Lundy (First, Huntsville).

**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; the CUP program; Camp Maranatha; Mission Aviation Fellowship.

**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 and Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Office: 256-536-3354; Fax: 256-536-3038**

### **THE CHURCH STAFF**

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**Quentin Fitzpatrick**, Sexton

**Ruby Irvin**, Nursery Coordinator

## **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. Dr. Tara W. Bulger, Senior Pastor

### **Clerk of Session:**

Leigh Brown

### **Moving Clerk:**

Amy Stucky

## **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 2018:** Bill Johnson

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

**Class of 2020:** Andy Watson and Sara Graves

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