

307 Gates Avenue SE, Huntsville AL 35801

First Sunday in Advent

ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

Hanging of the Greens

**December 3, 2017
10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary**

Boy Scout Fundraiser December 3

Our Boy Scout Troop #633 will be in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, December 3rd from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. taking orders for the holidays for smoked Boston Butt.

Cost is \$40 and they will be available for pick up on December 9th.

Get your order in and support our Boy Scouts!

Advent and Christmas at FPC



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

Presbyterian Women

All ladies are invited to join a

Christmas Gathering

**Monday, December 4th
10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall**

We will enjoy Christmas Caroling,
Cookie Swap, and Thank Offering



**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 Gifts for Kids to Love



[Click Here for Details](#)

Again this year, FPC is supporting Kids to Love and will be collecting Christmas gifts for foster children in our community.

Names of requested gifts are on the Kids to Love Christmas tree paper ornaments in the Fellowship Hall.

*Unwrapped gifts will be collected
no later than*

Wednesday, December 6, 2017.

Contact Heidi Meadows or Meredith Payne for questions or additional details.

Celebrating First Presbyterian's First 200 Years in Christ

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

Celebrate!

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2018

First Presbyterian Church
Huntsville, Alabama

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 3:11

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 Loss in Our Church Family



IN MEMORIUM

Betty Niel Johnson

December 16, 1924 - November 25, 2017

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



**First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017**

**Rev. Dr. Carol Tate,
Interim Pastor**

***Hanging of the Greens*
No Sermon Today**

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

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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 3,
2017**

Hanging of the Greens
No Sermon Today

[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

**Sunday, November 12,
2017**

"What's Your Mission?"
Rev. Dr. James Roberts

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

Audio Sermon

Music at FPC



THE MUSIC MINISTRY *of*
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 3:

- **Many thanks** to Lisa Wiggins, Christie Webber, Joseph Bearden, Veneta Billmeyer, and Lara Lay for playing this morning.
- **Many thanks** to those who participated in the *Hanging of the Greens*.
- **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
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music@fpchsv.org

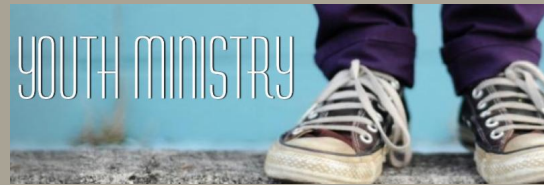
Children and Youth Ministries

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.



December/January

12/3 – Christmas MOVIE NIGHT

Meet in the fellowship hall for supper then across to the GBH for a festive movie!

12/10 – Galaxy of Lights

We are hoping to take the church bus to drive through the Galaxy of Lights at Huntsville 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
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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 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. 17, 31

Prayer Requests

We are here to pray for you . . .

Members: Anne Boles, Charlie Bonner, Paula Brown, Emily Butler, Frances Byrd, **Claudia Fahrner, Susan Gillespie**, Marlyn Harris, David Hatch, J. R. Howard, Kara Howard, Pat Ivy; 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; 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; Stella Fair - Sister of David Galloway; Calhecia Francis - Sister of Eliza Francis; Robin Freisen - Friend of the Wessel Family; Donna Hester - Sister-in-law of Anne Peters; James Hester - Father of Anne Peters; Frances Kysler - Friend of Patricia Hacker; 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; 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); 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.

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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!"