

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OCTOBER 20, 2019

# WHERE OUR TREASURE IS

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STEWARDSHIP OF OUR  
TIME, TALENT & TREASURE





# First Presbyterian Church

October 20, 2019

## WELCOME

Worship bags and materials for children are available by the front door. Children are encouraged to share their "Worship Art" by placing it in the marked baskets by the front door after the service.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us!  
Children are always welcome in the sanctuary, but if you prefer, child care is available for children, birth through kindergarten, in the education building.  
Please, as you enter this holy space and time, silence your cell phones.

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord* Arr. Calvin Hampton

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT 11:00 *Sing Him a Song of Praise* Jeff Reeves  
Children's Choir

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice and be glad! For God is our salvation.

**Many: Rejoice and be glad! For God is great.**

One: Let us worship the Lord our God with love and adoration!

### \*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID  
Verse 1 Children's Choir  
Verse 2 and 3 Congregation

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good.**

(In silence, let us offer our personal confessions.)

Amen.

KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy* Hal H. Hopson  
*FPC Bicentennial Commissioned Service Music*  
(the congregation is invited to sing each line of the kyrie)

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God creates in us clean hearts and gives a new and right spirit. In the grace of Jesus Christ, we return to God forgiven. Praise God for our salvation!

Many: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

\*HYMN 581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

### \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (8:30)

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

God commands us to remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. Sabbath is God's gift to us, a time for worship, rest, and renewal; keeping sabbath is a way of honoring the God who has created and redeemed us. Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians have observed God's commandment by gathering for public worship on the Lord's Day (or Sunday). As the first day of the week, this day shapes our lives of discipleship. Therefore the Lord's Day is a time for participation in public worship; engagement in ministries of service, witness, and compassion; and activities of rest and recreation. Those who must work on Sunday are encouraged to find other ways to keep sabbath in the course of the week.—from the Book of Order of the PCUSA

Prayers of confession provide an appropriate way to acknowledge our involvement and responsibility in broken relationships and sinful social structures. The assurance of pardon reminds us that God is gracious and forgives our inherent sinfulness.

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Kathy Gillmore

*At this time all children will be invited to come to the chancel steps. Afterward, parents of children KINDERGARTEN AND YOUNGER may then walk them to the nursery for sign-in to the child care program. 1ST GRADE AND UP should remain in the sanctuary with their parents.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 17:8-24

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah. After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Arr. Heather Sorrento  
Stacy Owens, soprano

SECOND LESSON

Mark 12:41-44

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then Jesus called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

First Kings uses the history of the kings of Judah and Israel to explain the destruction of Jerusalem to those experiencing exile in Babylon in the hope that they might gain a new self-understanding. It is a story of the monarchy's failure and deserved judgment. But it is also a story of God's unrelenting commitment to God's people through divine words of hope, judgment, summons, and warning, as God seeks to maintain the covenantal relationship with God's people. We, too, need to hear that a patient and merciful God awaits our response and listens to our prayers.—from [enterthebible.org](http://enterthebible.org)

The disciplines of stewardship and self-offering are a grateful response to God's love for the world and self-giving in Jesus Christ. As Christians, we are called to lives of simplicity, generosity, hospitality, compassion, and care for creation. Tithing is a primary practice of Christian stewardship and self-offering. We are accountable to God for how we use our material goods, spiritual gifts, and time in God's service.

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

SERMON "Stewardship Sermon Series: Giving Out of Poverty"  
The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

\*HYMN 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Apostles' Creed*  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The offering of material gifts in worship is an expression of our self-offering, as an act of gratitude for God's grace. We give our lives to God through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. The practice of offering also reflects our stewardship of God's good creation. Mindful that the earth and everything in it belong to God, we present tithes and offerings for use in Christ's ministry and mission.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The pastor will begin praying and then invite the congregation to join in saying the Lord's Prayer together.*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* HOLY MANNA  
Westminster Ringers Arr. David Moklebust

DOXOLOGY OLD ONE HUNDRETH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

**SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD**

\*HYMN 712 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* FOREST GREEN

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *Go Forth Into the World in Peace* Paul Sjolund  
Chancel Choir

*Go forth into the world in peace.  
Be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good,  
Render to no one evil for evil.  
Go forth into the world in love.  
Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak,  
Help the afflicted, honor all people;  
Love and serve the Lord,  
Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Go forth into the world in peace.*

\*POSTLUDE *Thornbury Fanfare* Malcom Archer

## TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Pastors

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

### Music

Dr. Patricia Hacker, Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee, organist/pianist  
Chancel Choir

### Ushers

8:30  
Marilyn McCorkle

11:00  
Dianne Bowling  
Andrew Bevel  
Ed Green  
Susan Brooks  
Davis Carter

### Liturgist

8:30  
Bill Chappell

11:00  
Al Steenwyk

***\*Those who are able, please stand.***



**First Presbyterian is a Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a Stephen Ministry Congregation**

**We welcome you as a participant in worship today.** We pray that you will find this service meaningful. Worship is but one of the many ministries of First Presbyterian Church.

**Have questions about the Church?** Please speak to the usher after the 8:30 service or the "Ask Me" people standing at the rear of the church after the 11:00 service, who this week are Karen and Doug Madison. The Madisons are available to answer questions about First Presbyterian Church, our programs, or finding locations within our building.

**If you would like to receive our Weekly E-News,** please call the church office, at 256-536-3354 or send your name and email address to [officeadmin@fpchsv.org](mailto:officeadmin@fpchsv.org).

#### **FLOWER GUILD HONORS AND MEMORIALS**

**The flowers this morning** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Dot and Reggie Miree on the 75th anniversary of their wedding by Bob and Jan McKemie.

### **THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV**

#### **Sunday, October 20, 2019**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/JAH  
9:30 a.m - 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Handbell Choir/BR  
9:30 a.m. Inquirer's Class/LIB  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service/SAN  
11:00 a.m. Children's Choir Sings/SAN  
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Aeolians Concert/SAN  
5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. PYC

#### **Monday, October 21, 2019**

9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. FF Preschool

#### **Tuesday, October 22, 2019**

9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. FF Preschool  
9:00 a.m. Transformation Yoga Basic/CH  
11:00 a.m. Transformation Yoga Gentle/CH  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 633/GBH  
6:30 p.m. HMC Rehearsal/CR

#### **Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study/FH  
9:00 a.m. First Friends Preschool  
1:30 p.m. K & C/LIB  
5:00 p.m. WNL Children and Youth  
5:30 p.m. WNL Adult class and dinner/LIB/FH  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice/CR

#### **Thursday, October 24, 2019**

9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. FF Preschool  
9:00 a.m. Transformation Yoga Basic/CH  
9:30 a.m. FF Preschool Chapel  
11:00 a.m. FPC Prayer Group/LIB  
11:00 a.m. Transformation Yoga Gentle/CH  
12:15 p.m. Al-Anon/GBH

#### **Friday, October 25, 2019**

9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. FF Preschool

#### **Saturday, October 26, 2019**

#### **Sunday, October 27, 2019**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/JAH  
9:30 a.m - 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Handbell Choir/BR  
11:00 a.m. Kirkin' o' The Tartans/SAN

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#### **Calendar Legend:**

BR - Bell Room	CR - Choir Room
CH - Carriage House (GBH)	FH - Fellowship Hall
CER - Christian Ed Resource upstairs	GBH - Gideon Blackburn House
	HR - Historical Room

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# *The Aeolians in Concert*

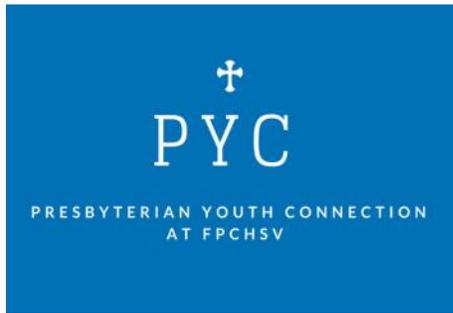


**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20  
AT 3:00 P.M.**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- 307 GATES AVENUE, HUNTSVILLE, AL**





## OCTOBER

**20th:** Sunday School @ 9:30-10:30 in GBH  
PYC @ 5-6:30pm (6-8) 6-7:30 (9-12) in FH + GBH  
**FELLOWSHIP**

**27th:** Sunday School @ 9:30-10:30 in GBH  
**TRUNK OR TREAT** @ 5-7pm (all grades)

## NOVEMBER

**3rd:** Sunday School @ 9:30-10:30 in GBH  
PYC @ 5-6:30pm (6-8) 6-7:30 (9-12) in FH + GBH  
**WORSHIP**

**10th:** Sunday School @ 9:30-10:30 in GBH  
PYC @ 5-6:30pm (6-8) 6-7:30 (9-12) in FH + GBH  
**FELLOWSHIP**

**17th:** Sunday School @ 9:30-10:30 in GBH  
PYC @ 5-7pm (all grades) \***MISSION**

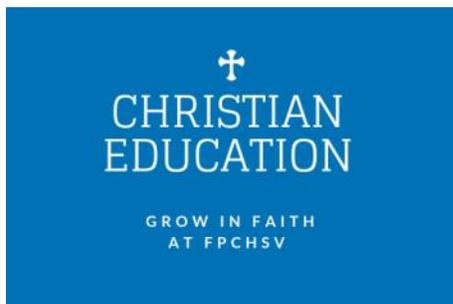
**24th: Joint Sunday School in FH**  
**No PYC // Thanksgiving Week**



## Mission of the Month

Our Mission of the Month for October will be our annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27 from 5:00-7:00pm. This year we are making a special outreach to the families of Second Mile Preschool to join us for all the festivities. This has been such a special time of fellowship for our church family that we want to share it with others!

There will be decorated vehicles to visit, game stations, a bouncy slide, and a hot dog supper. We will need lots of help to keep everything running smoothly. If you are called to help with this event by providing a vehicle, candy, chili, or by helping in the kitchen or at a game station, please visit the bulletin board or the church website to sign up. Thank you for making this event fun and exciting for the children of FPC, First Friends, and Second Mile Preschool!





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Worship of the Living God is not confined to one place or time. We encourage you to take this bulletin home and use it to guide you in private moments of worship for the next week.

**Discuss:**

Discuss: What commitment have you made to the being the church? Discuss your commitment with your trusted loved ones.

**Read Scripture:**

Monday: Matthew 11:16-24  
Tuesday: Matthew 11:25-30  
Wednesday: Matthew 12:1-14  
Thursday: Matthew 12:15-21  
Friday: Matthew 12:22-32  
Saturday: Matthew 12:33-42

**Pray:**

For the flourishing of the Church.

A CONCERT OF GRATITUDE  
PRESENTED BY  
*The Aeolians*  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SANCTUARY  
Sunday, October 20, 2019  
3:00 p.m.

ENCORE OPERA THEATRE  
PRESENTS  
*The Old Maid and  
The Thief*  
BY GIAN CARLO MENOTTI  
First Presbyterian Church  
Gideon Blackburn House-John  
Allen Hall  
Friday, November 1, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

ENCORE  
OPERA  
THEATRE

IN CONCERT  
*Oakwood University  
Singers*  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SANCTUARY  
Sunday, November 17, 2019  
3:00 p.m.

*The Kirkin' o' The Tartans*

**October 27, 2019**  
**11:00 a.m.**

Every year, First Presbyterian Church celebrates the Kirkin' O' the Tartans service during Reformation Sunday. During this special service, we will have a procession of clan flags where different families will stand and be recognized as their clan is called. If you would like to know more about Scottish heritage and would like to participate in this service but still need a flag, visit this website <http://www.thescottishweaver.com/kirking-banner.html#.XYECJChKjcs>. (Orders take up to 3 weeks)

For more information on this year's event, contact:

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

# PRAYER LIST

## **Church Members:**

- Sharron Abernethy
- Charles Danner
- Lou Horn
- Cay Lambert
- Carsten Schroer
- Jim Bond
- Julie Fowler
- Sherry Smith
- Gene Beam

## **Friends and Family:**

- Stella Fair - Sister of David Galloway
- Robert Guynes - Son of June and Buddy Guynes
- Richard Hartley - Friend of Tam Bevel
- Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith
- Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely
- Scott Sedlitz - Stepson of Annewhite Fuller
- Leigh Vincent - Friend of Linda and Woodward Howard
- Paige Olmo - Daughter of Paula Weider
- Sean Larkin - Friend of Linda Howard and Bryce Connor
- Dylan Greiner- Son of Cay Lambert
- Pegge Murphy- Friend of FPC PW
- Luke Wylie - Mary Darsey's granddaughter's friend
- Brandon Greiner-grandson of Cay Lambert
- Janice Culbertson - sister-in-law of Betty Duna-way
- Dale Brown - brother of Doug Brown
- Nell Pike - mother of Charlie Pike
- Eula Battle - friend of the congregation
- Margaret Bruce Walker - Friend of Janis Williams
- Leigh Steele - goddaughter of David Hatch
- Jim Gamble - brother of Mary Adams
- Sean and Joy Conway - friends of Houston Matthews
- Greer McCallion - mother of Louise McCallion
- Derrick Dahl - nephew of Peggy Galloway

## **Our sincere sympathy to:**

- DeWitt Westrope on the passing of his wife, Anne.
- Mary Lou Danner on the passing of her husband, The Rev. Charles Danner

## **Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:**

- Ray Rose (Diversicare of Big Springs)
- Marge Sharp (Birmingham).
- Jonancy (Jo) Edwards (Redstone Village)
- Dolly Shuey (WBC @ Magnolia Trace)

## **The Church:**

- The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger, and her family
- The Rev. Dr. James W. Roberts, and his 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), 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.

In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Dr. Bulger at 256-655-1818.

**(The worship service is broadcast over WLOR AM 1550 or FM 98.1)**

- ***Newest prayer requests are in bold print***
  - ***To add or remove a prayer request, please contact the Receptionist***

# LEADERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MINISTRY TEAM AND STAFF

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Michelle Lester, *Nursery Coordinator*

Freda Clark, *Sexton*

## ELDERS:

### Class of 2019

Leigh Brown, Christian Education Committee  
Charlie Bozeman, Mission and Outreach Committee  
Leslie Ecklund, Worship Committee  
Steve Cornelius, Finance Committee

### Class of 2020

Mary Adams, Christian Education Committee  
Karen Madison, Mission and Outreach Committee  
Mac Martinson, Worship Committee  
Marshall Schreeder, Finance Committee

### Class of 2021

Michael Lastovic, Christian Education Committee  
Andrew Bevel, Mission and Outreach Committee  
Al Steenwyk, Worship Committee  
Angela Rawls, Finance Committee

## DEACONS:

### Class of 2019

Lou Horn, Care Committee  
Anne Brigance, Hospitality Committee  
Bryce Connor, Fellowship Committee

### Class of 2020

Paula Hatch, Care Committee  
Ed Green, Hospitality Committee  
Stephanie Hyatt, Fellowship Committee

### Class of 2021

Willie Anderson, Care Committee  
Marilyn McCorkle, Hospitality Committee  
Karen Clayton, Fellowship Committee

## TRUSTEES:

### Class of 2019

Jim Daughtry  
Bill Lummus

### Class of 2020

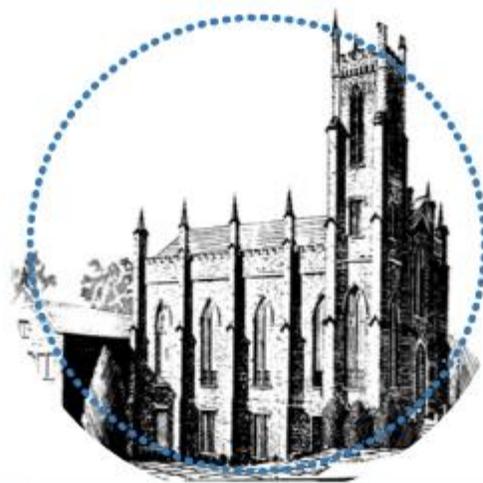
Sara Graves  
Andy Watson

### Class of 2021

Dag Rowe  
Gary Tucker

## Presbyterian Women

Jo Recio, moderator



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