

**WE WELCOME THE REV. CALLIE CANDEE
AS OUR GUEST PREACHER THIS MORNING**

SOUNDING THE GATHERING

WELCOME TO WORSHIP, LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE & PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Fairest Lord Jesus"
in the setting of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata"

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the desert, Jesus began to discover and claim who he was and what he had to do.

All: In the journey of Lent we rediscover and reclaim who we are and what we are to do.

One: How can we do this?

All: In Lent we put things away—selfish desires, self-pity, and self-indulgence.

One: In Lent we pick things up—prayer, awareness, the spirit of giving.

All: In Lent we discover how much God loves us and learn how to love God more.

One: In the desert, Jesus survived by paying attention to God.

All: If we are not paying attention to God,

One: to whom are we paying attention?

All: If we are not listening to God,

One: then to whom exactly are we listening?

Silence

Unison Prayer: O God, in you we discover who we are. AMEN.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL INTROIT - #169

"Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

*** HYMN OF PRAISE - #19**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*** YOU ARE INVITED TO STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT**

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of glory, we confess that we have not sought Your face. We love to hate our enemies and fail to love our neighbors. We love to quote commandments and fail to love our God. Forgive us; give us grace. Teach us the way of Your Word, and transform our living to show the wonder of Your love, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(MOMENT OF REFLECTION)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

ALL: Amen.

*** RESPONSE - # 705**

"Gloria Patri"

ALL SING:

*"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen."*

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*** HYMN - #586**

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Panis Angelicus" By: César Frank
Soloist: Mary McCreary

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

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Luke 4: 13

MESSAGE

"Choosing God"

Rev. Callie Candee

*** AFFIRMING OUR FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

ALL: "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 life everlasting. Amen."

*** HYMN - # 545**

"In the Bulb"

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION**



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Huntsville

WHERE OUR MISSION IS:

To know Christ and Make Him Known

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This Week

Today, Sunday, March 9	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion Food & Fellowship
Monday, March 10	5:30 p.m.	Admin Team Meeting
Tuesday, March 11	5:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday, March 12	9:30 a.m.	Outreach Team Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Lectio Divina
	4:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner
	6:00 p.m.	Choir/Youth
	6:15 p.m.	Study
Friday, March 14	7:00 p.m	Lent Taizé Service here

Upcoming

Sunday, March 16	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion Food & Fellowship
Wednesday, March 19	10:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Lectio Divina

5x5x5 Reading Plan Scriptures:

Week 10 (3/10-3/15) - Hebrews Chapters 2-6

FOOD PANTRY/ BLESSING BOX NEEDS

Canned Beans & Vegetables, Pancake Syrup, Ramen Soup, & Saltine Crackers

PDO NEEDS

Empty and clean, plastic containers, specifically from antibacterial wipes and cake frosting.

Welcome

We gladly welcome you to First Presbyterian Church, a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA), where our mission is to know Christ and to make Him known. May God’s blessing be upon you and yours this week.

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Today’s Liturgist – Sharon Burton

The flowers this morning are given by Misty & Evan Byrd to the Glory of God and in remembrance of Joella “Jo” Machac (Misty’s mother).

For your convenience, there is an **offering plate** in the back of the sanctuary. If you prefer to give to the church electronically, there are cards in the pews with a link and a QR Code to our online portal. Thank you, and be blessed!

What Are Your Favorite Hymns? Send Mary an email (see above) or leave a note in the file pocket outside of the secretary’s office.