

**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

"Wayfaring Stranger"
Spiritual

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come now to worship God with justice and truth.

All: Let us speak the truth to one another, rendering true judgments that make for peace.

One: Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

All: Teach us to do good, seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the helpless.

One: Hear God's demand and promise: Maintain justice, and do what is right; for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL INTROIT - #504

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

*** HYMN OF PRAISE - #633**

"All The Way My Savior Leads Me"

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

All: God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(Silent Prayer)

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 - #473**

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Spirit, Come"
By: Jeff Lippencott

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58: 3-12

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Luke 9: 18-27

MESSAGE

"Clear Cut Directions"

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 - # 676**

"Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray"

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

"Toccata in c-minor" P.459
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 23, 2025

Third 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 23	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion Food & Fellowship
Wednesday, March 26	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.	Lenten Study
Friday, March 28	7:00 p.m.	Lent Taizé Service at First United Methodist Church

Upcoming

Sunday, March 30	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion 5 th Sunday Potluck
Tuesday, April 1	10:00 a.m.	The Gathering Place
	5:15 p.m.	Worship Meeting

5x5x5 Reading Plan Scriptures:

Week 12 (3/24-3/29) - Hebrews 12-13 & Galatians 1-3

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 – Janice Lange

The flowers are given by Meredith Clifton to the glory of God in honor of the birthdays of Nancy O’Leary, Scarlett Fields, Heather, Eloise and Eleanor Johnson

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!

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