

Faith Presbyterian Church



Welcome to Worship

Engage, Nurture, Bless

*Faith Presbyterian Church wishes to **engage** the community with meaningful worship, **nurture** this wonderful community with lasting discipleship and warm fellowship, and **bless** the larger world with an amazing heart for mission.*

February 9, 2025

10:30 AM

Dr. Michael Bowe, Pastor

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February 9, 2025

10:30 AM Service

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Michael Bowe

Prelude

“Prelude” – Second Suite for Handbells.

Advanced Handbells, Comp by Michael Helman

† Call to Worship

Keith Bucher, Liturgist

L: Outside, a farmer rises early so that there will be eggs and bacon and cereal and milk on our tables. As we gather today to give you thanks GOD,

A: We ask a blessing on the farmer.

L: Outside, a resort owner throws open the windows and a housekeeper changes the bed so that we might rest in the shade of the tree which grows beside living waters. As we gather today to give you thanks God,

A: We ask a blessing on the resort owner and the housekeeper.

L: Outside, a road crew scrapes ice off the roads and moves downed power lines long into the night. The crew covers the road with sand so that we will be safe as we travel past fields, forest and stream.

A: We ask a blessing on the road crew.

L: Outside, a migrant worker bends over a field so that our bodies will be nourished with nutrient rich food from the soil of the earth. As we gather today to give you thanks,

A: We ask a blessing on the migrant worker.

L: On this Sabbath day we honor those outside, by river, field, mountain, forest and ocean. In this place of prayer we give thanks, O God of All Creation

A: And ask a blessing on all who care for your Creation. Amen

† Opening Hymn 461

God Is Here!

Invitation to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, forgive us for our sins. You came to give us life and life more abundantly but remind us of those that do not have a bowl of soup to eat. Help us love our neighbor. We know that sometimes we don't. So, we come to you acknowledging our selfishness and our denial. We lay bare our hearts and minds before you now, trusting in your desire to forgive, to reconcile, and to make all things new; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

† Congregational Response *Gloria Patri*
Passing the Peace
Time for Little Presbyterians
Prayer of Illumination
First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 6:1-13
Anthem *“Soliloquy” – Second Suite for Handbells*
Advanced Handbells, Comp by Michael Helman
Second Scripture Lesson Luke 5:1-11
Sermon “Presbyterian Bad Words: The E-Word” Dr. Bowe
† Second Hymn *As the Deer*
Offering/Prayer of Dedication
† Doxology *Praise God Whom All Blessings Flow*
† Affirmation of Faith (From the Confession of 1967)
God’s love never changes. God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of humanity’s mind. God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in man. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which men are reconciled to God and to one another. God gives forgiveness to humanity, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which men know that God loves and accepts them. Therefore, we celebrate because life in Christ is life eternal.
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
† Closing Hymn 280 *Amazing Grace*
† Benediction
† Response *Amen*
Congregation, Comp by: Jester Hairston
Postlude *Amazing Grace* Arr. Sivley, Piano

† Those who are able may stand.

Announcements

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship today for a Soup Lunch provided by many of Faith's wonderful cooks. We will celebrate Souper Bowl of Caring and the donations of food and money which help us Tackle Hunger among our senior citizens. It is always a fun time with good food.

New Sunday School classes beginning! Two new Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, Feb. 16th at 9:30-10:15. The new Preschool Class for children ages 3 to Pre-K will meet in Room 115. The new Young Adult Class will meet in the Parlor.

North Alabama Presbytery is one of Faith's many mission partners. One of the ways it supports the Presbytery is paying an **annual per capita payment**, even though not all of it goes to the Presbytery. Each church is assessed a per capita payment based on membership numbers, but the North Alabama Presbytery has to pay it even if the church does not. Per Capita is \$20.23 a person. Good news, Faith has always paid its per capita and it is part of our budget. This year per capita is \$4559.58. If you would like to help offset this cost, and free up funds for other mission efforts, you can "pay your per capita" by notating fund number 2910 on your check. This is completely optional. This is part of Faith's budget and is paid no matter what.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance needs volunteer work teams!

Last fall the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Director and Associate for National Disaster Response traveled to six states and 9 Presbyteries impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton where they met with church and community leaders and members. Partly because the impact of these storms was unusually wide, akin to the impacts of multiple storms in a season, they are looking for work teams. "If you ever had an inkling of wanting to put together a volunteer work team, now is the time." See pcusa.org/pda for more information.

The Huntsville Community Chorus is presenting two performances of "An Evening with the Chorus" next weekend in the Faith Fellowship Hall. Friday February 14 at 7PM, and Saturday February 15 at 2PM. This event is a dessert fundraiser for the scholarship funds supported by HCCA. These funds give annual college scholarships to a graduating high school senior and a current college student who are studying music. Tickets are \$15 each and the ticket includes the show and delicious dessert with fruit at intermission. Contact Sally Priester at Sally@thechorus.org if you are interested in purchasing a ticket to this fundraiser!

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