

THE WINDOW

First Presbyterian Church

Hendersonville, TN

March 2026



Dear Friends,

Where do we go when we are anxious? When we are uncertain of what to do next, how do we find answers? When we are hurt, how do we find relief? How do we live with loneliness?

Amy Grant wrote a song titled, *Where Do I Go?*

Where do I go when I need a shelter? Where do I go when I need a friend?
Where do I go when I need some helping? Where do I go? Back on my knees again
Sure as the winter comes after the fall; sure as true love tears down any wall
Oh, my Jesus is able to carry it all; he will answer our call.

Where do we go when we need some helping? We call out in pray to Jesus Chisrt, our Savior, Lord, and friend. We open our Bibles and look for scriptures of comfort and guidance. Psalm 105 offers several suggestions when we need some help.

First, we give thanks to the Lord. We intentionally think about how God has helped us in past circumstances. We may even make a list of God's faithfulness. As we are recalling God's love, we are also calling on his name. Verse 2 suggests singing praises to God. Sometimes it is difficult to sing. How about reading a favorite hymn of comfort and praise? "Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down. Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all they faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, bounded love thou art. Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart."

The psalmist suggests we seek God and his strength. Often in life we need God's strength. The world can make us weak. Tragedies can break us. We remember and hold on to passages that promise God's strength is near. "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:8). Paul proclaims in this passage that when we are weak, Christ comes and lives in us with his power. The powerful presence of Jesus Christ.

Remembering is always important. We remember what Jesus did on the cross during the Lord's Supper. The writer of this Psalm suggests another helpful activity. When we are hurting, remember the wonderful works God has done (verse 5). Look at the stars in the sky. Try to count them. Look for the daffodils that are popping out of the ground. What about sunsets and sunrises? What about the mysterious, wonderful human body? God made them all. You and I are the wonderous creation of God.

The rest of Psalm 105 offers a variety of examples of God remembering and keeping his covenant promise of love and mercy through the Hebrew Scriptures. He mentions the patriarchs, Moses, the deliverance from Egypt, and the 40 years in the desert. God was faithful. God could be trusted.

The Discipleship Journal summaries God's trustworthiness this way. "Today, God offers to meet me – face to face, a private audience with the Creator of the universe. Anytime. Anywhere. No reason except love."

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Love and Prayers,

Michael



Mark Your Calendar: Adult Fellowship has been rescheduled for March 21st! Due to the cancellation of our February Adult Fellowship because of the ice storm, the event has been rescheduled for **Saturday, March 21st at 6:00 p.m.** The gathering will now be held at the home of Brian & Marikay Burke, located at 1097 Kennesaw Blvd., Gallatin.

Chili will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring finger foods, salads, bread, or desserts to share with the group. All adult members and friends of the congregation are warmly invited to attend. Please RSVP to Brian or Marikay at 724-301-7484 or 615-337-9642, or by email at mari-kay091759@comcast.net.

Adult Fellowship events are held quarterly in members' homes. We encourage new members, longtime members, and visitors to FPC to join us. These evenings provide warm fellowship and a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and strengthen our bond as a church family.

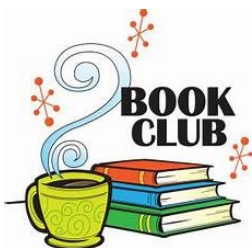
Mark Your Calendar and Join Us for Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 5th! Come join us for an Easter Brunch immediately following worship on Easter Sunday. Our Congregational Care Team will provide some delicious breakfast items, including ham, and we ask that you bring one or two of your favorite breakfast (brunch) items to share. These might include breakfast casseroles, hash browns, grits, French toast, fresh fruit, cinnamon rolls, donuts, or use your imagination! More information to follow in the bulletin.





Attention All Golfers: Once again, the Hendersonville Samaritan Association is hosting a golf tournament on Monday, April 13th. Registration is at 10:00 a.m. Shot gun tee at 11:00 a.m. There are fliers in the narthex. Please contact Michael if you are interested or have any questions.





The FPC Evening Book Club is currently reading *How Democracies Die* written by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt. The authors draw on decades of research and a wide range of historical and global examples from 1930s Europe to contemporary Hungary, Turkey, and Venezuela. Could America be in danger?

We will meet for discussion on **Monday evening, March 9, at 6:30 pm.**

Read along and meet with us for discussion from the comfort of your own home as we meet by Zoom. Just send an email to our "Zoom Master" Charles Lott so he can send you a link. (crlott@bellsouth.net) For any further questions, contact Jackie Decker (thepauldeckers@comcast.net).

Looking ahead: Our next book is *Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions* written by John Grisham, who rarely writes nonfiction, teams up with Jim McCloskey, "Godfather of the Innocent Movement."

DAILY BIBLE READING

This year we will read through the New Testament. There will be one chapter for each weekday and no reading assignments on weekends. This time can be used to reflect on the weekly readings. Here are some reflective questions after you read the chapter through twice. Is there a word or phrase that gets my attention? How does this touch my life? Is there an invitation for me? How will this impact my life today?

- March 1 Reflection
- March 2 Luke 7
- March 3 Luke 8
- March 4 Luke 9
- March 5 Luke 10
- March 6 Luke 11
- March 7 Reflection

- March 8 Reflection
- March 9 Luke 12
- March 10 Luke 13
- March 11 Luke 14
- March 12 Luke 15
- March 13 Luke 16
- March 14 Reflection

- March 15 Reflection
- March 16 Luke 17
- March 17 Luke 18
- March 18 Luke 19
- March 19 Luke 20
- March 20 Luke 21
- March 21 Reflection

- March 22 Reflection
- March 23 Luke 22
- March 24 Luke 23
- March 25 Luke 24
- March 26 John 1
- March 27 John 2
- March 28 Reflection

- March 29 Reflection
- March 30 John 3
- March 31 John 4

**April Window Deadline—
March 18th**

March 2026

Sunday Worship Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship

Music Group Practice Schedule

Handbell Choir Practice

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Praise Band Practice

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Choir Practice

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Group Meetings

Sew Many Blessings

Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Crochet Group

Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Men’s Bible Study

Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m.

Sign Language Class

Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.

March Monthly Meetings / Group Meetings

- March 1 - Connection Groups End
- March 2 - Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- March 3 - Missions Meeting 10:30 a.m.
- March 4 - Coffee Talk 10:00 a.m.
Staff Meeting 10:30 a.m.
- March 7 - Saturday Sabbath 9:00 a.m.
- March 9 - Zoom Book Group 6:30 p.m.
- March 10 - PW Women’s Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Membership Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- March 11 - Budget & Finance Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- March 16 - Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- March 17 - Sunshine Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
- March 18 - Worship Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- March 22 - Connection Groups Begin
- March 28 - NA Board Meeting—MH 2:00 p.m.
- March 29 - Palm Sunday
Four Cents a Meal Offering



Billy Dye
Clerk of Session
& Personnel



Casey Thompson
Co-Moderator,
Membership



Ched Yearout
Moderator,
Property



Howard Renton
Co-Moderator,
Missions

Current Session

Session Statement
2020

We believe God is our Creator: omniscient, omnipotent, and loving. God is loving, patient, kind, and forgiving. Thanks to God's bountiful and benevolent grace, we praise you, O Lord. *Our help is in the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.*

We believe Jesus Christ is our Savior, Lord, and King. He is also our teacher and friend. Being both human and divine, Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross for our sins. *For God so loved the world, he gave his only son*

We believe the Holy Spirit is God's presence in our lives. God's Spirit comforts and guides us in life, teaching us the truth. The Holy Spirit provides spiritual gifts for every Christian. *To each is given gifts of the Spirit for the common good.*

We believe the church is called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Believers gather as the body of Christ to worship, pray, and serve. God is glorified when the church works and grows. *We are no longer strangers but members of the household of God.*

We believe as members of the church we are called to live lives of holiness. Following the Bible's instructions, we serve the Lord. In response to God's love and mercy we serve Christ. *We offer ourselves as living sacrifices to God, which is our worship.*



Paulette Farnham
Co-Moderator,
Worship



Scott Blackwell
Co-Moderator,
Congregational Care



Sarah Ice
Co-Moderator,
Education



Brian Burke
Co-Moderator,
Membership



Laurie Dishman
Co-Moderator,
Worship

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we have redemption, purpose, and abundant life.
earth (Psalm 121:2).

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(John 3:16).

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pray, grow spiritually, fellowship, and serve.
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ich is our proper service (Romans 12:1).



Rick Bass
Co-Moderator,
Missions



Becca Pendergrast
Co-Moderator,
Congregational Care



Lucas Bish
Co-Moderator,
Education



Coffee Talk: The ladies of First Wednesday Coffee Talk will gather on March 4th at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Enter the side narthex, go up the stairs, and follow the aroma of coffee brewing, and the sound of chatter and laughter, to our room up-stairs. Friends and cookies will welcome you. We are an eclectic (and electric) group of soul sisters just waiting to brighten your morning.

Sunshine Fellowship

Sunshine met for a Mexican potluck luncheon in February. Pastor Michael was the featured speaker and talked about Joy. Afterward, everyone ate all types of Mexican food. New recipes... (“ I never cook Mexican! Hope it’s okay!”) plus all kinds of dips for chips. Great fun and fellowship.



Karen Baylor



Pastor Michael speaking to the group on “Joy”



Ruth Woodworth



Suzi Bass, Pastor Michael and Ched Yearout



Freda Blackwell, Margaret Ewald and Barb Polhemus

Mark Your Calendar for March 17th! Sunshine Fellowship is meeting on St. Patrick’s Day – now’s a good time to buy something green if you don’t already have it! Nobody wants Jerry Klym sneaking up and pinching us!

We’re excited to have Hartley and Amy Scott (Sandy and Bob Scott’s kids) sharing with us this month. Hartley is a licensed Landscape Architect with a degree from the University of Georgia, and Amy is a licensed nurse earning her degree from Belmont. They will be talking about their latest endeavors at Long Hollow Gardens (LHG), which includes their vineyard and wines, flower picking, beautiful sheep, and lots more. We’ll learn about their weekly activities that we can all enjoy. LHG is a happening place!



Lunch will be provided, in conjunction with several of our members and Phyllis. If you volunteered to bring something, this is your reminder. This should be an excellent St. Patrick’s Day meal. The rest of us will be pitching in money to cover costs for what the Sunshine budget is paying for. Hoping to see every one of you on the 17th!

SERMONS

March 1 (Communion, Choir) – When you pray, Matthew 6:5-15

March 8 (Praise Band) – When you fast, Matthew 6:16-18

March 15 (Choir) – Living as children of light, Ephesians 5:8-14, Perry Muse, guest preacher

March 22 (Choir) – Heaven’s portfolio, Matthew 6:19-24

March 29 (Palm Sunday, four cents offering) – Palm Sunday changing to Passion Sunday

SESSION ACTIONS

- Prayed for congregation
- Read the session statement of faith
- Approved minutes from January 19 and February 8
- Discussed the article – *Conducting A Spiritual Audit*
- Approved Ministry Unit reports
- Received pastor’s report
- Received a pavilion update



	January 2026
Revenue	\$ 14,701.00
Expenses	\$ 34,501.70
Shortfall	\$ - 19,800.70

SABBATH

Saturday Sabbaths

Robert Fulghum’s book, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, offers simple advice on daily living. Kindergarten taught us valuable lessons for life like: “Play fair, don’t hit people, and when you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.” Jesus refers to children to teach his disciples how to live. The next Saturday Sabbath is on March 7th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. We will meet in the sanctuary. Use the side entrance. Can children teach us about the Kingdom of God? Come and find out.

Ministry Around the Church

We started Lent with Ash Wednesday, writing our sins on paper that dissolved in a bowl of water. God promises to erase our sins, “As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us” (Psalm 103). We also placed ashes on our foreheads symbolizing our sinfulness and God’s grace and love. The ancient litany was used, “From dust you came and to dust you will return” with the response, “In life and death, I belong to God.” The journey has begun. May our walk to the cross and resurrection deepen our love and commitment of Jesus Christ.



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Sunday School—9:00 a.m.

Worship Service—10:00 a.m.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Kevin Suhr
- 5 - Janet Wahl
- 8 - John Martin
- 9 - Diana Lynn
- 20 - Teresa Miller
- 22 - Terry Wright
- 27 - Deb Renton
- 28 - Michael Davis
- 30 - Jennifer Haag