

GATHERING

*Gracious God, we give You thanks that You have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave His life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another, to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies F. Mendelssohn
I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord, my Savior. I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord and of Thy faithfulness ever more.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down His life for His sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He knows us, and we belong to Him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He speaks, and we listen for His voice.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

*** HYMN 63** The Lord Is God Azmon

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of Your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray and ask that you transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*** Act of Praise** Gloria Patri Hymn 581

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.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:12-16 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 64

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Good Shepherd

Z. Highben

"My sheep hear my voice and they follow me; I know them; I give them eternal life. My sheep hear my voice and they follow me. I am the Good Shepherd of all." My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name. In pastures green you make me feed beside the living stream. You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake your ways, and lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never; Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Vicki Sumner

(Children will remain seated with their families for the Time for Young Disciples.)

* **HYMN 250** In the Bulb There Is a Flower Promise

GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-8 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 115

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

In the Time In-Between

Fred Lundy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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; on 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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

SENDING

* **HYMN 170** You Walk along Our Shoreline Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** Presto Frederick the Great

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart, Vicki Sumner

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Dr. Mark Coffey

USHERS: Bob Bailey, Marlyn Foote, Brenda Pickens, Bob Tucker, Cyndie Williams

ELDER: Missy Lentz

VIDEO TEAM: Kaylee Bleeker, Troy Bleeker, Parker Lundy, John Rayl, Dylan Tillery

SOUND: Bruce Brashear

QUINTET: Alexis Vellis, soprano; Megan Sabella, alto; Elijah Adongo, tenor; Colin Hall, Simon Lynch, bass

FLUTE: Mary Birkner

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bruce D. FitzGerald from the FitzGerald family.

The Lord Is God

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1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lord Is God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed between the two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

This hymn paraphrases the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4-9), an ancient and central affirmation of Jewish monotheistic faith that observant Jews still recite twice a day. Jesus knew it well and called it the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:38 / Mark 12:28-29 / Luke 10:26-28).

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2011
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:12-16 (NRSV)

¹² Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. ¹³ And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: ¹⁴ Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵ and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

TEXT and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986
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GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-8 (NRSV)

¹ After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

You Walk along Our Shoreline 170

1 You walk a - long our shore-line where land meets un-known sea.
 2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
 3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;

We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
 we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.

And if you still will fol-low through storm and wave and shoal,
 We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
 You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,

then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
 our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
 to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

Based on Jesus' calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18-22/Mark 1:16-20/Luke 5:4-11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984
 MUSIC: Johann Steurlein, 1575
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Class of 2021

High School

Andrew James Pickens

Andrew James Pickens, son of Dr. and Mrs. Brian and Rose Pickens, will graduate from Oak Hall School on May 28. Andrew has participated in Sunday School at First Presbyterian, accompanied the Alleluia Choir on the piano, and attended Son Servants Youth Mission Trip. At Oak Hall, Andrew was president of the senior class and served as captain of the varsity football, basketball, and baseball teams, while also performing with the Advanced Music Ensemble, and is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Science Honor Society. He will attend Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee where he will play football.

College

Andia Akifuma Adongo
Leslie Bell
Brendan Farrell

Calvin Gardner
Emilee Beth Le Maire

James Lee Peirce
Henry (Hank) Tobener V
Charles Anthony Wilson

Andia Akifuma Adongo is graduating with a Master of Sustainable Development Practice degree from the University of Florida and certificates in African studies and tropical conservation and development. She also completed a specialization in program planning and evaluation. Andia's plan is to leave Gainesville by the end of summer, heading home to Kenya to continue with her career in the development field.

Leslie Bell is graduating with a master's in music. She will be attending Florida State University in the fall to begin her doctorate in music.

Brendan Farrell is graduating *summa cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Florida. He is currently working at the *Ocala Gazette*.

Calvin Gardner graduates with a bachelor's degree in sustainability in the built environment. He plans to go into missions.

Emilee Beth Le Maire graduates *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Development from Eckerd College. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Emilee's future plans include working at BASS ABA therapy in Clearwater, FL as a behavior technician for children on the autism spectrum.

James Lee Peirce is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and a minor in history. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for his next steps.

Henry (Hank) Tobener V graduates from Edward Via College as a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. His future plans include a residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Louisville.

Charles Anthony Wilson graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Florida. Chas is going to work for Blue Origin as a manufacturing engineer.

Scholarship Recipients

The Scholarship Committee, on behalf of the Trustees, is pleased to announce the following Scholarship Recipients for 2021-2022:

Kirkpatrick Family Scholarship,
D.R. Matthews Scholarship,
and Hank and Margaret Weech Scholarship

Elizabeth Osmun

Howard and Emily Patton Scholarship
and William K. Robertson Scholarship

John Lingg

Howard and Emily Patton Scholarship
and William K. Robertson Scholarship

Dylan Tillery

On behalf of the Trustees, the Scholarship Committee would like to thank the donors and the families of the donors for their generous contributions to the scholarship endowment funds that continue to make it possible for First Presbyterian Church to award scholarships to qualified applicants year after year.

Scholarship Committee members: Geoff Spiegel, Chair, Carol Israel, Penny Jones, Brenda Pickens, Margaret Weech, and Mark Hults, Pastor.

2021 MONTREAT WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCES
June 20-25(in-person) and June 27-July 2 (in-person and online)
Gathered IN MY NAME

When the Presbyterian Association of Musicians planning team adopted “*Gathered In My Name*” two years ago, little did they know how appropriate it would be during a pandemic to celebrate, “*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them.*” Haven’t we all experienced new ways of worshiping in the past year that will continue to inform our worship even when a vaccine is widely distributed?

Exploring diverse aspects of gathering, whether in large sanctuaries or small chapels, the Montreat Conference will focus on six major liturgical services: Gathered in Spirit - Pentecost; Gathered in Waters - Baptism of the Lord; Gathered in Christ - Christ the King; Gathered from Dust - Ash Wednesday; Gathered for Hope - All Saints; and Gathered for Mission - World Communion.

This intergenerational conference is for children, youth, adults, singers, ringers, and church members. The conference will include a multi-generational Hymn Festival Choir led by Tom Trenney, daily worship reflection, and biblical storytelling for middle and high school students, as well as morning prayer, bible study, worship choirs for all ages, art, and handbells.

The First Presbyterian Church Montreat Worship and Music Committee determined, in the interest of the well-being of all who would attend, that First Presbyterian will not attend this summer’s conference as a group. The Presbyterian Association of Musicians is offering both an on-site, in-person option and an online option. Anyone who is interested in attending either week is encouraged to visit www.presbysmusic.org/2021conference for details. Anyone who registers for the online option will be able to access the conference offerings until December 31, 2021. Please contact Mark Coffey at music@1stpc.org if you have any questions.

FPC Weekly Figures

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$34,418
Received Week of 4/18/2021	\$43,043
Weekly Offering	\$20,465
Designated Offerings	\$11,625
Other Revenue	\$
Preschool	\$10,953
YTD Budget Requirements	\$1,445,556
YTD Received	\$1,115,847
YTD Expenses	\$1,119,203

GLORIFY GOD

Graduation Sunday: Today we celebrate our high school and college classes of 2021 during our worship service. Congratulations! We are holding you in prayer and look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for you.

Reverse Drive-Thru Today: Sunday, April 25, we are continuing with our canned food drive. Bring your donations to our worship service at 11 a.m. or to our drive-thru between the hours of 1:00-3:00 p.m. Meet us on the west side of the large the parking lot by the vans and we will be ready to help. As a reminder for all who participate, please wear a mask to help keep everyone safe.

Paved Parking Lot Expansion and Security: One of the improvements to the paved parking lot is automated gates at each entrance and exit, both from the East (SW 3rd Street) and West (SW 5th Street). While the plan is for these gates to remain open during normal business hours (including Sundays and Mondays through Fridays), they will be closed during hours the lot is not in use for security reasons – generally from 9:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. Please know the gates are designed to allow folks to exit the lot even if they are down. Please also be aware that roam towing of all church parking continues to be in effect in accordance with city ordinances. If you have any questions, please reach out to Fred Lundy at youngadult@1stpc.org or by calling the church office.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Children's Worship Guides: Print and Digital versions of our children's worship guides are available for your use as you participate in worship. Links to the digital version can be found in the Weekly Invite emails from the church. We encourage your family to discuss worship together - even if you don't use the guide.

Weekly Dose of Digital Discipleship: Stay informed and connected to the ministries of our church through this Sunday morning email. Want to join the email list? Please contact Vicki Sumner at children@1stpc.org.

Connections: Our children and youth are invited to engage in #DigitalDiscipleship with Mr. Mitch, Dr. Coffey, Mr. Scott, Mr. Simon, and Ms. Vicki on Wednesdays for *Connections*. Join us this week as our K-2nd Graders and 3's-VPK students gather on Zoom. Our 3rd-5th Graders and 6th-12th Graders will meet in the sanctuary to record their instrumental pieces. Contact Vicki Sumner, children@1stpc.org, with questions.

Confirmation: Our Confirmation class of 2021 is gathering weekly on Mondays from 4:30-5:15 p.m. We are currently working on writing our Statements of Faith. The class is led by Rev. Mark Hulst, Mr. Andy Vloedman, and Ms. Vicki Sumner.

Youth Opportunities to Assist in Worship: Our 6th through 12th grade students are invited to participate in serving as (in-person) lay readers during our 11 a.m. worship services. If this is something your youth is interested in doing, please contact Vicki Sumner at children@1stpc.org.

College Trajectory Bible Study is meeting on Zoom. For more information, please email Scott Stuart at college@1stpc.org.

Young Adult Ministry: We are meeting regularly via Zoom - currently on Tuesday nights from 8:30-9:30 p.m. For more information on Young Adult Ministry or specifically on these meetings, please email Fred Lundy at youngadult@1stpc.org.

The Gordon Hoover Class is Zooming on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Connect by phone or computer. Everyone is welcome! This Sunday is Luke 16. If you are interested in joining, please contact Perry Foote at palbertfoote@gmail.com.

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast, Melda Bassett, Jayne Fox, Emily Hoyer, Elizabeth Miller, and Theral Moore. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Trinity Gilkey, Brian Hill, Matt Roland, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez, Joe Mueller, and Paul Samala. Essential worker: Bill Clark.

Online contributions can be made through your computer or smart phone. Go to 1stpc.org and click the red Pushpay icon. Give to the General Budget or specify the designated ministry in the memo section. Text contributions, bill pay through your bank, and electronic funds transfers are also options. Contact Trudy Bonerba at business@1stpc.org if you have any questions.

Worship on the Radio: The worship service is now available live at 11 a.m. on FM 91.1 in the church parking lot.

Church Email Communication: If you are interested in changing which emails you receive from the church, the best option is to contact the church office at 352-378-1527. Clicking on "unsubscribe" in an email not only takes you off that specific email list, but also removes you from receiving all church emails. Let us know if you have questions. Thank you.

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