

### GATHERING

*Dear God, I do not know all of the challenges that face me this day, but still I pray: if I should be tempted by desire for earthly gain, remind me of my citizenship in heaven. If I should be distracted by hunger, satisfy me with your Holy Spirit until I hunger no more. Let me walk in the way of Christ so that my life testifies in deed and word, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." Amen.*

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

O Divine Redeemer

C. Gounod

*Dr. Serendipity Zapanta Rinonos, violin*

*Ah! turn me not away, receive me, tho' unworthy! Hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress! Answer me from Thy throne, haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid, Thy pity show in my deep anguish! Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, Tho' righteous Thine anger, O Lord! Shield me in danger, O Regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call.*

*O Divine Redeemer! O Divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins! Forgive me, O divine Redeemer! Night gathers round my soul; fearful I cry to Thee; Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me! Hear my cry, Save me, Lord, in Thy mercy; Hear my cry! Come and save me, O Lord! O, divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, And remember not, O Lord, my sins! Save, in the day of retribution, from Death shield Thou me, O my God! O, divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior!*

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember, our citizenship is in heaven.

**It is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

He will transform the body of our humiliation to the body of his glory.

**By the same power that enables him to make all things subject to himself.**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, stand firm in the Lord.

#### \* HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

#### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.**

KYRIE (HYMN 551)

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 27:1-5 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

#### ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

J. Rutter

*Dr. Serendipity Zapanta Rinonos, violin*

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; Where there is hatred, Let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy; And all for thy mercy's sake, O divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

#### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Sarah Whitfield

*(Afterward, children will return to sit with their families.)*

#### \* HYMN 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (NRSV)

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**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

Our Citizenship Is In Heaven

Rev. Mark Hults

#### 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.**

#### OFFERING

##### OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance

Fanny Crosby - 1873

*Dr. Russell Robinson, voice & classical guitar*

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.*

#### \* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### \* 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

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|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| * HYMN 223    | When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | HAMBURG   |
| * BENEDICTION |                                  |           |
| * POSTLUDE    | My Jesus Leadeth Me              | J. Brahms |

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Matt Mitchell, Mitch Rorick, Sarah Whitfield

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

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A/V TEAM: Jenny Chamberlain, Frank Counts, Kim de Fretes, Jack Harling, Fred Lundy

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of Emily Hoyer from Kate, Alexis, and Nick Vellis.

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**Thank you for joining us in worship today.** We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst and that His presence will sustain you in the week ahead. Visitors are welcome to participate in the worship and the work of First Presbyterian Church. You can find a "Three Steps to Membership" card with information about how to join the church in the pew racks. If you feel a call to commit your life to Jesus Christ and His Church, please speak to the pastor or an elder after worship.

**Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence:** Marilyn Ast, Leon & Jayne Fox, and Carol Hayes-Christiansen. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

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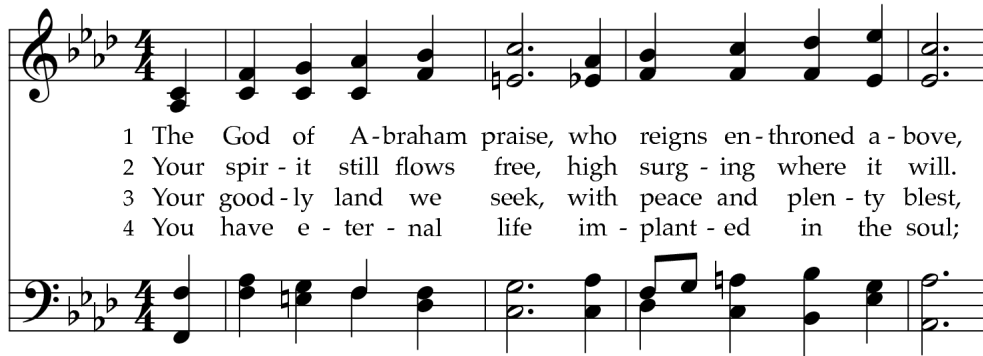
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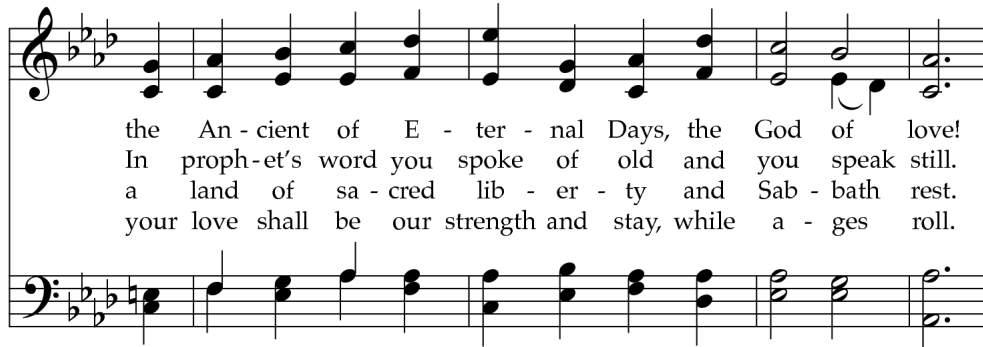
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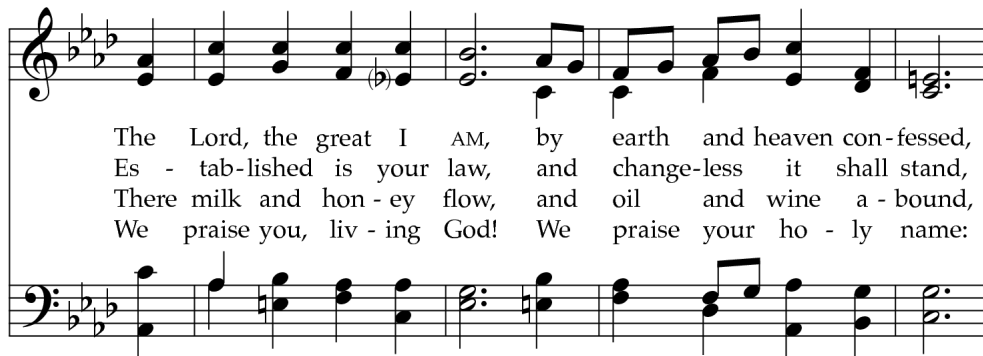
# 49 The God of Abraham Praise



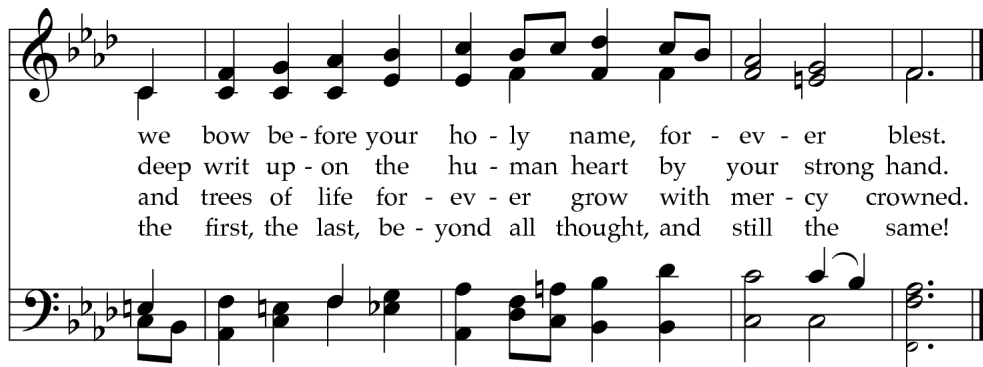
1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 27:1-5 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. <sup>4</sup>One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (NRSV)

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the  
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no  
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred

sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.  
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

# Ministry Highlights

Visit our growing website for more about our church and ministries.



## 40 Days of Caring

During this Lenten season, as we focus on what Christ has done for us in His death and resurrection, let us also share with others who are in need. We are collecting food for Gainesville Community Ministries and soft-sided Bibles (used or new, but no writing inside) to distribute at the Alachua County Jail. We have a blue bin in Gordon Hall for your donations. You may also provide donations or gift cards (Walmart, Target, or gas cards) for families at Family Promise and St. Francis House. Please label and place in the offering or bring to the church office. Thank you!



**Family Promise Hosting:** Also, during the week of March 30–April 5 our congregation is providing meals to four families that Family Promise is sheltering while they transition to more permanent affordable housing. This is a great opportunity for a family or group to share God’s love in a practical way. Sign up for a meal here or in the weekly invite:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AA4A629A4FA7-55590871-family>



## Spring Break

Our regular weekly ministries, including LOGOS, all choirs, Bible studies, and College Cafe, are on Spring Break this week, March 16-21. We look forward to connecting with you again next week.



## Mission Trip

Scott and several Trajectory college students joined a team of 46 leaving yesterday on a mission trip to San Jose, Costa Rica to partner with Filter of Hope. They are sharing the gift of Jesus Christ and the gift of clean water. Please pray for Scott, the other leaders, and all the college students as they seek to build God’s kingdom and grow in their personal walks with Jesus. They will be gone through Friday, March 21.



## Immediate Help Needed in the Nursery

We have a small team of volunteers who serve regularly in our nursery on Sunday mornings. If one of the team is unable to be there, it is challenging to staff the nursery. Please consider serving during the 11 a.m. worship service. Contact Evelyn Lewis ([citytr122@gmail.com](mailto:citytr122@gmail.com)) or Jenna Mueller ([jdmueller2009@gmail.com](mailto:jdmueller2009@gmail.com)) to learn more.

*Pick-up a calendar page from the ushers for all this week’s ministry events or print one from the weekly invite email. Children’s worship guides are available at all entrances.*

## Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 3/9	255
Weekly Budget Requirement	<b>\$38,129</b>
Received Week of 3/9/25	\$104,100
Weekly Offering	\$9,266
Designated Offerings	\$81
Other Revenue	\$44,811
Preschool	\$49,942
<b>FPC Fiscal Year: July 2024-June 2025</b>	
YTD Budget Requirements	<b>\$1,372,638</b>
YTD Received	\$1,244,455
YTD Expenses	\$1,234,119


## Online Contributions



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