

GATHERING

I give thanks for the gift of life and breath that is mine today in Christ. Make me eager to do good and to resist evil, and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference. Fill me with your assurance in all I say and do that I may share the hope that is within me in gentleness and reverence of Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

As the Deer

M. Nystrom

Elijah West, violin; Ross Teigen, guitar

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

Let the sound of praise ring out.

Come and hear what the Lord has done,

the Lord who has made everything!

*** HYMN 816**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Now, O Lord, 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 FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Lamentations 3:22-26 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 766

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

For the Beauty of the Earth

C. Kocher

Silas West, voice; Elijah West, violin; Ross Teigen, guitar

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Sarah Whitfield

(Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade are dismissed to Kids-4-God.)

- * **HYMN 324** For All the Faithful Women NYLAND
- NEW TESTAMENT READING** 2 Timothy 1:1-7 (NRSV)
This is the Word of the Lord. NT pg. 211
Thanks be to God.
- SERMON** Rekindle the Gift of God Rev. Mark Hults
- MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER**

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** Be Thou My Vision Irish Ballad
Silas West, voice; Elijah West, violin; Ross Teigen, guitar

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

- * **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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 A.M.)

(Gluten-Free Bread)

SENDING

- * **HYMN 306** Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS
- * **BENEDICTION**
- * **POSTLUDE** For the Beauty of the Earth J. Linker

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jonathon Haney, Mark Hults, Sarah Whitfield

ELDER ON DUTY: Nick Vellis

ACOLYTE: Linden Greer

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHAPEL USHER: Rose Anna Rutledge; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Maralyn Foote, Perry Foote, John Lingg, Margaret Lingg, Carol Turner

A/V TEAM: Owen Best, Dania Moreno, Elijah West, John Rayl, Robert Richardson

THE PINK CARNATIONS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of all mothers. As you leave worship today, individual flowers are available in the Narthex and Gordon Hall. Please feel free to take a pink carnation for your mother, even if she is not able to be with you today.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Dick Rauber and Sandra Jones upon the passing of their daughter, Roxane Toben, who joined the Church Triumphant on April 30, 2026.

TODAY, 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7 FORMS THE BASIS FOR OUR SERVICE. Stanza 3 of our gathering hymn, "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee," connects with 2 Timothy 1:3-14. Our hymn of the day, "For All the Faithful Women," honors women in the church's history and connects with 2 Timothy 1:5. The sending hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," goes with 2 Timothy 1:3-4. On this Mother's Day, Silas West and Elijah West (brothers) join with Ross Teigen (grandfather) to lead us in worship. One of the hymns they are sharing is "For the Beauty of the Earth," the tune of which forms the foundation of the postlude. Stanza 4 begins with "For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child," which is fitting for Mother's Day. We are grateful for all the love shown by mothers.

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. 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 Jed Keesling. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, Faith Thompson, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

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If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Lamentations 3:22-26 (NRSV)

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Timothy 1:1-7 (NRSV)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 Bb Eb Cm7 Fm Bb



days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 Eb Bb7 Eb Cm



all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F Bb Ab Bb Eb



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb Eb



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.



FOCUS ON STEWARDSHIP

Let us remember the word of our Lord Jesus when he said, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

When we give to others, we "shine." When we give, we "receive" a blessing! This call to a selfless attitude in our lives suggests that generosity results in greater spiritual joy and happiness, rather than accumulating possessions.

Jesus calls us to love and serve one another even as He has loved us.

Freely we have received, freely let us give.

- The Stewardship Committee



STEWARDSHIP 2026-2027



YOUR PLEDGE

- A promise to support FPC with your finances
- Pledged funds are used to build the budget
- The budget covers expenses from July to June



GENERAL BUDGET OVERVIEW

- parking lot playground sanctuary upkeep
- curriculum teacher training Bible studies
- GPD security fire alarms smoke detectors
- seminaries hospitals schools
- care cards the Bugle local ministries
- teachers sextons staff
- College cafe fellowship events LOGOS meals
- worship guides sheet music communion
- AC/heat plumbing lights & ovens



Please submit your pledge in worship, by mail (106 SW 3rd St., Gainesville, FL 32601), or by emailing your pledge to our Business Manager, Trudy Bonerba (business@1stpc.org). *Scan QR Code to set up automatic giving with PushPay

Please pray about what God is leading you to give to support the mission and ministries of our church in the coming year.

Pick-up a calendar page from the ushers or click the link in the weekly email for all this week's ministry events. Children's worship guides are available at all entrances.

Online Contributions



Visit our website, www.1stpc.org, to make an online donation. Click the GIVE button at the top of the page. You can contribute to the General Budget or use the drop-down menu, change to Other, and 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.



T-Coil installed in the sanctuary, and Hearing Assist devices available in the Narthex.

Tune in to Cox Channel 11 now from 9-10 a.m. for our televised broadcast or MyTV 28.2 for over the air broadcasts

Current Worship video, audio, and archives at 1stpc.org

Ministries & Staff

At **First Presbyterian Preschool**, children are fully prepared for school in a caring, Christian environment. Classes are offered 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Early Childhood Accredited.

Preschool Director

LISA HERSHKOWITZ - preschool@1stpc.org

Our **Children and Youth Ministries** provide a multi-generational approach of Christian example as the church family comes alongside parents to lead children to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

Nursery Care during worship for children 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten. **Contact:** Victoria Bernard - toraleighb@gmail.com

Kindergarten through 2nd grade children are excused from worship for **Kids-4-God** to spend time growing their faith on Sundays during the school year. **Contact:** Evelyn Lewis - citytr122@gmail.com

LOGOS is a mid-week ministry during the school year with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and family dinner for students age 3 through high school. **Contact:** Bev Vloedman dvloedman@aol.com

Youth Connection meets for fellowship and food with Bible study and mentoring for students in grades 6-12. (see **YA&FM** contact)

Our **College Ministry** seeks to launch students into a life of pursuing Christ, trusting in Him, and growing with others. Join us for Sunday worship & lunch and Tuesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Bring a friend!

Director of College Ministry

JONATHAN HANEY - colleage@1stpc.org

Young Adult & Family Ministry (YA&FM) is for marrieds and singles, with or without kids, in grad school or in vocation. We gather for Bible Studies and to get to know each other better and would love the chance to do life with you.

Director of Young Adult & Family Ministry

FRED LUNDY - youngadult@1stpc.org

With choirs for ages three and above, our **Music Ministry** welcomes everyone to sing or ring and to dedicate their music to God. Our concert season includes Concerts for a Cause, which support local and global mission partners.

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 10, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Romans 8 - Elizabeth Bolton - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 6:17-26 - Rose Anna R. - Room 201
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Room 217
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall

Stewardship & Mother's Day

Monday, May 11, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Women's James Bible Study - Parlor

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Trajectory Summer Book Study

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Montreat Meeting - Gordon Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Deacons - Room 217

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Friday, May 15, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Preschool Year-End Celebration (2's & 3's classes)

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Sunday, May 17, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 p.m. Summer Choir - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Romans 9 - Stephanie Tyler - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 6:37-49 - Room 201
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. LAST Kids-4-God - Room 217
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