

GATHERING

Merciful God, as I begin this day, place in me a spirit of generosity so that I may freely share love, joy, and encouragement with those I encounter. Keep me from quick judgments so that I leave room for your grace in my life and in the lives of others. Make me your faithful disciple in my words and in my actions, as well as in the thoughts of my heart; in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

D. Forrest

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me, and on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me. The King of love my Shepherd is, my Shepherd is the King of love; and so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

CHURCH WOMEN

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

We rejoiced: "The Lord has done great things for us."

May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

come home with joy, carrying their bundles of grain.

* **HYMN 729**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

THE WORD

NARRATOR

Mimi Carr

GOD SPEAKS TO SAMUEL

1 Samuel 3:1-5

Now the boy, Samuel, ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation. And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim he could not see, and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the Lord where the Ark of God was and while Samuel was lying down, that the Lord called Samuel.

SPEAKERS

David Singleton - Made for More

Shari Jones - Family Promise

ANTHEM

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

Anon

Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don't understand.

A WOMAN TALKS WITH JONAH

Jonah 1:1-3

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah, the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise go to Nineveh, the great city and cry against it; for their wickedness has come before Me." But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish.

ANTHEM City of Sin, Song of Forgiveness, and Finale from *Oh, Jonah!* A. Pote, C. McCann
Cherub Choir, Junior Choir, and Senior Choir

*Ninevah, Ninevah, city of sin, come on, Jonah, let us count you in. Jumpin' and a-jivin' all through the night.
Screamin' and a-shoutin' ev'ry thing's all right. We ain't lookin' to see the light.
We will walk in the light of the Lord.*

*O Lord, have mercy on us we pray. O Lord, forgive us all our sins, as we walk in the light of your love.
Well, the tale of the whale is a whale of a tale: it's a story of the deep blue sea; about a fish and a man named Jonah,
and responsibility. Now the Lord needs all of us, you and me, and he loves us very much, yes siree. So when the Lord
says, "Oh children, will you work for me?" Be strong inside, don't run, don't hide, become all you can be.*

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV) NT pg. 28
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION 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 Lord, Make Me An Instrument J. Willcocks
*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, may there be union; where there is doubt, faith. Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
where there is despair, let there be hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, may there be joy!
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. May we all be in peace, and only peace, and may that peace come unto
each of us.*

* **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.*

PETER TEACHES GOD'S WAY Acts 3:1-9

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man, lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they had laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he leaped up, stood and walked, and entered the temple with them - walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him.

SENDING

HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

Leader will sing stanzas; congregation will join on the refrain.

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

Greetings, Kind Jesus

J.S. Bach

As you leave today receive a heart. Put it in your purse, or your wallet, a place that you can see it, to remind you of Love in Action by helping others.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mimi Carr (*Narrator*), Scene 1 - Holli Best, Lynn Hults; Scene 2 - Dean Schoenfeld (*Voice*), Ross Teigen (*Eli*), Silas West (*Samuel*); Scene 3 - Elizabeth Bolton (*Woman*), Fred Lundy (*Jonah*); Scene 4 - Andrew Osmun (*Man*), Tony Rosenbaum (*Peter*)

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SANCTUARY USHERS: Maralyn Foote, Perry Foote, Louis Motz, Mary Lou Schubert

A/V TEAM: Frank Counts, John Rayl

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A Financial Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2025 after the 11 a.m. worship to hear a presentation from the chairs of the Budget & Finance committee and Trustees, Dick Rauber and Ken Mears, with a focus on the challenges and opportunities for our church as we approach a new fiscal year. This presentation will be a high level overview on current and projected financial positions of the church, with discussion pertaining only to these items.

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.

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729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV)

¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

Opportunities to Demonstrate Your Love in Action

Organization	Website/Social Media	Address	Contact/Phone	Volunteer Opportunities
Gainesville Community Ministries	gcmhelp.org Facebook: gcmhelp	238 SW 4 th Ave. Gainesville	Corey Lefave 352-871-2143	Food pantry, USDA food distribution, GED tutoring, clothes closet
Habitat for Humanity	www.alachuahabitat.org	2610 NW 43rd Street, Suite 2B	352-378-4663 or through website	Build houses, provide food, office, work at RESTORE shop
Friends Across the Ages	friendsacrosstheages.org		Steve/Allison Blay 352-335-0655	Visit lonely nursing home residents, assist activities
Baker Interfaith Friends	bakerinterfaithfriends@gmail.com or on Facebook		Joan Anderson	Visit detained immigrants housed in Baker County (live or virtual)
Family Promise	familypromisegvl.org		Shari Jones 352-378-2030	Assist families as needed
Helping Hands Clinic	helpinghandsclinic@gmail.com	419 NE 1 st Street	Brendon Shortley 352-519-5542	Assist in clinic, help with Thursday lunch
St. Francis House	stfrancishousegvl.com	413 S. Main	Laura Schiffbauer 352-378-9079	Assist by serving meals, aid social workers
Anew (Created Gainesville)	anewflorida.com		Alison Ungaro 352-870-8481	Support survivors of sex trafficking
Gainesville Thrives	contact@gainesvillethrives.org		Yolanda Hagley- Fluellen 352-358-1877	Tutoring, mentoring K-12 Services for expectant parents
Made for More	madeformoreinspire.org		Joel David Romulus (786) 955-3108	Mentoring high school boys
North Florida Sewing Center	Facebook: North Florida Sewing Center	Wesley Church 826 NW 23 rd Ave, 32609	Beth Wood 352-318-8573	Reusable menstrual supplies for local and international women

Ministry Highlights

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



Palms & Psalms

Gather for intergenerational fellowship and a continental breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 13, at 9:30 a.m. in Gordon Hall. Make a palm cross and pray through the psalms. Come after 8:30 worship in the chapel or stay afterwards for worship at 11 in the sanctuary as we begin Holy Week together. RSVP to Evelyn Lewis at citytr122@gmail.com.



Family Promise Hosting Thank You

Thank you to Lorraine Barber, David & Peggy Carr, John & Nancy Carswell, Lindsey Childs-Kean, Kathy Counts, Elizabeth Jenkins, the LOGOS team, Jane Morris, David & Kristin Pickens, Susan Roland, David Shaver, Jane Smith, Bob Tucker, Carol Turner, Karen Yetter, the Local Missions Committee and all who gave to provide meals, donations, gift cards, diapers, and formula for the families currently being hosted by Family Promise! We appreciate your support of our local ministry partner and these families.



Holy Week

April 13 • Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

*Nursery care is available
beginning at 10:45 a.m.

April 17 • Maundy Thursday

John 13:1-17; 31b-35

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Holy Communion

April 18 • Good Friday

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

9:30 Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt

10 a.m. Gordon Hall

April 20 • Easter Sunday

John 20:1-18

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

in the Sanctuary

with Holy Communion
choir, brass, and percussion
and 11 a.m. on our YouTube
Channel

*Nursery care is available
beginning at 8:15 & 10:25 a.m.

We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings and for the special worship services during this Lenten and Easter Season. Visit www.1stpc.org/lent for more information.

Children's worship guides are available at all entrances.

Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 3/30	150
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$38,129
Received Week of 3/30/25	\$3,340
Weekly Offering	\$2,775
Designated Offerings	\$565
Other Revenue	--
Preschool	--
FPC Fiscal Year: July 2024-June 2025	
YTD Budget Requirements	\$1,487,025
YTD Received	\$1,292,888
YTD Expenses	\$1,347,591


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

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Ministries

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.

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: Jenna Mueller - jdmueller2009@gmail.com

Kindergarten through 2nd grade children are released from worship for **Kids-4-God** to spend time growing their faith. After the service, families meet in Gordon Hall. Contact: Evelyn Lewis - citytr122@gmail.com

LOGOS is a mid-week ministry with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and family dinner for students age 3 through high school. Contact Bev Vloedman to RSVP for 6 p.m. dinner at dvloedman@aol.com.

Youth Connection meets for fellowship and food with Bible study and mentoring for students in grades 6-12.

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. Bring a friend!

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.

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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Glorify God
Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
Meet Human Needs



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent Lily Dedications Due

(No 8:30 a.m. worship service this morning.)

- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Hosea - Don McGarity - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School - Lent - Room 201
- 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Senior, Junior, Cherub Choirs - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Love in Action Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room

Monday, April 7, 2025

- 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee - Room 217/Zoom

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

- 2:15 p.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Property Committee - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. College Trajectory Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

- 10:00 a.m. Trustees - Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Executive Commission - Zoom
- 3:45 p.m. LOGOS
- 5:45 p.m. LOGOS Family Time - All Sports Night
- 6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers' Rehearsal - Oak Hammock
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers' Rehearsal - Oak Hammock
- 7:00 p.m. Spring Handbell Concert - Oak Hammock

Thursday, April 10, 2025

- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Friday, April 11, 2025

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Joel - Tim Schubert - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School - Lent - Room 201
- 9:30 a.m. Carol Ringers - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Jubilate Ringers - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Rm 217
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Connection - Room 211

Visit www.1stpc.org/lent for information on our special services and ministry activities during the Lent and Easter Season at First Presbyterian Church.