

GATHERING

In my life's darkest hour, Lord, still you are with me. When I find myself at my weakest, Father, You are there to strengthen me. When friends are far and pain is near, even then shall I rest in the hope Christ has won for me.

In His name, Amen.

LENTEN PRAYER (11 A.M.)

Hashivenu

Israeli

Take us back to you, Lord, and we shall return. Renew our days as in the past.

***Please see TODAY IN WORSHIP for the symbolism behind the Lenten Prayer and the bowl of sand.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Psalm 121

M. Corley

Melissa Milford, viola

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

As we approach the end of Lent and our Lord approaches the cross,

Father, let us look to you in our distress.

As we go through life, in a world which tries and tests our faith,

Father, let us trust in you for our deliverance.

* **HYMN 353**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of hope and mercy, we confess that we have not trusted in your promises. That when our sins and sufferings seem too heavy to bear, we think and act as if there is a limit to your mercy and your forgiveness. Forgive us our lack of faith and bestow upon us a certain hope. For as we confess our sins today we are, this very moment, completely forgiven and washed whiter than snow. 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

GOSPEL READING

Mark 15:33-39 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Psalm 130

P. Manz

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice: let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee that Thou mayest be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope; my soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning. Let Israel hope in the Lord for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is redemption, and He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. 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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Evelyn Lewis

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

* **HYMN 424**

Out of the Depths

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 130 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Out of the Depths

Jonathon Haney

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

For You, My God, I Wait

D. Ward

Payton Francis, mezzo soprano

For you, my God, I wait with hope born of the Word. Like sleepless ones who long to dream I wait and call my Lord. Lord, hear my pleading voice, and let me know you hear! As sleepless ones feel rest approach, I know my God is near.

If you should list my faults, the sins of heart and hand, like sleepless ones who groan at dawn I know I could not stand! For even from the deep I know you hear my cries. Like sleepless ones who dream at last, I ease my weary eyes.

* **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

* **HYMN 442**

Just as I Am, without One Plea

WOODWORTH

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

Out of the Depths I Cry to You

M. Drischner

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jonathon Haney, Evelyn Lewis, Coleen O'Brien, Dan Sutton, Cathie Ziegler

ELDER ON DUTY: Coleen O'Brien

ACOLYTE: Travis Fosser

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Anait Piloyan

CHANCEL CHOIR

CHAPEL USHER: Margaret Lingg; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Paul Bennett, Matthew Morse, Carol Turner

A/V TEAM: Owen Best, Kaylee Bleeker, Kimberly de Fretes, Jack Harling

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my sister Mabel by Cora Kurtz.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of my sister, Maribeth Peachey, and my dad, Rev. Ned Peachey, by Sara LeMaire.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is an annual special offering that helps serve the most vulnerable people by providing aid in areas such as disaster relief, hunger, poverty, and refugee assistance worldwide. Use the special envelopes in the pews or mail a check to the church with "One Great Hour" in the memo line.

TODAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT. The anthem, "Psalm 130," and hymn of the day, "Out of the Depths," are paraphrases of our main scriptural passage, Psalm 130. The gathering hymn, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less," connects with Psalm 130:5-8, and the offertory, "For You, My God, I Wait," draws from Psalm 130 and Psalm 131. The sending hymn, "Just as I Am, without One Plea," and postlude, "Out of the Depths I Cry to You," were also chosen for their connection to Psalm 130. As you listen to the postlude, you may notice that the pedal part is a repeating four-measure phrase based on the opening melody of our hymn of the day. We are grateful to Melissa Milford, the Chancel Choir, and Payton Francis for leading us in worship. Melissa Milford is a DMA student in viola at the University of Florida. Payton Francis is one of our choral scholars and in her senior year of vocal performance at UF.

The season of Lent is a 40-day period of prayer and self-examination in preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter. The forty days are like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. This Lent we've added a bowl of sand to represent Jesus' testing, and our own testing, in the wilderness. Additionally, following the ringing of the bell to start worship, we will hear, or sing, Hashivenu. The text for Hashivenu is from Lamentations 5:21.

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.

EASTER LILIES



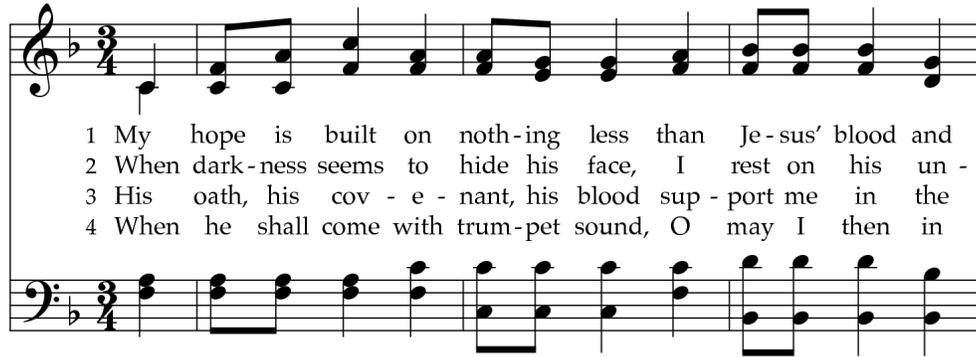
On Easter morning our sanctuary will be decorated with lilies. Flowers are available to purchase in honor or in memory of a family member or loved one. The lilies are \$17 each and can be ordered by filling out the form below to place in the offering plate or mail it to the church office by Sunday, March 22. The flowers will be available to take home after 11 a.m. Easter worship.

In Loving Memory of: _____

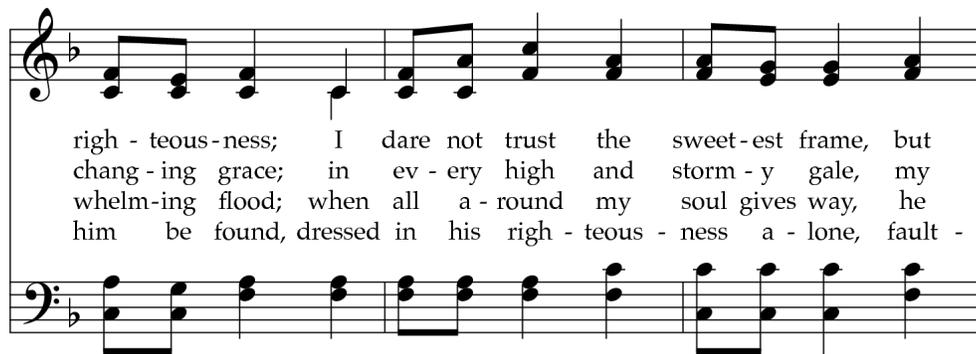
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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

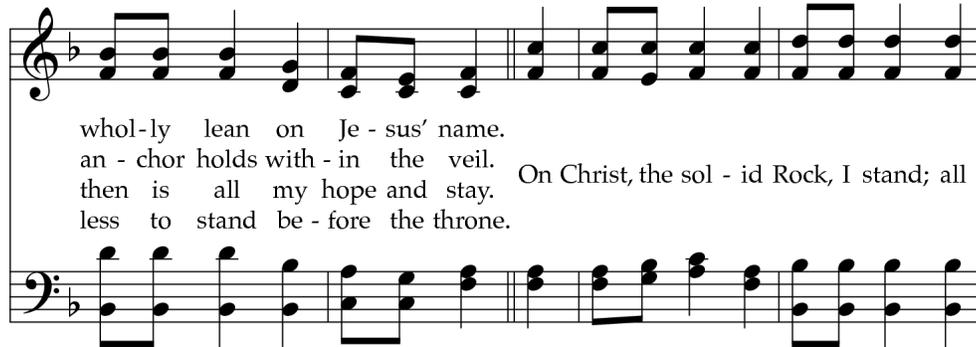


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

Out of the Depths

(Psalm 130)

1 Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord God, hear me
 2 All things you send are full of grace; you crown our lives with
 3 In you a - lone, O God, we hope, and not in our own
 4 My soul is wait - ing for you, Lord, as one who longs for

call - ing. In - cline your ear to my dis - tress in spite of
 fa - vor. All our good works are done in vain with - out our
 mer - it. We rest our fears in your good word; up - hold our
 morn - ing; no watch - er waits with great - er hope than I for

my re - bel - ling. Do not re - gard my sin - ful deeds. Send me the
 Lord and Sav - ior. We praise you for the gift of faith; you save us
 faint - ing spir - it. Your prom - ised mer - cy is my fort, my com - fort,
 your re - turn - ing. I hope as Is - rael in the Lord, who sends re -

grace my spir - it needs; with - out it I am noth - ing.
 from the grip of death; our lives are in your keep - ing.
 and my strong sup - port; I wait for it with pa - tience.
 demp - tion through the Word. Praise God for grace and mer - cy!

In many times and places, human despair has been described as an experience like being in a deep pit or drowning under much water. That is where this paraphrase of Psalm 130 begins. This setting is especially evocative when sung with the original German text.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 15:33-39 (NRSV)

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 130 (NRSV)

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. ² Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.
⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. ⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

FORGIVENESS

442 Just as I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
 4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise -
 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

come to thee,
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
 I be - lieve,
 thine a - lone,

When illness limited her involvement in a bustling household, the author wrote this hymn that helped her both to achieve and to express a renewed sense of worth grounded in Christ's self-giving. Its simple, direct, and deeply felt language has made it a source of comfort to many.

TEXT: Charlotte Elliott, 1834, alt.; Spanish trans. Tomás M. Westrup, alt.; Korean trans. anon.
 MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849; harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955
 Korean Trans. © *The Hymnal Society of Korea*
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WOODWORTH
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Palms & Psalms

Gather for intergenerational fellowship as we begin Holy Week together on Palm Sunday, March 29, in Gordon Hall. Make a palm cross and pray through the psalms. Come after 8:30 a.m. worship in the chapel OR after 11 a.m. worship in the sanctuary. RSVP to Evelyn Lewis at citytr122@gmail.com.



Remember Our Mission Partners During Lent

Lenten traditions often include a focus on prayer, sacrifice, and preparation as we move toward Easter. In this season, please also consider those in need in our community. We have a wire cart at each of the main entrances to the sanctuary for food donations to Gainesville Community Ministry's food pantry. Dried goods like grains, potatoes, and rice are always helpful, as are canned vegetables and fruits. Thank you for your generosity.



Journey through Lent to Easter

We invite everyone – young and old – to continue to build the paper chain in our sanctuary which symbolizes our shared faith journey. Art supplies will be available in Gordon Hall and the chapel. Create a paper strip with a symbol of creation, birth, or beginnings, and add a favorite Bible verse or hymn. Can we fill the sanctuary? What about Gordon Hall?



Earth Care Sunday

On Sunday, April 12, from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women sponsor presentations on marine micro-plastic pollution, fresh water/springs health in N. FL, and the restoration of McCarty Woods on the UF campus. Children are welcome to join in crafts and snacks in the Serving Room at the same time. After worship, everyone is invited to join in a good old dinner on the grounds (in Gordon Hall) where PW provides the spiral ham and fried chicken and the congregation brings sides and desserts to serve 6-8 each. RSVP to chocolateloverspwcircle@gmail.com.

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.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

March 29

Matthew 21:1-11

8:30 a.m. Chapel

*11 a.m. Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

April 2

John 13:1-17, 31b-36

6:30 p.m. Sanctuary

Holy Communion

Good Friday

April 3

The Seven Last Words of Christ

6:30 p.m. Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 5

Matthew 28:1-10

8:30 and *11 a.m.

in the Sanctuary

Holy Communion

Prelude at 8:20 & 10:50 a.m.

*Nursery is available and starts 15 minutes before Sunday worship.

Worshiping at home? The services will be streamed on the church YouTube channel.

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 **cc** 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 - college@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.

Director of Music and Organist

MITCH RORICK - music@1stpc.org

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TONY COGDILL

Sexton

MARGARET HILL

Glorify God
Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
Meet Human Needs



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 22, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Romans 3 - Stephanie Tyler - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: John 19:25-27 the Church - 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
- 12:00 p.m. College Café - Serving Room

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Monday, March 23, 2026

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Trajectory College Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

- 3:30 p.m. LOGOS - Enter through sanctuary doors or gate on SW 1st Ave
- 5:45 p.m. LOGOS Family Time Dinner - Gordon Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Bell Room 215
- 7:15 p.m. Session - Room 201

Thursday, March 26, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers - Bell Room 215
 - 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Choir Room
 - 7:30 p.m. Young Professionals Bible Study
- Contact Fred Lundy for more information.

Friday, March 27, 2026

Saturday, March 28, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Ann Beukelman - Iona Chapel

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Palms & Psalms - Gordon Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Romans 4 - Serendipity R. - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Matthew 27:45-49- Fred L. - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
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