

GATHERING

*God of Justice, to You alone belongs the right to judge. Help us to live and act in the world as representatives of your justice. Help us to do so not in pride but humility, never seeking to usurp your role as the final judge. Help us to temper our justice with kindness and mercy, showing the same love to our neighbors as you have ever shown to us.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Cantecor
Emmy Barat, French horn

H. Busser

* CALL TO WORSHIP

With what shall we come before the Lord? What shall be my sacrifice to Him?

The sacrifices of God are a broken and contrite heart.

With what spirit shall I go into the world? With what spirit shall I witness to it?

Not a spirit of fear, but of confidence.

* HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Justice and Mercy, we confess that we have not walked in your ways. When you have called us to act justly, we have instead shown partiality and favoritism. When you have called us to love kindness, we have instead been ruled by harshness and resentment. When you have called us to walk humbly with You, we have instead been ruled by pride and the desire to be our own masters. Please, in your loving kindness, correct and teach us how we are to live as your children. 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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:1-11 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 197

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

What Does the Lord Require of You?
Jenny Chamberlain, guitar; Tom Chamberlain, euphonium

J. Strathdee

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Sarah Whitfield

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

* **HYMN 739**

O for a Closer Walk with God

CAITHNESS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:6-8 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 866

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Live in Justness, Not in Judgment
With the Lord

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

If With All Your Hearts
Tom Chamberlain, euphonium

F. Mendelssohn,
arr. C. Johnson

* **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 749**

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

Come! Live in the Light!

D. Haas

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jonathon Haney, Fred Lundy, Sarah Whitfield

ELDER ON DUTY: Rachel Coffey

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

8:30 USHER: Margaret Lingg; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Paul Bennett, Matthew Morse, Mary Lou Schubert

A/V TEAM: Jelvi Fika, Dania Moreno, John Rayl, Robert Richardson

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to her family upon the passing of Eudine McLeod, who joined the Church Triumphant on July 13, 2026. A memorial service will be held at Milam Funeral Home on Friday, July 24 at 11:30 a.m.

TODAY CONCLUDES OUR LIVE IN JUSTNESS, NOT IN JUDGMENT SERMON SERIES. As we focus on Live in Justness, Not in Judgment: With the Lord, the primary Scriptural reading is Micah 6:6-8. While the other Sundays of this series Micah 6:6-8 has been the first reading, today it is the second, and primary reading. As you hear the anthem, "What Does the Lord Require of You?," consider turning to *Glory to God* #70. Jenny and Tom Chamberlain are playing an instrumental version of this hymn. Hymn #70 is a slight paraphrase of Micah 6:8. The hymn of the day, "O for a Closer Walk with God," and sending hymn, "Come! Live in the Light!," are also connected with Micah 6:8. The refrain of "Come! Live in the Light!" is based on Micah 6:8.

In addition to Jenny and Tom Chamberlain, we thank Emerson Barat for leading us in worship. Emerson Barat grew up at First Presbyterian Church and is home on break from her music studies at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina.

ACTION FOR THIS WEEK: Consider writing Micah 6:8, "*What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*" on a index card and reading it each day before breakfast. If you feel drawn to Hymn 70 or Hymn 749, consider reading or singing one of these hymns throughout the week.

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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Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,
 van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;
 brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.
 Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,
 we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1979
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GATHER US IN
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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:1-11 (NRSV)

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:6-8 (NRSV)

⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

O for a Closer Walk with God 739

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a
 2 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet
 3 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what -
 4 So shall my walk be close with God, calm

calm and heaven - ly frame, a light to shine up -
 mes - sen - ger of rest! I hate the sins that
 e'er that i - dol be, help me to tear it
 and se - rene my frame; so pur - er light shall

on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
 made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.
 from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
 mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Merely longing for a restored relationship with God is not enough; real repentance requires amendment of life (stanza 3). The similarity of stanzas 1 and 4 suggests both continuity and improvement. This tune was one of the new common tunes in the Scottish Psalter of 1635.

TEXT: William Cowper, 1769

MUSIC: Scottish Psalter, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

CAITHNESS

CM

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

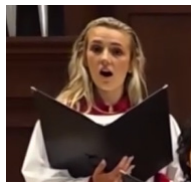
D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"



Voice Recital with Ava Neary - Friday, July 24 at 5 p.m.

Join us Friday for a recital with our choral scholar Ava before she departs for her new position in Atlanta, GA. - I invite you to join me for an evening of music that explores the many emotions of love through the art of song. From joy and hope to longing, heartbreak, and laughter, this program reflects the many ways love shapes our lives through a collection of art songs and operatic arias in English, German, French, and Italian. It is my hope that these stories and melodies resonate with you and leave you with a deeper appreciation for the beauty and emotion that music can express.



Back to School Drive

Support Gainesville Community Ministry as they meet the needs of our community. Bring donations of school supplies to the blue bin in Gordon Hall now through August -pencils, notebooks, scissors, and more, but most importantly, backpacks! See the full list in the weekly email or at www.1stpc.org.



Offering Envelopes

If you requested giving envelopes, they have arrived. Please check Gordon Hall to pick up your envelopes after worship or visit the church office during the week. Contact Laura Montgomery at assistant@1stpc.org to request children's envelopes.



Do You Have a Favorite Hymn?

In July, share your favorite hymn and a personal story about it with us. In August, we'll sing some of those hymns together. Complete the card at one of the boxes outside the sanctuary or submit answers at www.1stpcmusic.org/hymn. Let's celebrate the hymns of our faith together this summer.



Cookie Baking for Children and Teens

Join us Saturday, July 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fun time of baking, learning, and fellowship as we make homemade cookies to share during our church social hour. Whether you're an experienced baker or have never cracked an egg before, you are all welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. See the calendar page in Gordon Hall or the Narthex for full details and RSVP to Kate Vellis at kvellis@bellsouth.net.



Church Growth Initiatives

Join us for the next Zoom meeting with John Fong on Wednesday, July 29, at 7 p.m. — all are invited! We will stay for a 30-minute debrief after John's presentation. You need to RSVP to receive the Zoom link - please email communications@1stpc.org. Contact the church office with questions.

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.

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.

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Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
Meet Human Needs



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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 19, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Job 3 - Perry Foote - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 10:1-24 - Rick Smith - Room 201
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 7:00 p.m. HS Youth Gathering - Flavet Field

Monday, July 20, 2026

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Trajectory Summer Book Study
- 7:00 p.m. Budget & Finance

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

- 7:15 p.m. Session - Room 201

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Friday, July 24, 2026

Church Office Closed

- 5:00 p.m. Ava Neary Voice Recital - Sanctuary

Saturday, July 25, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. Cookie Baking with Kate Vellis - Church Kitchen

Sunday, July 26, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Job 4-5 - Serendipity R. - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 10:25-42 - Jenny C. - Room 201
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall



Cookie Baking for Children and Teens Saturday, July 25

Whether you're an experienced baker or have never cracked an egg before, you are all welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. We'll learn some baking basics, work together in teams, and enjoy spending time with friends while preparing treats for our church family.

Time: 10:00 am to about 2:00 pm

Who: Children and teens, and those who are young at heart

What to Bring: an apron (if you have one), a friend, and your smile

Come ready to measure, mix, bake, and serve. We hope you'll join us as we use our hands and hearts to bless our congregation with homemade cookies! Email Kate Vellis at kvellis@bellsouth.net if you plan to attend, so we can prepare enough ingredients and supplies.