

**GATHERING**

*Loving God, in life and in death, we belong to You. May we entrust ourselves to Your care. May we ask for help when we are confused, lost, or afraid. Please heal our bodies and minds, whether wounded, ill, or recovering. Please help those we love who are far from us physically, emotionally, or spiritually; especially those who are far from You. In the midst of death and grief, even though we are weary, may we stay steadfast to pray for comfort, for an easing of the pain that comes from loss, and for the light of Your presence to pierce the present darkness.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

Baptized in Water

M. Burkhardt

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

From water to wilderness:

**God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**

On stone and in hearts:

**God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

**God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

**For where He is, we would be also.**

\* **HYMN 218**

Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, as we begin this Lenten season in confession, help us to realize we do not live according to Your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, we participate in systems of injustice, and we use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those You set before us. And 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 OF ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 6:5-8 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 5

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** (11 A.M.) **How Great Thou Art** D. Forrest  
*O Lord my God! How great Thou art! O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r through-out the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art! When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim! "My God, how great Thou art!"*

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** (11 A.M.) Sarah Whitfield  
*(Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God.)*

\* **HYMN 482** **Baptized in Water** BUNESSAN

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** 1 Peter 3:17-22 (NRSV)  
This is the Word of the Lord. NT pg. 234  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** First Sunday in Lent: Fred Lundy  
The Righteous One for the unrighteous ones

**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 SOLO** (11 A.M.) **Give Me Jesus** T. Trenney  
*Gabriella Pizzi, soprano*  
*In the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus. Oh, when I am alone, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. Dark midnight was my cry, ah Jesus. Oh, when I come to die, I heard my mother say, "give me Jesus."*

\* **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 775** **I Want Jesus to Walk with Me** WALK WITH ME

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE** **In Thee Is Gladness** J.S. Bach

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart, Sarah Whitfield

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Sarah Whitfield

**ACOLYTE:** Grace Berger

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST:** Mitch Rorick

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:** Tiffany Fung

**FLUTE:** Murielle LeMaire

**CHAPEL USHER:** Tom Chamberlain; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Fleetwood Fleming, Maralyn Foote, Perry Foote, Andy Greer, Ken Mears

**VIDEO TEAM:** Kaylee Bleeker, Troy Bleeker, Oliver Dowling; **SOUND:** Dink Henderson

**THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP** are given to the glory of God and in memory of William O'Brien by the FitzGerald family.

**CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:** We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Donald Caton and his family upon the passing of his wife, Cecilia Caton, who joined the Church Triumphant on November 26, 2023. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 24 at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:** We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to the Carr family upon the passing of husband, father, brother, and grandfather, Archie "Chuck" Carr, III, who joined the Church Triumphant on January 21, 2024. Please pray for his wife, Gail; his children, Jennifer and Jonathan; his sister Mimi; his brother David, and sister-in-law Peggy; and his granddaughter, Carmen. A memorial service will be held on Monday, February 26 at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

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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.

**Prayer of Belief:** *Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen.* (If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please let the pastor or elders on duty know.)

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## FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 2/11	243
Weekly Budget Requirement	<b>\$35,061</b>
Received Week of 2/11/24	\$47,771
Weekly Offering	\$3,353
Designated Offerings	\$2,596
Other Revenue	\$21,456
Preschool	\$20,366
<b>FPC Fiscal Year: July 2023-June 2024</b>	
YTD Budget Requirements	<b>\$1,156,999</b>
YTD Received	\$1,171,037
YTD Expenses	\$1,019,125

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## Ah, Holy Jesus

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord  
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -  
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion, thy death of  
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!  
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

This beautiful English paraphrase of a German meditation on Christ's Passion bears testimony to the unobtrusive poetic skill and musical sensitivity of a future Poet Laureate of England. The associated chorale is no less carefully crafted and rewards singing in parts.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. <sup>7</sup>So the Lord said, "I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created – people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." <sup>8</sup>But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

BAPTISM

482 Baptized in Water

C Am Dm G F G C

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C/G

blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the  
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

Am G C G/B Am G7 C

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

TEXT: Michael A. Seward, 1981  
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985  
 Text © 1982 The Jubilate Group (admin. Hope Publishing Company)  
 Music Arr. © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

BUNESSAN  
 5.5.8.5.5.9

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

1 Peter 3:17-22 (NRSV)

<sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## I Want Jesus to Walk with Me 775

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

The two equal phrases in each line suggest that this African American spiritual shares some characteristics of work or field songs that were used to coordinate the efforts of slaves involved in tasks (road clearing, ditch digging, etc.) that needed combined rhythmic strokes.

## GLORIFY GOD

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** Youth Connection would like to say thank you to everyone who helped serve, made soup, and donated to our Souper Bowl of Caring last Sunday. We met our goal by raising \$2,302 to donate to Gainesville Community Ministry!

**1stpc Music Lunch Series:** Join us Tuesdays in February at 12:15 p.m. for 25-minute concerts with guest musicians followed by lunch. Bring your own lunch or purchase one for \$5. Tuesday, February 20 features Dr. Timothy Mutschlecner on cello and Tiffany Fung on piano, with well-loved music of Fauré, Frescobaldi, Bach, Rachmaninoff, and Schumann. Lunch menu: cream of broccoli soup, SweetBerries grilled chicken caesar salad, chips, Montreat chocolate pie, water, and lemonade.

**Organ Recital** by James O'Donnell on Sunday, March 3 at 4 p.m. Mr. O'Donnell is Professor in the Practice of Organ at Yale School of Music and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. At 6 p.m., he will give a 30-minute talk about music at Westminster Abbey.

**The Church Office will be closed** Monday February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day.

## MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

**Nursery Care** (6 weeks old through pre-kindergarten) is available on Sundays from 10:45 a.m. through the end of the 11 a.m. worship service. Email Jenna Mueller at [jdmueller2009@gmail.com](mailto:jdmueller2009@gmail.com) with questions or to sign up. Families, please find the sign-in cart upstairs in the Christian Education building by room 204.

**Children's Worship Guides** are located in the narthex, and Gordon Hall. Pick one up before the service to help your child participate in worship and return the bags to the baskets after the service.

**Kids-4-God:** Children (K through 2<sup>nd</sup>) will gather in Room 217 after the Time for Young Disciples to engage with their faith through the end of the service. Families will reunite with their children in Gordon Hall following the worship service. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Evelyn Lewis at [citytr122@gmail.com](mailto:citytr122@gmail.com).

**LOGOS:** (Ages 3 through high school) Gather this Wednesday, February 21 at 3:30 p.m. for Red, White, & Blue Night at LOGOS, which includes worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and fellowship for children and youth with 6 p.m. family time dinner. Email Bev Vloedman to RSVP for dinner at [dvloedman@aol.com](mailto:dvloedman@aol.com).

**Youth Summer Camps 2024:** Reserve your spot for camp today! A \$100 deposit is due by Wednesday, March 20. Questions? Contact Fred Lundy.

The Great Escape (entering 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>) July 16-21 at Southwind in Ocklawaha, FL. Total Cost: \$475

Fun in the Sun (entering 9<sup>th</sup>- graduates) June 23-28 in St. Simons Island, GA. Total Cost: \$525

**Youth Connection** is for middle and high schoolers. We will meet next Sunday, February 25 following 11 a.m. worship to set up for Family Promise hosting and have lunch. Contact Fred Lundy with any questions.

**College Café:** All college students are invited to join us in the Serving Room for lunch following 11 a.m. worship. Thank you to those providing today's meal! If you are interested in serving a meal to the college students, please contact Scott Stuart.

**Multiply Sunday Class:** Meet upstairs in room 201 on the second floor of the Education Wing at 9:30 a.m. as we begin our study of Lent.

**Gordon Hoover Sunday School:** Meet in the Church Library at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Enter through the Mary Gate or the sanctuary. All are welcome! Email Perry Foote at [palbertfoote@gmail.com](mailto:palbertfoote@gmail.com) with questions.

February 18 1 Corinthians 14 Don McGarity

February 25 1 Corinthians 15 Rick Palmer


**Easter in the Everyday:** We are recommending this Lent devotional from Christianity Today. There are readings from Ash Wednesday through Pentecost on humility, hope, and love. Digital copies can be purchased at the Christianity Today store: [ctmagazine.myshopify.com](http://ctmagazine.myshopify.com) and print copies can be purchased on [Amazon](http://Amazon).

## MEET HUMAN NEEDS

**Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence:** Marilyn Ast, Melda Bassett, Jayne Fox, Carol Hayes-Christiansen, Kay Koons, Elizabeth Miller, and Marjorie Pedrick. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

**College Scholarship Application forms** for the Kirkpatrick family, J. Wayne Reitz, John R. Greenman, William K. "Bill" Robertson, Ruth Maren, Charles and Mary Ross, Howard and Emily Patton, and Hank and Margaret Weech 2024-2025 scholarships are available in the church office or by email at [business@1stpc.org](mailto:business@1stpc.org). Submit the application, transcripts, and two letters of recommendation by Friday, March 15.

**The third Love in Action concert** will be held during 11 a.m. worship on April 14. In preparation, the Local Missions Committee is asking you to join our *Love in Action Challenge*: participate in at least one activity to share God's love with those in need in our community. More information and suggestions coming soon.

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