



Fourth Sunday in Lent • March 10, 2024

Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs

GATHERING

Loving God, draw me to your light, that I may avoid the dangers of sin and receive the freedom of your grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE (11 A.M.) Amazing Grace C. Dobrinski
Jubilate Ringers; Dr. Serendipity Zapanta Rinonos, violin; Andrew Netardus, conductor

* CALL TO WORSHIP

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.

* **HYMN 366** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we me know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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

Numbers 21:1-9 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 139

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) God So Loved the World J. Stainer
Chancel Choir

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that who-so believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. God so loved the world.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Scott Stuart

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

* HYMN 442

Just as I Am, without One Plea

WOODWORTH

GOSPEL READING

John 3:14-21 (NRSV)

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NT pg. 94

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SERMON

Fourth Sunday in Lent: The Son of Man Must be Lifted Up

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 (11 A.M.)

I Believe

M. Miller

Chancel Choir; Gabriella Pizzi, soloist

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining. I believe in love, even when I don't feel it. I believe in God, even when God is silent.

* 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 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Fantasia in G

J.S. Bach

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Scott Stuart

ELDER ON DUTY: Elisa Neale-Tobener

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHANCEL CHOIR, JUBILATE RINGERS

CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

CHAPEL USHER: Howard & Margaret Lingg; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Pam Bailey, Matthew Morse, Carol Turner, Cyndie Williams

VIDEO TEAM: Kaylee Bleeker, Troy Bleeker, John Rayl; **SOUND:** Bruce Brashear

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP this morning are given in memory of Melda Bassett from her family.

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 3/3	201
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$35,061
Received Week of 3/3/24	\$10,131
Weekly Offering	\$6,673
Designated Offerings	\$1,514
Other Revenue	\$1,945
Preschool	--
<u>FPC Fiscal Year: July 2023-June 2024</u>	
YTD Budget Requirements	\$1,262,181
YTD Received	\$1,235,079
YTD Expenses	\$1,104,709

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 \$15 each and can be ordered by filling out the form below to place in the offering plate or mail to the church office by Sunday, March 17. The flowers will be available to take home after the 11 a.m. Easter worship service.

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____


Given By: _____



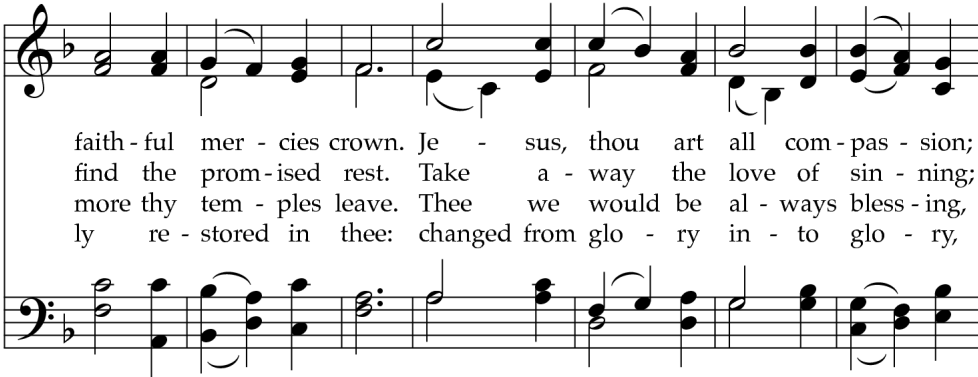
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.
 MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

HYFRYDOL
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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:1-9 (NRSV)

¹When the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the Negeb, heard that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim, he fought against Israel and took some of them captive. ²Then Israel made a vow to the Lord and said, “If you will indeed give this people into our hands, then we will utterly destroy their towns.” ³The Lord listened to the voice of Israel, and handed over the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their towns; so the place was called Hormah. ⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 - ya
 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 - ya 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,

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
 Music Harm. © 1955, ren. 1983 John Ribble (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

WOODWORTH
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GOSPEL READING

John 3:14-21 (NRSV)

¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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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?"

GLORIFY GOD

Holy Week Worship

March 24 • Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11

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

9:30 a.m. *Palms & Psalms* Intergenerational

Gathering & Continental Breakfast, Gordon Hall

March 28 • Maundy Thursday

John 13:1-17; 31b-35

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Holy Communion

March 29 • Good Friday

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 30

Easter Egg Hunt

10 a.m. Gordon Hall

March 31 • Easter Sunday

Mark 16:1-8

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

in the Sanctuary

Holy Communion

and 11 a.m. on our YouTube Channel

The third Love in Action concert will be held during 11 a.m. worship on April 14 (There will not be an 8:30 worship service). 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. How will you step up to the challenge?

Local Missions thanks the congregation for enabling us to host Family Promise again this spring. You blessed a family of three by providing meals, fellowship, and overnight stays for a week.

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 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 2nd) will gather in Room 217 after the Time for Young Disciples to engage with their faith through the end of the service. Families will meet in Gordon Hall following worship. Volunteers are needed. Contact Evelyn Lewis at citytr122@gmail.com.

LOGOS: (Ages 3 through high school) We are on Spring Break this week! Gather again on Wednesday, March 20 at 3:30 p.m. Email Bev Vloedman to RSVP for dinner at 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 6th-9th) July 16-21 at Southwind in Ocklawaha, FL. Total Cost: \$475

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

Youth Connection (6th-12th Grade) will meet again on Sunday, March 24 following 11 a.m. worship. Lunch will be provided and we will continue our Sticky Faith study. Questions? Contact Fred Lundy.

College Café: Enjoy Spring Break! We'll see you next Sunday. 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 continue 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 with questions.

March 10 2 Corinthians Perry Foote

Intro and Ch 1

March 17 2 Corinthians 2 Jed Keesling

MEET HUMAN NEEDS


Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast, Jayne Fox, Carol Hayes-Christiansen, 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 2024-2025 academic year are available in the church office or by email at business@1stpc.org. Submit the application, transcripts, and two letters of recommendation by this Friday, March 15.

Montreat Scholarship Applications are due by Sunday, March 24 to Mitch Rorick. Forms can be found at www.1stpcmusic.org/montreat2024.

Kick-Off March Madness with us at Gator's Dockside on Thursday, March 21. Come and go between 1:30 and 5 p.m. RSVP by calling the church office or using the button in the weekly invite email. Also watch for information to join a church-wide bracket for some friendly competition coming soon.

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