

Fall Bugle

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***For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my
covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord,
who has compassion on you.***

Isaiah 54:10

First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Mark Hults, Senior Pastor

4* Ways to Join Us for Sunday Worship!

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| 1 Worship In-Person
at 8:30 a.m. in Iona
Chapel | 2 Worship In-Person
at 11:00 a.m. in the
Sanctuary | 3 Livestream at 11:00
a.m. on YouTube and
at 1stpc.org | 4 Watch Sunday services
at 9:00 a.m. on Cox
Channel 11 |
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**Worship videos are available anytime on the church YouTube page*

A NEW SEASON

from Mark Hults

Hello First Presbyterian Church Family,

I hope you are gearing up to have a good fall. When my family first arrived in Gainesville, five years ago in the winter of 2020, we noticed two things. First, this city and its greater surroundings are college sports crazy! Between us, Lynn and I have lived in five college towns. We know and love college towns and college sports, yet we knew this was on a different level. Many of the stadiums and fields are adorned with wording like, "NCAA National Champions, 1996, 2006, 2008." We hadn't experienced success like that, but we knew we were going to love it.

The second thing we noticed was, more than any place we lived, this area runs on an academic calendar. Even during the COVID Pandemic we could see this. It is geared up and running from late August to early June; after that it is really chill, and many people have a different schedule. This isn't bad either.

The reason I am bringing this up now is because I want you to start thinking about what you are going to do once everything gets back up and running. I want you to think of two different ways to get reconnected with your church. First, I want you to do something that you receive from. Maybe you should join a Bible Study or Sunday School Class. Perhaps you should start attending the newly minted gathering of senior adults that is getting going. A good focus should be to think about what connects you with God and people.

The second thing I want you to think about is joining something where you can serve. We have lots of opportunities, both committees and other ministry opportunities where you can serve our church in all kinds of ways. Perhaps you have a skill or ability that would aid the church in its mission. Maybe you want to branch out and try something in an area you have never engaged in before. The key is finding something that is going to pour into you and something that is going to allow you to receive by giving.

If you need any help figuring out what you could do, please have a conversation with someone in the church, a staff member or someone that is active and knows several options and opportunities.

Enjoy this coming season. There are lots of wonderful opportunities waiting for you.

Joyfully,



To contact Pastor Mark,
email pastor@1stpc.org.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

GORDON HOOVER

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 with questions at palbertfoote@gmail.com.

Aug 3	Hebrews 3	Ross Teigen
Aug 10	Hebrews 4	Rick Palmer
Aug 17	Hebrews 5	Serendipity Rinonos
Aug 24	Hebrews 6	Tim Schubert
Aug 31	Hebrews 7	Perry Foote

MULTIPLY CLASS

Meet in the Room 201 at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings to grow together as we study God's word. Questions? Contact Fred Lundy at youngadult@1stpc.org.

Aug 3	1 Samuel 20
Aug 10	1 Samuel 21
Aug 17	1 Samuel 22
Aug 24	1 Samuel 23
Aug 31	1 Samuel 24

HAPPY FALL SEMESTER!

from Fred Lundy

I hope your summer was full of making memories, staying cool and enjoying time with family and friends!

If you are in the age range of the Young Adult and Family Ministry (YA&FM), -First Pres's ministry focused on those who are "Adulting" - typically in their mid-20's through mid-/late-40's who are in grad school or their careers, single or married, with or without kids- we hope you will consider getting involved in growing deeper with each other and God's word.

To do this, we currently meet around three times a month for various Gatherings and Discipleship Groups as well as joining in with the Multiply Sunday School Class on Sunday mornings between the services from 9:45 a.m. -10:30 a.m. (see below for more information on this class). Our intentional focus on these two areas of Christian faith, Gatherings (Community) and Discipleship, is purposeful as we know we are our best when we are doing life together while also growing in knowledge of God's word and the wisdom that He alone gives so we can live it out daily!

Gatherings and Discipleship Groups

Men's Breakfast – This informal, come as you can and are, gathering of men allows us to get to know each other better. This group typically meets the first Thursdays of the month from 7 a.m.-10 a.m. at the Bagel Bakery. You will usually find me sitting at the big table with or waiting for others to join in for a coffee or breakfast before heading into their day.

Men's Bible Study – This group continues to work through the minor prophets; the last twelve books of the Old Testament. These books, though often looked over, provide a picture of where the Old Testament has brought us while also preparing us for where the New Testament will take us by looking at the last couple hundred years before Jesus Christ came - and - changed - EVERYTHING. Aware that personal and professional schedules are always changing, our meeting day changes to allow for the most people possible to make the meeting. Regardless of the date, our normal meeting time is typically from 6:00 a.m.-7:30 a.m. at Starbucks on the corner of 53rd and 43rd.

Young Professionals Bible Study – this group focuses on those in grad school or just into their careers. As with the group above, we are aware that personal and professional schedules are always changing, so our meeting day changes each month to allow for the most people possible to make the meeting. Regardless of the date, our normal meeting time is from around 7:00/7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Panera Bread on Newberry Road. (For this group, we know that you are just getting started in life so the church covers the cost of your meal!)

Serve with us!

Three months out of the year (September, January and May) we are the usher team for the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service. This minimal effort and maximum impact service opportunity allows us and our families to help folks feel welcome and comfortable as they join with us for Sunday worship. By arriving a little early, handing out worship guides, showing people where the nursery, restrooms, etc. are, and helping collect the offering during the service, your warm, welcoming, smiling faces remind those with us that they are loved and cared for by our church and by God.

In addition to these gatherings, we are hoping to add a monthly Gathering opportunity for our Young Professionals to allow dedicated time for them to get to know each other. We are also looking into ways to have some more focused Discipleship opportunities for different groups in this ministry.

To know more about any of the things listed above or if you have questions about the Young Adult & Family Ministry, please contact Fred Lundy via email at youngadult@1stpc.org.



FRED

To contact Fred Lundy,
email youngadult@1stpc.org.

MEMBER INFORMATION

BIRTHS

Ethan Bernard, May 6, 2025

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Linda Connell, June 20, 2025

COLLEGE MINISTRY UPDATE

from Scott Stuart

I hope you are finding this season well. Our college students have a lot of exciting things to look forward to this upcoming fall semester. When you have a moment, please mark your calendar so you can be in prayer for our students as they begin another academic year.

- The Mount Retreat on August 10
 - o I'll be speaking at this event welcoming incoming freshmen from all over Florida.
- College Café resumes August 24
 - o If you have a desire to encourage a group of college students and can provide a meal, we would love to have you join our team.
- College Bible Study begins Tuesday night August 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Gordon Hall
- College Sunday on September 7
- Pumpkin Carving Contest on October 28
- Thanksgiving Feast on November 18
- Christmas Celebration on December 2

We look forward to another wonderful school year. Please keep our students in your thoughts and prayers
Blessings to you all,



To contact Scott Stuart,
email college@1stpc.org.

CHILDREN & YOUTH: JOIN US AT LOGOS!



What is LOGOS? LOGOS is a weekly intergenerational experience for young people that creates an arena where all ages together can learn about, experience, and practice the art of Christian relationships, critical for developing life-long disciples.

When is LOGOS? LOGOS will kick off with a pool party at the Hults' home, 9424 NW 59th Lane, on Saturday, August 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please RSVP to Bev Vloedman dvloedman@aol.com by August 15. On August 27 we will meet at the church, and begin the four parts of LOGOS: Bible study, Worship skills, Recreation, and Family time from 3:30-6:45 p.m.

Who is LOGOS for? Children 3 years old to PreK, and their families, can participate in Alleluia choir, Bible story time, and Recreation and join in the Family-time

dinner. Children and Youth, grades K-12, have a full schedule, including designated recreation and time for off instruments. Parents and congregation members are asked to prayerfully consider how they can use their gifts to sustain this ministry.

Why LOGOS? LOGOS models the early church in Acts 2:42, *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers."* By intentionally dedicating a mid-week time and space for generations to learn and grow together, we live out the conviction that nurturing people, especially young people, into an abundant life-giving relationship with God through Jesus Christ is the most important thing the church ever does.

For more about LOGOS and for volunteer training, gather in the Serving Room on either Sunday, August 10 or 17 following worship for lunch, details, and answers to your questions. RSVP to dvloedman@aol.com.



August

Special Events Only. Regular Weekly Ministries and Committee Meetings NOT Listed.

Sundays in August

8:30 a.m. Worship in the chapel
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 - **Gordon Hoover** in Room 213 and
 - **Multiply** in Room 201
10:45 a.m. Nursery in Room 204
11 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

**Thurs
7**

Meet the Teachers
 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Preschool at First
 New and Prospective Students tour the
 classrooms and meet the teachers

**Fri
8**

The Olders' Gathering
12:30 p.m. in Gordon Hall
 Catered lunch (Dutch treat)



Back to School Sunday
8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

LOGOS Informational Meeting
12 p.m. in the Serving Room

**Mon
11**

The Preschool and SBAC Year Begins
 Pray for our teachers, students,
 and families as they start a new year!

**Sat
16**

Memorial Service
for Carol Hayes-Christiansen
11 a.m. in the sanctuary



Bell Day in the sanctuary
Exploring Handbells Workshop
10:00 to 10:45 a.m.
 Special Handbell Music in Worship
11:00 a.m.

**Thurs
21**

Carol Ringers Resumes
6 p.m. in the bell room

Chancel Choir Resumes
7:15 p.m. in the choir room

Classes Begin
 at the University of Florida



LOGOS Pool Party
11 a.m. at the Hults'
 RSVP to Beverly Vloedman
dvloedman@aol.com

**Sun
24**

All Church Hymn Sing
10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

First Kids-4-God
 Children in K-2 are dismissed after
 the Time for Young Disciples at 11 a.m.
 worship

First College Cafe
12 p.m. in the Serving Room
 Free lunch and fellowship for all college
 students and their families

**Tues
26**

First College Trajectory Bible Study
7 p.m. in Gordon Hall
 Dinner and Bible study each week



LOGOS Regular Schedule Begins
3:30 p.m. at the church

Jubilate Ringers Begins
6:30 p.m. in the bell room



September

**Sundays
in Sept**

8:30 a.m. Worship in the chapel
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 - **Gordon Hoover** in Room 213 and
 - **Multiply** in Room 201
10 a.m. Chancel Choir in the sanctuary
10:45 a.m. Nursery in Room 204
11 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

**Mon
1**

Labor Day

The church office and preschool are closed.



College Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship in the chapel
11 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

**Fri
12**

The Olders' Gathering

More Info to Come

**Mon
15**

Advent Bugle Deadline

Please submit content for November
through January.



University of Florida Symphony Orchestra

4 p.m. in the sanctuary



October



Pie Making Begins

9 a.m. in the church kitchen
 Friday and Saturday mornings
 through November 23

**Sun
5**

World Communion Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship in the chapel
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 - **Gordon Hoover** in Room 213 and
 - **Multiply** in Room 201
10 a.m. Chancel Choir in the sanctuary
10:45 a.m. Nursery in Room 204
11 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary



Festival Singers of Florida

7 p.m. in the sanctuary
 Joined by the Eastside High School Choir
 & Gainesville High School Choir

**Sun
12**

Alleluia Choir Pancake Breakfast

10 a.m. in Gordon Hall

**Fri
17**

Homecoming Parade

Park at the church for \$10 to support the
 Montreat Youth. Church office is closed.

**Sun
26**

Montreat Luncheon

12 p.m. in Gordon Hall
 RSVP to communications@1stpc.org.



This calendar lists the special events that
 were known at the time of publication.
 For information about them or about
 regular ministry offerings, please contact
 the following people.

You may also contact the church office
 if you have questions and we will connect you
 to the best person.
 Thank you!

Preschool
 Lisa Hershkowitz - preschool@1stpc.org
**Young Adult & Family Ministry and Youth
 Connection**
 Fred Lundy - youngadult@1stpc.org
College Ministry
 Scott Stuart - college@1stpc.org
Music Ministries
 Mitch Rorick - music@1stpc.org

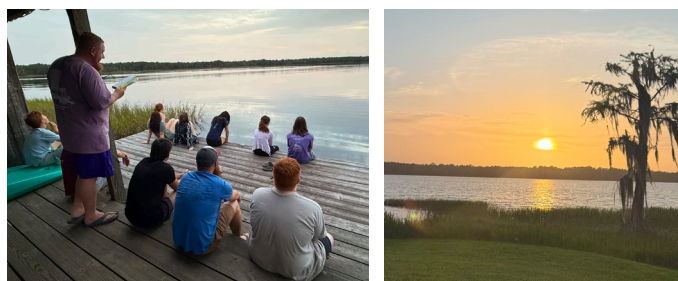
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

The ministries of our church don't stop for the summer. Lots of great things were happening and members of our church connected to each other, to the community, and to God through study, fun, and service. Enjoy the highlights below and commit to joining us in worship and growth this fall.

The LOGOS committee hosted two games nights this summer with lots of laughter and plenty of friendly competition!



Youth Connection students and leaders spent a long weekend at Lake Hampton, FL. The retreat gave them time to play, rest, study, and grow together as the school year ended.



Forty members of our congregation traveled to **Montreat**, NC for a week of making music, enjoying God's creation, and sharing old and new traditions.



And that's not all!

Our **Local Missions** committee made meals for St. Francis House the last Monday of every month.

College Trajectory students met with Scott weekly to learn how to give an answer for the hope that we have in Jesus Christ.

We hosted the **Chattanooga Boys Choir** for a summer concert.

A **new gathering** for the senior members of our congregation started with lunch and special guests.

Presbyterian Women hosted the Birthday Offering lunch in Gordon Hall with the director of Making Miracles, Tallahassee.

There's lot more coming this fall. We hope to see you there!

*Updated following the
print version

1stpc Music



Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

TRY A CHOIR OR HANDBELL ENSEMBLE:

Choir	Regularly Rehearses	Resumes
Alleluia Choir (ages 3-VPK)	4:30 p.m. at LOGOS	Wednesday, August 27
Cherub Choir (grades K-1)	4:15 p.m. at LOGOS	Wednesday, August 27
Junior Choir (grades 2-5)	4:15 p.m. at LOGOS	Wednesday, August 27
Senior Choir & Joyful Ringers (grades 6-12)	5:15 and 6:30 p.m. at LOGOS	Wednesday, August 27
Orff (grades K-12)	4:45 to 5:15 p.m. at LOGOS	Wednesday, August 27
Jubilate Ringers (adults)	6:30 p.m. at LOGOS	Wednesday, August 27
<i>All our Wednesday choirs and ringers are invited to the Welcome Back LOGOS Pool Party on Saturday, August 23.</i>		
Carol Ringers (adults)	Thursdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.	Thursday, August 21
Chancel Choir (adults)	Thursdays 7:15-8:45 p.m.	Thursday, August 21 Sunday, August 24

Our choirs are volunteer. No audition is necessary.
The voice you are born with is God's gift to you; the use of your voice is your gift to God.

2025-26 CONCERT SERIES

Join us for some amazing musical experiences this fall. The concert series begins with the UFSO concert featuring Dr. Evan Mitchell on piano, the Festival Singers of Florida under the direction of Dr. Kevin Fenton, and the Gainesville Community Band concert and spaghetti dinner. For more on all the concert season, visit www.1stpcmusic.org.

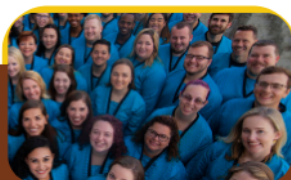


**UF SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**

**4 p.m. Sunday,
September 28**

Dr. Tiffany Lu,
conductor

Concert for a Cause:



**FESTIVAL SINGERS
OF FLORIDA**

**7 p.m. Saturday,
October 11**

Joined by the
Eastside High
School Choir &
Gainesville High
School Choir



**GAINESVILLE
COMMUNITY BAND**

**4 p.m. Sunday,
November 9**

R. Gary Langford,
conductor

Veterans Day
Concert for a Cause:



BELL DAY

Sunday, August 17

Exploring Handbells Workshop
10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Worship Service with Special Handbell Music
11:00 a.m.



Curious about the various sounds of handbells and how they are played? Try them at the workshop at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary – no music experience needed. Then, at 11:00 a.m., members of the First Presbyterian Church handbell ensembles, and those from the workshop desiring to ring, will provide special music at the worship service. Invite friends and family!

LEND A HAND

The music ministry could use your help! Needs are in the following areas –

- Filing music
- Sorting anthems in numerical order
- Copying

Contact Mitch if you are interested or have questions.



To contact Mitch Rorick,
email music@1stpc.org.

MONTREAT INVITATIONS



Montreat Worship and Music Conference Luncheon

Sunday, October 26 at 12 noon
Gordon Memorial Hall

Please join us as we share Memories of Montreat 2025
and say **THANK YOU** for your support.

RSVP to (352) 378-1527
or communications@1stpc.org
by October 19

Cost is \$10 per person; Maximum \$35 per family

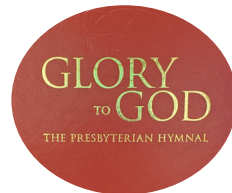
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HYMN?

Why does it top your list? Share your favorite hymn and a personal story about it with us. On August 24, we'll sing some of those hymns together. Complete the card at one of the boxes outside the sanctuary, respond to our hymn post on the 1stpc Music Facebook page, or submit your answers at www.1stpcmusic.org/hymn. Let's celebrate the hymns of our faith together.

From some of our congregants:

What is your favorite hymn?

Why is it a favorite?



Abide with Me

"On this side of Heaven, death and pain are never far from us. And often, there are seasons of adversity where you feel that you are facing hardships alone, with nobody there whom you can count on. This hymn reminds us that no matter what season of life we are in, we are never truly alone. God will abide with us."

Saints of God

"I used to sing it everyday in parochial school in Miami, FL and love being a saint of God."

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

"Blessed Assurance brings back memories of First Baptist Church in Live Oak, Florida when my Uncle Dick Lundy led the congregation in singing this hymn. He sang with a strong voice and looked around to see that everyone was singing along with him."



It's not too soon to consider attending the 2026 Worship and Music Conference in North Carolina from June 20-27. The theme of the conference is *Who'll Be a Witness*.

The week-long conference begins with a worship service for the conferees from Presbyterian churches nationwide and includes daily classes to enrich understanding of and develop skills in corporate worship. The impact of this week at Montreat is far greater than the knowledge gained. The benefits of living, worshiping, praying, and playing together in community for a week are life-changing.

Two fundraising opportunities are coming soon:

Delicious homemade pies (Sweetie Pies) will be made on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. starting October 3. Order forms will be available in the worship guide and the pews later this fall.

\$10 Homecoming Parade Parking in the church SW 2nd Avenue Parking Lot on Friday, October 17. Thank you for your continued support.

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Calling All Pie Makers!

Production of sweetie pies will begin on October 3. Plan to join us in the kitchen at 9 a.m. on Fridays or Saturdays for rolling, peeling, filling, fluting, bagging, and freezing hundreds of pies for the Montreat Worship and Music Conference fundraiser. If you haven't ever made a pie, don't worry - we can train you! Skills are perfected and community is built over pie dough in the First Presbyterian Church kitchen!

To volunteer, please contact Carol Israel at fpcpie@gmail.com. We hope you will join us for this wonderful baking time!

The apple, blueberry, cherry, pumpkin, pecan, mincemeat, chocolate cream, and key lime pies are handmade, frozen, and oven-ready (or a few just need to be thawed). When the time is near, you will find an order form in the worship guide and placed in the pews. Submit your orders to the church office or email Carol at fpcpie@gmail.com. Send a check made out to First Presbyterian Church with "pies" in the memo line to the office or drop it in the offering plate.