

GATHERING

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. As I turn to you in prayer this morning, God, bless me with a sense of purpose. As I go out into this day, show me what I am to do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Children and Youth Director Search Committee

PRELUDE (11 A.M.)

Celebration Fanfare

R. Mallory

Joyful Ringers

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint.

*** HYMN 796**

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

LAND OF REST

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. 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 OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21-31 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 668

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

The Lord Is My Shepherd

M. Patterson

Alleluia Choir; Rebecca Ruescher, conductor

The Lord is my shepherd; He loves me, I know. The Lord watches over me wherever I go.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Scott Stuart

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

* **HYMN 834** Precious Lord, Take My Hand PRECIOUS LORD

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:21-34 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Healing

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.)

It Is Well With My Soul

M. Thompson

Carol Ringers; Rebecca Ruescher, conductor

* **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 610** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past D. Cherwien

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart

ELDER ON DUTY: Steve Walker

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

ACOLYTE: Parker Mears

ALLELUIA CHOIR, JOYFUL RINGERS, CAROL RINGERS

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

VIDEO TEAM: Marin Best, Owen Best, John Rayl; **SOUND:** Bruce Brashear

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of her daughter, Cynthia Marie Cunningham, by Ruthie Graybill.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor of Margaret, John, and Howard Lingg for all three of their birthdays by their "grandson" Jett.

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.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Margaret Y. F. Sung and family upon the passing of her husband, John Chi-Chiang Sung, who joined the Church Triumphant on January 2, 2024.

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.

WITH GRATITUDE

Kitchen Crew: Last Saturday, 14 industrious people met at the church to clean and organize the kitchen. While we didn't get everything done, we made a huge dent in the cleanliness and organization of our kitchen! A huge shout out of thanks goes to Beth Wood, Laura Netardus, John Netardus, Margaret Dowling, Edzard van Santen, Thomas Niemi, Jim Garlington, Lorraine Barber, Coleen O'Brien, Sandra Roberts, Georgine Hager, Bev Vloedman, Evelyn Lewis, and Carol Israel. Thank you all for your help! There are two tables in

Gordon Hall with many items up for grabs. Items still on the table on Wednesday, February 7 will be donated.

Youth Sunday: The youth in middle school and high school who were able to be a part of worship last Sunday would like to thank our families, church family, and the college students for a great day of worship, hospitality, community, and support. We are grateful to be part of a church that allows us to lead in this way while also participating with us by attending the service live, online, or via TV replay. Thanks to each of you!

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FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 1/28	249
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$35,061
Received Week of 1/28/24	\$13,129
Weekly Offering	\$12,256
Designated Offerings	\$873
Other Revenue	--
Preschool	--
FPC Fiscal Year: July 2023-June 2024	
YTD Budget Requirements	\$1,086,878
YTD Received	\$1,109,611
YTD Expenses	\$961,177

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21-31 (NRSV)

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:21-34 (NRSV)

²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. ²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
 2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.

TEXT: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

MUSIC: George N. Allen, 1844; arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

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PRECIOUS LORD

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We Come to You for Healing, Lord 796

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with power to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2002

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 691)

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;
 Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

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MUSIC: Carl Gottlieb Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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GLORIFY GOD

Filter of Hope: Through the generous donations of our congregation, our LOGOS children and families, and the FSU concert attendees, we were able to raise \$3,535 to send almost 90 filters with the Nanas to Cameroon.

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 6 features vocalists Dr. Christopher Pfund and Lynette Pfund and pianist Shanna Thompson.

Next Sunday, February 11 is Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday. Join us for this celebratory service of worship with Holy Communion. The 11 a.m. service will feature the music of Dr. Paul Basler, as he joins the Chancel Choir and Jubilate Ringers on horn.

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 reunite with their children in Gordon Hall following the worship service. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Evelyn Lewis at citytr122@gmail.com.

LOGOS: (Ages 3 through high school) Gather this Wednesday, February 7 for Super Bowl Night from 3:30-6:45 p.m. at LOGOS, which includes worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and fellowship for children and youth with \$5 family time dinner at 6 p.m. Email Bev Vloedman with questions or 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

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.

The Young Adult Ministry invites you to join us Friday, February 9 for an evening of dinner, encouragement,

and equipping for parents and caregivers with special guest Alicia Pfahler, LMHC. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. The program will begin at 7:00 and end by 9:00 p.m. Dinner and dessert are FREE. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate children or provide childcare for this event. Thank you for your understanding. Contact Fred Lundy to RSVP by today, Sunday, February 4.

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 Hebrews in chapter 11.

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.

February 4 1 Corinthians 12 Tim Schubert

February 11 1 Corinthians 13 Perry Foote

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 and print copies can be purchased on 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.

Calling All Cooks! Youth Connection is hosting the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 11 at noon. We raise funds for Gainesville Community Ministry, who feeds the hungry. We hope to serve many varieties of soup and collect many donations. If you are interested in making a crock pot of soup, please email Fred Lundy or call (352) 378-1527, today, Sunday, February 4.

Collection bins are out in Gordon Hall and the Narthex for soup and other canned goods for Gainesville Community Ministry. Current needs include canned meat, canned fruit, and pasta sauce.

College Scholarship Application forms are available in the church office or by email at business@1stpc.org. Submit the application, transcripts, and two letters of recommendation by Friday, March 15.

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