

GATHERING

God of life, for this new day we give thanks. May we bear witness to the gift of life in all we say and do, from the flowers that bloom to the critters that creep, from the friends we seek out to the strangers we encounter. As the birds sing out their praises, may we, too, make a joyful noise. May our words and our actions reveal your good news. Help us to be inspired and awed by your extraordinary creation. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION (11 A.M.)

Betsy Berry

PRELUDE

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

M. Compton

Joyful Ringers & Jubilate Ringers; Andrew Netardus, conductor

* CALL TO WORSHIP

You are the God who loves his people!

May your people act like their master toward your world.

Your love is unending and your power is unmatched.

We depend on you for our very survival.

* HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we call upon you, for you will answer us. We confess that we have transgressed in our speech and have not always avoided the ways of the violent. Our steps have not always held to your paths. Try us, forgive us, and heal us, dear God. Set us on your right ways, and guard us as the apple of your eye, embracing us once more 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 FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 5:7-11 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Rejoice in the Lord Always
Alleluia Choir; Alek Concepción, conductor

Traditional

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice! Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Fred Lundy

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 25:1-22 (NRSV)

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

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SERMON

How To Respond, Part 1

Rev. Mark Hults

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11 A.M.)

Andrew Paul Williams

* **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

Be Thou My Vision

Irish Ballad

Tenor & Bass Choir; Andrew Netardus, conductor

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower; raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art. High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

* **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 438**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

Praeludium in G Minor

D. Buxtehude

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Susannah Peddie

ELDER ON DUTY: Susannah Peddie

ACOLYTE: Max Conerly

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Anait Piloyan

8:30 A.M. USHER: Margaret & Howard Lingg; **11 A.M. USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Paul Bennett, Matthew Morse

A/V TEAM: Zack Conerly, Dink Henderson, Fred Lundy, Dania Moreno, Elijah West

WELCOME ANDREW (RANNI) WILLIAMS into the family of God following his profession of faith and baptism at 11 a.m. worship this morning.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruthie Graybill from her family and the Carcuff family.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cher McBride and Marjorie Pedrick by Kent McBride.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Bruce Curry, Elaine Turner, Mitchell Turner, and Ted Turner upon the passing of wife, mother, and grandmother, Roberta Curry, who joined the Church Triumphant on September 21, 2025. A Celebration of Life will be held at The Village on Thursday, November 13, at 2:00 p.m. in the Tower Club Ballroom.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Bob Bailey and his family upon the passing of his wife, Pam Bailey, who joined the Church Triumphant on October 7, 2025. A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 15 at 10 a.m.

TODAY BEGINS A TWO-WEEK SERMON SERIES on 1 Samuel 25. November 9 focuses on 1 Samuel 25:1-22 and November 16 continues the story with 1 Samuel 25:23-44. In this story, we see a person who is supposed to do the right thing but doesn't, and a person who is not expected to do the right thing but does. It was difficult to find worship resources that gave music suggestions for 1 Samuel 25. However, in discussions with Mark Hults, the following words from the *Glory to God* Topical Index apply to this sermon series: SIN, WISDOM, ADORATION, GRACE, REPENTANCE, COMPASSION, and MERCY. The prelude, gathering hymn, and anthem are songs of ADORATION to God. The offertory was chosen for its connection to WISDOM. Our sending hymn, "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me," connects to SIN.

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.

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Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!
 2 Our Sav-ior, Je-sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king-dom can-not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri-umph ev-er-more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a-bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je-sus given.
 and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1746, alt.
 MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 20th cent.
 Music Desc. © 1985 Hymns Ancient & Modern (admin. Hope Publishing Company)

DARWALL'S 148TH
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NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 5:7-11 (NRSV)

⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 25:1-22 (NRSV)

¹ Now Samuel died; and all Israel assembled and mourned for him. They buried him at his home in Ramah. Then David got up and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

² There was a man in Maon, whose property was in Carmel. The man was very rich; he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. He was shearing his sheep in Carmel. ³ Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. The woman was clever and beautiful, but the man was surly and mean; he was a Calebite. ⁴ David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. ⁵ So David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. ⁶ Thus you shall salute him: "Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have. ⁷ I hear that you have shearers; now your shepherds have been with us, and we did them no harm, and they missed nothing, all the time they were in Carmel. ⁸ Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find favor in your sight; for we have come on a feast day. Please give whatever you have at hand to your servants and to your son David." "

⁹ When David's young men came, they said all this to Nabal in the name of David; and then they waited. ¹⁰ But Nabal answered David's servants, "Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants today who are breaking away from their masters. ¹¹ Shall I take my bread and my water and the meat that I have butchered for my shearers, and give it to men who come from I do not know where?" ¹² So David's young men turned away, and came back and told him all this. ¹³ David said to his men, "Every man strap on his sword!" And every one of them strapped on his sword; David also strapped on his sword; and about four hundred men went up after David, while two hundred remained with the baggage.

¹⁴ But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, "David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he shouted insults at them. ¹⁵ Yet the men were very good to us, and we suffered no harm, and we never missed anything when we were in the fields, as long as we were with them; ¹⁶ they were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. ¹⁷ Now therefore know this and consider what you should do; for evil has been decided against our master and against all his house; he is so ill-natured that no one can speak to him."

¹⁸ Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, two skins of wine, five sheep ready dressed, five measures of parched grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs. She loaded them on donkeys ¹⁹ and said to her young men, "Go on ahead of me; I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal. ²⁰ As she rode on the donkey and came down under cover of the mountain, David and his men came down toward her; and she met them. ²¹ Now David had said, "Surely it was in vain that I protected all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him; but he has returned me evil for good. ²² God do so to David and more also, if by morning I leave so much as one male of all who belong to him."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de-mands.
 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound-ed side which flowed
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress, help-less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un-known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
 all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Though scholars discredit the story that this hymn was written when the author found shelter under a large rock during a thunderstorm, the popular appeal of that conjecture perhaps lies in the energy of this plea and the vividness of its imagery drawn from many biblical sources.

TEXT: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776, alt.
 MUSIC: Thomas Hastings, 1830, alt.

TOPLADY
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Buy Your Own Church Yard Sign to spread the word about the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve Worship. Sign options are displayed in the Narthex today, in print below, or visit www.1stpcmusic.org/signs. A \$25 one-time purchase pays for the printing costs. Choose from one of the two designs: "Organ" or "Choir" (the back is the same for each design). Signs must be paid for before the order is placed. Place a check in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or use Pushpay. Please mark your design choice in the memo line.

****NEW ORDERS** will have the correct date. If you made a **PREVIOUS ORDER**, contact Jenny Chamberlain at communications@1stpc.org to receive your "7" sticker so you can change the date and use the sign again this year.

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If you live in a neighborhood with an HOA, please check your neighborhood rules regarding signs.

1) "Organ"



2) "Choir"



Presbyterian Women (PW) invite you to a Thank Offering Lunch following worship on November 16, 2025. There is no charge for the lunch, but a Thank Offering will be received and Mrs. Denise Burry, Executive Director of Forward Paths of Leesburg, FL will tell how Forward Paths is using the \$50,000 grant they received from the PW Thank Offering to offer housing to youth who are aging out of foster care.

Please place a lunch reservation slip (below) in the offering plate or Email Betsy Berry at betsypwberry@gmail.com to make your reservation, so we will know how much lunch to provide!



PW Thank Offering Lunch, Sunday, November 16, 2025

Name: _____ How many adults? _____ kids? _____

Your contact information: _____

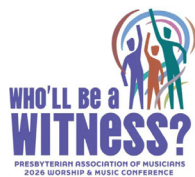
Please RSVP by the end of worship on November 9.



Concert for a Cause

The Gainesville Community Band, directed by R. Gary Langford, will present a Veterans Day Concert for a Cause in the sanctuary this afternoon, November 9 at 4 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken to support Filter of Hope, sharing clean water & the gospel with those in need. Stay for a spaghetti dinner in Gordon Hall. Dinner is \$5; no charge for veterans.

The congregational care committee is looking for help with the veterans' spaghetti dinner tonight. We will need help at 4:00 p.m. set-up crew, servers during dinner, and a clean-up crew after dinner. If you're available, please email Igheffner@hotmail.com.



The Montreat Worship and Music Conference

Travel with us this summer to NC for Bible study, bells, choir, fellowship, and more at the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. The theme is *Who'll Be a Witness?* Sign up by November 10 to attend Montreat in June. Contact Mitch Rorick at music@1stpc.org to learn more about the conference or to register.

And don't forget about pies! The order deadline is next Sunday, November 16.



Senior Saints

At 12:30 p.m. on Friday, November 14, we will gather in Gordon Hall for lunch (& dessert!) provided by Sweet Berries. The program will be our local author, Elizabeth McCulloch, speaking about her new novel, *The Year of the Child*. Come hear her share how she came to write this book! It's a story of how love, kindness, and determination can change lives.

RSVP to 1stpcseniorsaints@gmail.com.



Thanksgiving Baskets at GCM

Local Missions invites you to partner with Gainesville Community Ministry in providing Thanksgiving Baskets to their clients. Turkeys are already donated, but side dishes are needed to give families all the fixings for a special feast. Please bring your canned goods and non-perishables to Gordon Hall by Sunday, November 16.



Downtown Art Festival Parking - \$10

Plan to park in the church lot on Saturday, November 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Sunday, November 16 beginning at 1 p.m. for the Downtown Arts Festival. Contact Mitch Rorick or Andrew Netardus with questions or to help with this Montreat fundraiser.



Christmas Trees Needed

The music ministry is requesting fake Christmas trees of a variety of sizes - small, medium, and large - to use this December for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Trees may be donated or lent to the church, but we ask that you transport them here. Contact Mitch Rorick with questions.



Annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

Did you know you can support our church and reduce your tax burden at the same time? If you're 70½ or older, you can make a charitable donation directly from your IRA using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This type of gift counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution but isn't included in your taxable income, making it a smart way to give.

Pick-up a calendar page from the ushers or 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 released 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. (see **YA&FM** contact)

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! **Contact** the church office with questions at (352) 378-1527.

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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Glorify God
Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
Meet Human Needs



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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 9, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Matthew 4 - Elizabeth Bolton - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School Class: Luke 1:39-56 - Rm 201
- 9:30 a.m. Jubilate Ringers & Joyful Ringers - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Alleluia Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Kids-for-God - Room 217
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Gainesville Community Band Concert for a Cause
- 5:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner - Gordon Hall

Monday, November 10, 2025

- 5:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Trajectory Bible Study

Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

- 12:00 p.m. Executive Commission - Zoom
- 3:45 p.m. LOGOS
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Committee - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Time - *Heroes Night*
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Bell Room 215
- 7:30 p.m. Deacons - Room 217

Thursday, November 13, 2025

- 6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers - Bell Room 215
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Friday, November 14, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. Sweetie Pie Production - Kitchen
- 12:30 p.m. Senior Saints - Gordon Hall

Saturday, November 15, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. Sweetie Pie Production - Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Pamela Bailey
- 11:00 a.m. Downtown Art Festival Parking

Sunday, November 16, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Matthew 5 - Stephanie Tyler - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School Class: Luke 1:57-80 - Rm 201
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Kids-for-God - Room 217
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room
- 12:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Lunch - GH
- 1:00 p.m. Downtown Art Festival Parking

Pie Orders Due Today!