

**GATHERING**

*Lord Jesus, help me walk with you this day. If you lead me where I fear to go, give me courage and keep me true, that I may bear my cross without shame and live in the promise of life eternal. Amen.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

Love In Action

**PRELUDE**

What Wondrous Love

C. Harmon

*April Basiletti, alto*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I'll sing, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who is the great I am, while millions join the theme, I will sing. And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on.*

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ died for our trespasses,

**but he was raised for our justification.**

The promise of God depends on faith,

**resting on grace as its guarantee.**

**\* HYMN 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 17:1-9 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

M. Hogan

*Chancel Choir; April Basiletti, soloist*

*I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. Lord, when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

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 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 4:13-25 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Second Sunday in Lent: A Signpost for Us

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.)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

G. Martin

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!*

\* 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 819

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

J. Brahms

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Sarah Whitfield

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

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**ORGANIST:** Emeritus Director of Music and Organist Dr. Mark Coffey

**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:** Kaylee Bleeker

**THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gracelynn Christine Fosser.

**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.)

### Leadership

Rev. Mark Hults  
Pastor

Alison Barat  
Clerk of Session

Dink Henderson  
Treasurer

#### Session

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Alison Barat	Fleetwood Fleming	Pam Bailey
Ashley Lentz-Black	Carol Israel	Troy Bleeker
Jennifer Clark	Joe Mueller	Andy Greer
Maralyn Foote	Elisa Neale-Tobener	Margaret Lingg
Evelyn Lewis	Earle Pickens	Susannah Peddie
Coleen O'Brien	Geoff Spiegel	Dick Rauber
Dan Sutton	Alexis Vellis	Steve Walker
	Sarah Whitfield	

#### Diaconate

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Buzz Boyd	Holli Best	Mark Coffey
Mimi Carr	Dell Bowman	Mimi Gray
Kristin Pickens	Megan Greer	Dean Schoenfeld
Mary Lou Schubert	Fred Lewis	Jane Smith
Nick Vellis		

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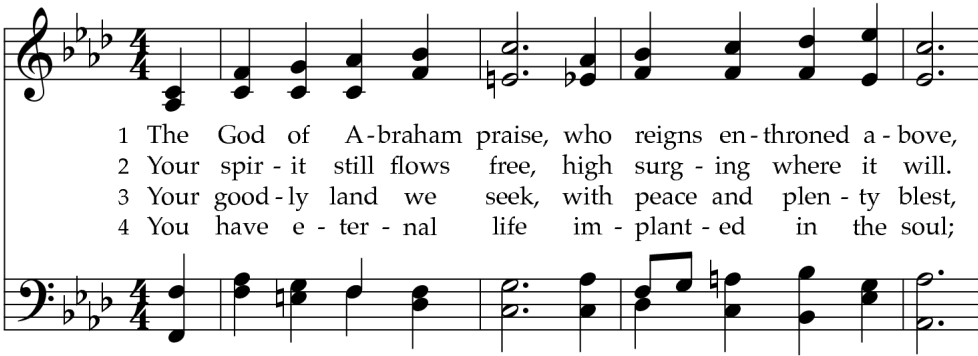
**Head Sexton** - Tony Cogdill

**Sexton** - Margaret Hill

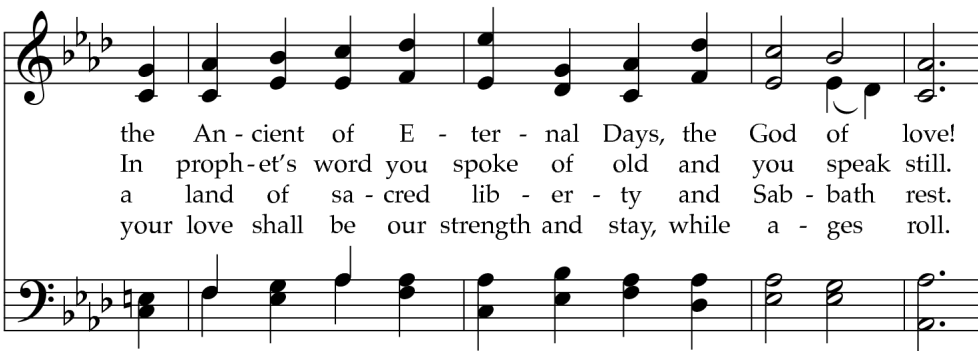
### FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 2/18	170
Weekly Budget Requirement	<b>\$35,061</b>
Received Week of 2/18/24	\$21,980
Weekly Offering	\$15,814
Designated Offerings	\$837
Other Revenue	\$482
Preschool	\$4,847
<b>FPC Fiscal Year: July 2023-June 2024</b>	
YTD Budget Requirements	<b>\$1,192,060</b>
YTD Received	\$1,195,072
YTD Expenses	\$1,061,121

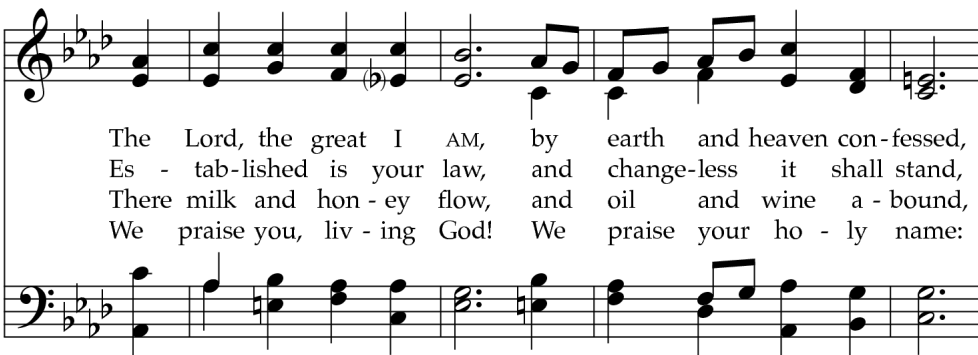
# 49 The God of Abraham Praise




1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



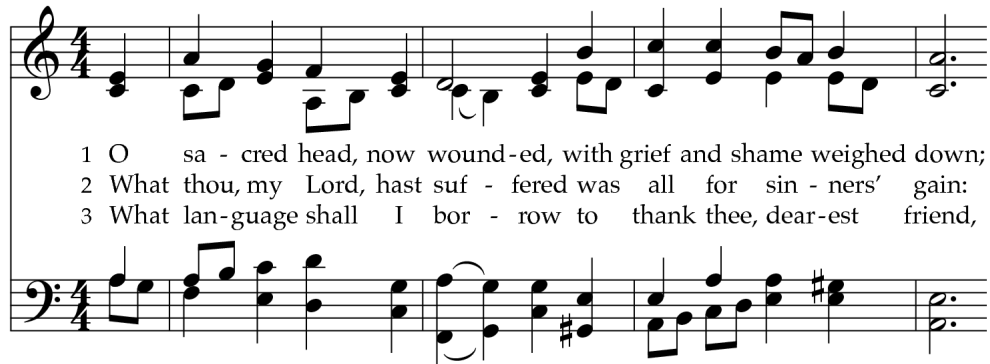
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



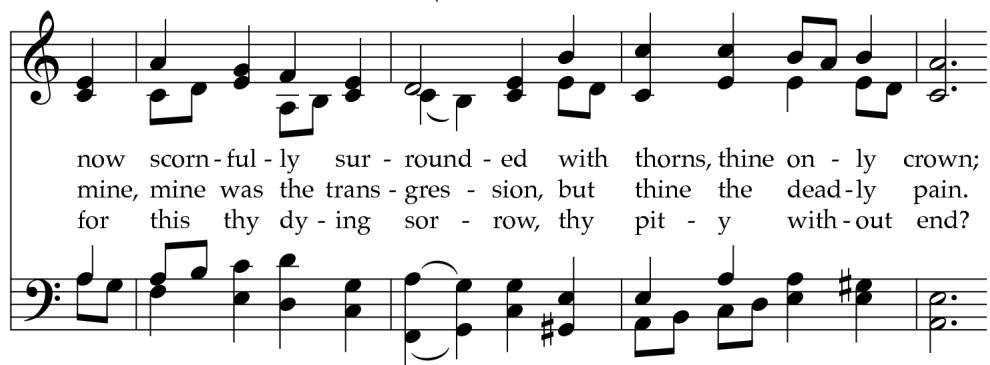
we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

# O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 221



1 O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down;  
 2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:  
 3 What lan-guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear-est friend,



now scorn-ful-ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead-ly pain.  
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with-out end?



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;  
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint-ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

This poignant hymn originated in a series of Holy Week meditations focused on the parts of Christ's crucified body: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, face. First joined to secular words, this chorale melody has appeared with this text since the mid-17th century.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 17:1-9 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. <sup>8</sup>And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God." <sup>9</sup>God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Romans 4:13-25 (NRSV)

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 819 Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

## LOVE IN ACTION Challenge

On April 14, during the 11 a.m. morning worship service, we will be doing our third *Love in Action* program. The theme of each of them is to examine your personal commitment to serving others as we are taught by Jesus. During this Lenten season and leading up to the concert, the Local Missions committee asks you to show your love to others by participating directly in mission to our community. Please pray that you will be sensitive to God's direction in at least one (hopefully more than one) activity. This is a guide to start your thinking of a Christian response to the many human needs so close to us. There are many ways you can help our church make an impact!

### **HUNGER**

- Bring non-perishable food to church that will be given to Gainesville Community Ministry for distribution.

### **CLOTHING**

- Take clothes directly to GCM, St. Francis House, or the charity of your choice.

### **VOLUNTEER**

- Give time by volunteering when the church hosts Family Promise families (especially need cooks and overnight people).
- Volunteer at an agency or school using your skills.
- Call or send notes or cards to the sick or lonely in our church family.
- Be alert in your neighborhood to those who could use assistance.

### **DONATIONS**

- New paperback Bibles for the county jail can be put in bin in Gordon Hall.
- Cleaning supplies or household items for those moving into transient housing through Family Promise and St. Francis House.
- The church budget includes funds for local agencies. They can always use more money. Write a check to First Presbyterian and in memo line write Local Missions or a specific agency.

How will you join the challenge? One of our members is giving up Starbucks for Lent and using those funds to help the nursery set up their Mommy & Me room. Use this paper to jot down some of your ideas. There will be an opportunity to share your commitment in the service on Sunday, April 14.

**God Bless Your Efforts to do Love in Action!**

## LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Living and Dying in Christ". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system contains the first three lines of lyrics. The second system contains the remaining three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

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## GLORIFY GOD

**1stpc Music Lunch Series:** Join us for our final Tuesday concert at 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary followed by lunch. Bring your own lunch or purchase one for \$5. Tuesday, February 27 features Ronald Burcher and Dr. Brenda Smith and *The Joy of Singing Together*: Music by Purcell, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Lerner & Lowe, and Bolcom. Lunch menu: chicken salad and egg salad sandwiches, SweetBerries gorgonzola salad, chips, Montreat pie, lemonade, and water.

**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.

## 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 28 at 3:30 p.m. for 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 meet today, 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 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](mailto:palbertfoote@gmail.com) with questions.

February 25 1 Corinthians 14 Don McGarity

March 3 1 Corinthians 16 Ross Teigan

**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.com).


## 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.

**Hosts Needed:** Our Fisk organ will undergo a 20-year maintenance for one month beginning in May or June. Two Fisk craftsmen will thoroughly clean the organ, tune all 2,930 pipes, replace pneumatics, and adjust and calibrate the mechanical key and stop action. Fortunately, the cost of maintenance over the past 22 years has been and will continue to be underwritten by the Fisk Organ Opus 119 maintenance endowment which was established when the organ was built. The endowment continues to receive gifts to the Friends of Fisk. First Presbyterian will save between \$8-9K if housing and transportation can be provided. The housing must have a bathroom for each person, have privacy, and have no pets. The car must be fully functional, have working A/C, and be in good running condition. If you are able to assist with housing or providing a vehicle or if you have any questions, please speak with Mitch Rorick.

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