



Service for the Lord's Day • February 1, 2026
Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs

GATHERING

Blessed God, I yearn to see your vision of justice, love, and peace made real for me this day. Open my eyes to the way of love that I may see your brilliant light shining into the hidden places of my heart and the darkened corners of the world. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Souper Bowl Sunday

PRELUDE

God of the Sparrow

A. Netardus

Carol Ringers; Rebecca Ruescher, conductor

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

You call us from a wide background.

We come from every tongue, and every tribe, and every nation.

But you also call enemies to be one under your lordship.

Unite us Messiah Jesus; make us one in you!

*** HYMN 22**

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

CONFESSiON AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your Word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 719

Thanks be to God.

*All that are able please stand.

Please take a moment to silence all electronic devices for worship. Thank you.

Additional service information is included under TODAY IN WORSHIP to enhance your worship experience.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)	Ubi Caritas	M. Duruflé
<i>Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.</i>		
TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)		Fred Lundy
	<i>(Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God.)</i>	
* HYMN 172	Blest Are They	BLEST ARE THEY
GOSPEL READING		Luke 6:12-19 (NRSV)
<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.</i>		NT pg. 64
SERMON	Engaging Our Culture: The Picking of the Apostles	Rev. Mark Hults
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
	<u>RESPONDING</u>	
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
<i>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.</i>		
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	We Are the Body of Christ <i>Alek Concepción, soloist</i>	J. Cortez; arr. J. Honoré
	<i>We are the body of Christ. We've answered "yes" to the call of the Lord. We are the body of Christ. We come to bring the Good News to the world. God is revealed when we love one another. Bringing the light of God's mercy to others. Putting a stop to all discrimination, all are invited to feast in the banquet. Stopping abuse and relieving the hungry, serving each other, we build up the kingdom.</i>	
* DOXOLOGY		Hymn 606
	<i>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.</i>	
* THE LORD'S PRAYER		
<i>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.</i>		
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 A.M.)		(Gluten-Free Bread)
	<u>SENDING</u>	
* HYMN 772	Live into Hope	TRURO
* BENEDICTION		
* POSTLUDE	Praeludium in C	J.S. Bach

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jonathon Haney, Mark Hults, Fred Lundy

ACOLYTE: Travis Fosser

ELDER ON DUTY: Susannah Peddie

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

ORGANIST & COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Anait Piloyan

CHANCEL CHOIR

A/V TEAM: Owen Best, Dania Moreno, Geoff Spiegel, Elijah West

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of John for his birthday by Trudy Bonerba.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of Howard for what would have been his 80th birthday from Margaret, John, and Jett.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Margaret and John Lingg upon the passing of her husband and his father, Howard Lingg, who joined the Church Triumphant on January 24, 2026.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Elaine, Allen, Mitchell, and Ted Turner upon the passing of father and grandfather, Bruce Curry, who joined the Church Triumphant on January 26, 2026.

TODAY IS THE SECOND IN A THREE-PART SERIES on Engaging Our Culture:

- 1.25.26 Engaging Our Culture: In the World, but Not of the World
- **2.1.26 Engaging Our Culture: The Picking of the Apostles**
- 2.8.26 Engaging Our Culture: Christ Through Culture or A City on a Hill

The gathering hymn, "God of the Sparrow," and the prelude arrangement, based on the hymn, connect to the Luke 6 passage assigned for today. The hymn of the day, "Blest Are They," and sending hymn, "Live into Hope," also relate to the Luke 6 Scripture. As part of the *Glory to God Topical Index*, which starts on page 949 of the hymnal, Mark Hults suggested hymns from LOVE FOR OTHERS for this sermon series. "Ubi Caritas," our anthem, is an arrangement of a text found in the LOVE FOR OTHERS section. "We Are the Body of Christ," our offertory, is hymn 768, a hymn found as part of the LOVE FOR OTHERS section.

We are thankful to Alek Concepción, First Presbyterian Church Choral Scholar and Alleluia Choir Conductor, for singing the offertory solo. Also, thank you to the Carol Ringers and Andrew Netardus (arranger of the prelude) for providing the prelude. A small ensemble is singing Maurice Duruflé's setting of "Ubi Caritas" for the anthem. Duruflé was a French composer, organist, and teacher who served at Cathédrale Notre-Dame and St-Étienne-du-Mont in Paris, as well as at the Conservatoire de Paris.

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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God of the Sparrow

1 God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the

swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy

How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983
 MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk, 1983
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ROEDER
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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8 (NRSV)

⁵ Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blest Are They

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Gsus
Leader or All

G D C

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G

king - dom of God. Blest are they, who
 her - it the earth. Blest are they, the
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they, who
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king-dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain

All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

Yours is the king-dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20–23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

TEXT: David Haas, 1985
 MUSIC: David Haas, 1985; arr. David Haas and Michael Joncas, 1985
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BLEST ARE THEY
 Irregular

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:12-19 (NRSV)

¹² Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. ¹³ And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: ¹⁴ Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵ and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16-20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976

MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778

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TRURO

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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 3 features Ruth Lewis, who will perform a recital of harpsichord music, both old and new. In addition to works you might expect to hear from Baroque composers Bach, Handel, Scarlatti, and Couperin, she will also introduce you to some delightful 20th-century pieces, including a tango featuring guest dancers!

Calling All Cooks



tacklehunger.org

Youth Ministry and College Trajectory are looking for a few good cooks to make a crockpot of soup for Sunday, February 8. We will be hosting the Souper Bowl of Caring to raise funds for Gainesville Community Ministry after 11 a.m. worship. Our students hope to serve over 20 types of soup and in return collect many donations. Sign up by contacting Jonathon Haney at (386) 209-4570 by Wednesday, February 4.

Hymn Festival Concert for a Cause - Sunday, February 15

At 4 p.m., join published hymn composer Robert A. Hobby and the Gainesville Brass Quintet, percussion, children's and adult choirs, and handbells for this hymn festival on life's journey. Be renewed by treasured hymns and learn some new favorites as we reflect on the life of faith together. That morning at 9:30 a.m., Bob will present *The "Hobby" of Hymn Writing*. Using his music, folks will have a chance to hear Bob's insights, sing a little bit, and ask questions. Hopefully, your experience of singing hymns will be different with a new awareness of what goes on behind the scenes to create them.

Sunday Fellowship



Do you appreciate getting to know the congregation after worship on Sunday while also enjoying a sweet treat? If so, please consider donating cookies for fellowship time. Sign up on the whiteboard in Gordon Hall on Sundays or contact Carol Israel at ceisrael@cox.net.

Church Playground



Please help us keep the playground fun for everyone! Kindly keep food and drinks off the turf, so it stays clean and in great shape. Make sure all trash is thrown away. Thank you!

Computers Needed



The church is looking for five computers/laptops that are three years old or newer. If you have one you are able to donate, please contact John Rayl. Monitors not needed. Thank you!

Journey with Christ toward Lent



We invite everyone—young and old—to help build a paper chain symbolizing our shared faith journey. Art supplies will be available in Gordon Hall and the chapel. Create a paper strip with a symbol of creation, birth, or beginnings, and add a favorite Bible verse or hymn. As the chain grows each week, we'll be mindful of our journey together toward Lent & Easter and watch the chain travel throughout the church.

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.

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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 - toraleigh@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 - cityfr122@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!

Director of College Ministry

JONATHON HANEY - college@1stpc.org

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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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 1, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover Class: Mark 13 - Perry Foote - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Carol Ringers
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 2:41-52 - Jenny C. - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Choral Scholars - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Room 204
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 12:00 p.m. College Café - Serving Room
- 12:15 p.m. Guitar Class - Room 201

Monday, February 2, 2026

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch Series - Ruth Lewis, harpsichord
- 5:30 p.m. Local Missions - Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Circle 5 Presbyterian Women (PW) Bible Study
Questions? Contact Bev Vloedman - dvloedman@aol.com
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Trajectory College Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

- 1:30 p.m. Chocolate Lovers PW Bible Study - Parlor
Questions? Contact Betsy Berry - betsypwberry@gmail.com
- 3:30 p.m. LOGOS
- 6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Time Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Bell Room 215

Thursday, February 5, 2026

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

Friday, February 6, 2026

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Souper Bowl Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover Class: Mark 14 - Ross Teigen - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Jubilate Ringers
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 3:1-20 - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Alleluia Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Room 204
- 12:00 p.m. Souper Bowl of Caring - Gordon Hall
- 12:15 p.m. Guitar Class - Room 201