

Service for the Lord's Day • August 10, 2025

Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs

GATHERING

On this new day, Lord, make me watchful for all that you are doing in the world; keep me faithful, that I may do your will in all things; and hold me in your grace, as I seek to do the same for all I meet. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

If with All Your Hearts

F. Mendelssohn

Thomas Chamberlain, euphonium

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us make the Word of God fully known!

We must reveal the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages.

God chose to make known His greatness among all peoples.

This mystery is Christ in us, the hope of glory.

* Hymn 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. For the sake of Jesus we pray. 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

Psalm 146 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

Be Thou My Vision

Elizabeth Liu, Kate Lundy; vocalists

D. Christiansen
D. Evans

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. 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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES: SCHOOL DEDICATION (11 A.M.)

Fred Lundy

(Afterward, children will return to sit with their families.)

New Testament Reading

Colossians 1:24-29 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Mystery: Christ in You

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

Bless This House

M. Brahe

Thomas Chamberlain, euphonium

* 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 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

P. Lutkin

Elisa Neale-Tobener, Andrew Osmun, Tim Schubert, Bob Tucker, Kate Vellis (conductor)
The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you; and give you peace, the Lord make His face
to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you, the Lord be gracious unto you. Amen.

BENEDICTION

* Postlude

Come! Live in the Light!

D. Haas

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy

Elder on Duty: BarBee Geiger

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

8:30 A.M. USHER: Jeanne Thomas; 11 A.M. USHERS: Maralyn Foote, Perry Foote, Louis Motz, Mary Lou Schubert

A/V TEAM: Kaylee, Bleeker, Dink Henderson, Dania Moreno, John Rayl, Elijah West

The Flowers in Worship are given to the glory of God and in memory of Odalene Golden by Kevin and Alexandra Golden.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor of all August birthdays by Elizabeth Jenkins.

Church Triumphant: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Robert Ashley upon the passing of his wife, Shannon Ashley, who joined the Church Triumphant on July 22, 2025. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 23 at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

Church Triumphant: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to the family and friends of Ruthie Graybill, who joined the Church Triumphant on August 1, 2025. A service will be held at a later date.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: A memorial service for Carol Hayes-Christiansen will be held on Saturday, August 16 at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Today continues our August sermon series on Colossians. Our opening hymn, "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant," is connected to Colossians 1:24-29. Discipleship is a theme of this passage, and our closing hymn, "Come! Live in the Light!," comes from the Discipleship section of the *Glory to God* Topical Index.

On this day, we also celebrate students, teachers, and support staff starting back to school. The anthem, "Be Thou My Vision," is connected to the idea of vision and wisdom for this new school year. We are grateful to rising high school seniors Kate Lundy and Lisa Liu for singing "Be Thou My Vision" for worship today. Our choral benediction, led by a small choral ensemble, is a blessing for students and school employees.

Also joining us for worship is Thomas Chamberlain. We are thankful for his sharing his musical skills on euphonium with us. Tom is a soloist and member of the Gainesville Community Band and the Gainesville Pops. He is also the husband of Jenny Chamberlain, who handles communications for our church office.

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.

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast and Leon & Jayne Fox. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727





The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 146 (NRSV)

- ¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! ² I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
- ³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. ⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.
- ⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. ⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Colossians 1:24-29 (NRSV)

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

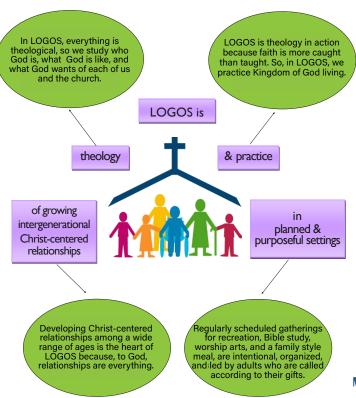
Come! Live in the Light!



The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

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LOGOS Intergenerational Ministry



2025 Important dates:

Parent/Volunteer Meeting

Sunday, August 10 or 17 right after church

Serving Room - light lunch provided

Registration, training, curriculum review, Q&A

RSVP dvloedman@aol.com

Please, also include if you need childcare during meeting.

Back to school/in the Pool @ The Hults' Home

9424 NW 59th Lane

Saturday, August 23 11 a.m. to 2 pm

RSVP dvloedman@aol.com

KICK OFF LOGOS at FPC

Wednesday, August 27

3:30-6:45pm, dinner 6pm

\$5 or \$3 for Preschool aged kiddos

Meatballs, spaghetti, bread, salad, brownie bites

More information coming! Ask anyone on LOGOS Committee:

Bev Vloedman, Evelyn Lewis, Margaret Dowling, Megan Conerly, Jessica Berger, Megan Greer, Mitch Rorick



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 by August 15 to Bev Vloedman <u>dvloedman@aol.com</u>. 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 Familytime dinner. Children and Youth, grades K-12, have a full schedule, including designated recreation and time for orff 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 Bev by emailing dvloedman@aol.com.









Please join us as we pray for our schools, students, teachers, school board, faculty and staff, bus drivers, parents, caregivers, and all those who are involved in the start of the new academic year.

A. Quinn Jones Alachua Elementary Alachua eSchool **Archer Elementary Brentwood School** Camp Crystal Lake Carolyn Beatrice Parker Elementary Chiles Elementary Christian Life Academy Digital Academy Duval Early Learning Academy Expressions Learning Arts Academy First Presbyterian Preschool Foster Elementary Glen Springs Elementary Hidden Oak Elementary High Springs Elementary Idylwild Elementary Irby Elementary

Lake Forest Elementary Littlewood Elementary Meadowbrook Elementary Metcalfe Elementary Millhopper Montessori Newberry Elementary Norton Elementary Oak Hall PK Yonge Prairie View Academy Oueen of Peace Rawlings Elementary Shell Elementary Sidney Lanier **Talbot Elementary** Terwilliger Elementary Wiles Elementary Williams Elementary

Fort Clarke Middle School Hawthorne Middle School High Springs Middle School Howard Bishop Middle School Kanapaha Middle School Lincoln Middle School Mebane Middle School Oak View Middle School Westwood Middle School Buchholz High School Eastside High School Gainesville High School Hawthorne High School Newberry High School PAM @ Loften Santa Fe High School Santa Fe College St. Leo University University of Florida

Sunday, August 24

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
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Carol Ringers	Thursdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.	Thursday, August 21
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Chancel Choir (adults)	Thursdays 7:15-8:45 p.m.	Thursday, August 21

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.

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**: Jenna Mueller - <u>jdmueller2009@gmail.com</u>

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 with questions <u>dvloedman@aol.com</u>.

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. Bring a friend!

Parish Associate, Director of College Ministry Rev. Scott Stuart - 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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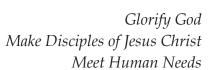
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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Back to School Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel

9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Hebrews 4 - Ross Teigen - Library

9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School Class: 1 Samuel 21 - Room 201

10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Meeting - Serving Room

Monday, August 11, 2025

First Day of Classes - Preschool

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor

4:30 p.m. Property Committee - Parlor

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

12:00 p.m. Executive Commission - Zoom

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Friday, August 15, 2025

Saturday, August 16, 2025

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service - Carol Hayes Christiansen - Sanctuary

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Bell Day

8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel

9:30 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Heb 5 - Serendipity Rinonos - Library

9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School Class: 1 Samuel 22 - Room 201

10:15 a.m. Ringing for the First Time Workshop - Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary

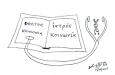
12:15 p.m. LOGOS Family Meeting - Serving Room





Congregational Meeting - Sunday, August 17

A Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, August 17 after the 11 a.m. worship to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee and to elect Elders, Deacons, and Trustees, to elect the Congregational Nominating Committee, and to discuss matters pertaining only to these items.



New Ministry Opportunity - Doctor Koinonia

On Thursday, August 14 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Doctor Koinonia will meet at First Presbyterian. Doctor Koinonia is a new group for young physician faculty. Their mission is to grow and fulfill their role as physicians by practically following the Biblical model for medicine as ministry. The inaugural meeting will have Rev. Mark Hults as the guest to discuss the intersection of physician and pastoral roles at the bedside. Future monthly meetings will incorporate additional guest senior physician and pastoral role models. For more information, contact Serendipity Z. Rinonos at serendipity.mdphd@gmail.com.



Second Annual Bell Day

Sunday, August 17, from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., Ringing for the First Time Workshop with Andrew Netardus; and at 11:00 a.m., Worship Service with Special Handbell Music. Try handbells at the workshop. No prior music experience is needed-just bring your curiosity! 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!



All Church Hymn Sing - Sunday, August 24

There is still time to share your favorite hymn and a personal story about it with us before the hymn sing. 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. On Sunday, August 24 at 10:15 a.m., we'll celebrate the hymns of our faith together in the sanctuary led by Dr. Christopher and Lynette Pfund.



Presbyterian Women Triennial Synod Gathering

Register by August 24 for the gathering held Friday through Sunday, October 17-19 at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, GA. The first six mother-daughter pairs to register will go free! The PW Synod Gathering, held once every three years, is an opportunity for women to gather for worship, inspiring speakers, and community-building with workshops, tours, music, and more. Check the weekly invite email if you did not get a registration form last week or visit https://pwsosa.com/.



Parking Lot News

Alachua County courthouse employees are now parking in our main parking lot on SW 2nd Ave across the street from the church. From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, parking is allowed in the spaces with WHITE numbers (101 and higher) on the east and north sides of the lot. Please do NOT park in the reserved spots with YELLOW numbers (1-100) during these hours. All spots are available on Sunday mornings.

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 **cc** or MyTV 28.2 for over the air broadcasts

Current Worship video, audio, and archives at 1stpc.org