

GATHERING

Eternal Father, Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ is the true bread from heaven. Help those who receive His body and His blood to be the body of Christ for the world. As those redeemed by You, may we share the riches of Your grace with all who hunger and thirst for eternal life. Through Christ who dwells with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Celebration in C

M. Keller

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The blessing of God,
source of life,
the grace of Christ,
bread of life,
and the communion of the Spirit,
power of life, be with each of you.

*** HYMN 363**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All-knowing God, we are Your children, but we have turned away from Your wisdom and walked in our own ways. We have lived carelessly and squandered time. We have been foolish and failed to understand Your will. We have been reckless in our consumption and seeking of worldly desires. We have destroyed and debased the moral purity of others in our own desires. Purge us from evil and fill us with Your Spirit. Clear our minds from clutter, that we may discern what is right and walk in Your ways. 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

Deuteronomy 4:5-10 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 160

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

M. Hogan

David Pelino, tenor

He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got all the power in His hands. He's got you and me, brother, in His hands. He's got you and me, sister, in His hands. He's got the little baby in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got mother and father in His hands. He's got the stars and the moon right in His hands. He's got ev'rybody in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Kate Vellis

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 5:27-42 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 123

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

When to Leave It Alone

Fred Lundy

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.)

Ride On, King Jesus!

N. Carroll

David Pelino, tenor

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can hinder me! Ride on, King Jesus, ride on! No man can hinder me! For he is king of kings, he is lord of lords, Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like him. My Jesus rides on a milk white horse, no man works like him. The river of Jordan he did cross, no man works like him. My Jesus, Jesus in the middle of the air, no man works like him. He gathers saints from everywhere, you know that no man works like him. Ride on, King Jesus ride on! No man can hinder me!

*** 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 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*** BENEDICTION**

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart, Kate Vellis

ELDER ON DUTY: Rachel Coffey

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Dr. Tiffany Fung

CHAPEL USHER: Jeanne Thomas; SANCTUARY USHERS: Maralyn Foote, Louis Motz, Mary Lou Schubert

A/V TEAM: Norah Barat, Owen Best, Kaylee Bleeker, Jack Harling, John Rayl

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor of David Pelino, with gratitude for the gift of music he has shared with us for many years.

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.)

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PastorCarol Israel
Clerk of SessionDink Henderson
Treasurer

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Sarah Whitfield	Steve Walker	

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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.

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DARWALL'S 148TH

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:5-10 (NRSV)

⁵See, just as the Lord my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children — ¹⁰how you once stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when the Lord said to me, "Assemble the people for me, and I will let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me as long as they live on the earth, and may teach their children so";

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 5:27-42 (NRSV)

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." ³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, respected by all the people, stood up and ordered the men to be put outside for a short time. ³⁵Then he said to them, "Fellow Israelites, consider carefully what you propose to do to these men. ³⁶For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him; but he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and disappeared. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up at the time of the census and got people to follow him; he also perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case, I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone; because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them — in that case you may even be found fighting against God!" They were convinced by him, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹As they left the council, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name. ⁴²And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.

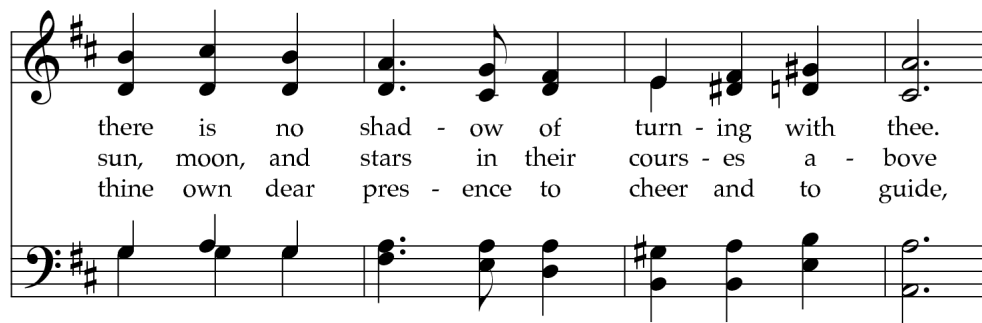
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.


39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:



As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.



BELL DAY **Sunday, August 18, 2024**

OUR HANDBELLS

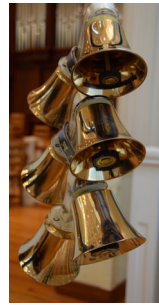


First Presbyterian Church purchased its first set of handbells in 1972. This set was cast by the Whitechapel Foundry, an organization founded in London in Elizabethan times. It cast bells for four hundred years, many of them famous, including 'Big Ben', which rings from the North Tower of the Houses of Parliament, and the original 'Liberty Bell' of Philadelphia, famous for having cracked on its first ring. Whitechapel bells also ring at Salisbury Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. The foundry cast its last bell in 2017.

Our Whitechapel Bells rang for the first time at FPC during the Christmas Eve Service, 1973, as the choirs and congregation left the sanctuary carrying candles representing Christ, the Light of the world. In the first week of January, Mary McCleary, New England chairman of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (and a guest of Carol Hayes-Christiansen), rang the bells for the ending of our Epiphany communion service. By these symbolic

acts we dedicated the handbells to the glory of God and the enrichment of our corporate worship.

After hearing a handbell choir while in Thailand, Dr. and Mrs. J. Wayne Reitz gifted First Presbyterian Church with three middle octaves of Whitechapel Handbells in 1972 and an additional two octaves in 1991.



In September 2020, a new four-octave set of handbells crafted by Malmark was rung for the first time in our worship. First Presbyterian Church is grateful to Carol Hayes-Christiansen, Bruce and Roberta Curry, and Allen and Elaine Turner for their generosity in underwriting, in part, the purchase of the Malmark handbells. Additional funding was provided by the Esther

Jones Endowment and the Sacred Music Fund.

With three weekly rehearsals for the Jubilate, Carol, and Joyful Ringers as well as countless preludes, offertories, postludes, handbell tours, and concerts at Oak Hammock and The Village, the Whitechapel handbells have rung joyfully and clearly for 50 years. We look forward to ringing the Whitechapel and Malmark handbells in praise to God for the next 50 years.

THE STEEPLE BELL



The steeple bell that rings each Sunday morning has called our congregation to worship since 1860 when it was installed in our first-newly-built church building; the population of Gainesville then was fewer than 400. In 1890, when the population of Gainesville had grown to 10,000, the bell followed when we moved to our second

church home on the corner of West University and 6th Street. It followed once again in 1954 when we

moved to our third home, the building we now occupy.

Our bell was cast in the Meneely Foundry in Troy, NY, then a small town on the Hudson River just north of Albany. Between 1826 and 1952, when the foundry closed, it made more than 65,000 bells, many of them installed on college campuses such as Cornell, Colgate, Duke, Mt. Holyoke, and the University of Texas, but also in several nearby churches, Bethesda by the Sea in Palm Beach (1927), St. John's Episcopal in Jacksonville (1948), and St. John's Episcopal in Savannah (1939).

- The Archives Committee

INTERESTED IN TRYING A HANDBELL CHOIR?

- Joyful Ringers (middle and high school students) Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Carol Ringers (beginner and intermediate adult ringers) Thursdays at 6 p.m.
- Jubilate Ringers (for advanced adult ringers) Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Mitch Rorick at music@1stpc.org.



GLORIFY GOD

Hymn Sing & Celebration: Many of you have shared with us your favorite hymn and a personal story about it. On Sunday, August 25, we'll sing some of those hymns together led by Dr. Christopher and Lynette Pfund. Gather in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. as we celebrate the hymns of our faith this summer.

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.

LOGOS Welcome Back Pool Party: Wednesday, August 21 from 3:30-6 p.m. LOGOS is a mid-week ministry with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and fellowship for children and youth age 3 through high school. Join us at the Hults' home, 9424 NW 59th Lane, for a pool party and time of fellowship. We can't wait to see you there! RSVP to Jenny Chamberlain by emailing communications@1stpc.org. On August 28 we will meet at the church from 3:30-6:45 p.m. for our regular LOGOS schedule.

LOGOS Family Meeting: For more information about LOGOS and for volunteer training, gather in Room 201 on either TODAY or next Sunday, August 25 following worship for lunch, details, and answers to your questions. RSVP to communications@1stpc.org.

College Cafe begins today! Join us in the serving room for a delicious lunch of baked ziti, green beans, garlic cheesy biscuits, and dessert. Bring your parents. Bring a friend. The menu changes weekly as it is chef's choice. Thank you to John & Sandra Roberts, Jenna Mueller, and Eileen Stephens for providing today's lunch! If you are interested in cooking/feeding our college students, please contact Scott Stuart.

Multiply Sunday Class: Meet in room 201 on the second floor of the Education Wing at 9:30 a.m. as we study the lament.

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.

Aug 18	James 3	Serendipity Rinonos
Aug 25	James 4	Tim Schubert


MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Andy Adams-Smith, Marilyn Ast, Jayne Fox, Carol Hayes-Christiansen, and Elizabeth Miller. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

Sunday Morning Service: Visit the Sign Up Genius links in the weekly invite to be a lay reader in worship or host/make cookies for fellowship time. Looking for another way to serve? Reach out to Lizzy Tobener at tobeneale@gmail.com or visit www.1stpc.org/needs to find your perfect fit. Let's build a stronger church together!

Feeling left out of Bible study opportunities? Presbyterian Women (PW) is sponsoring a ZOOM lunchtime Bible study, *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*, by Olive Mahabir from 12 to 12:45 p.m. on nine consecutive Wednesdays beginning on September 11. Anyone - not just women - can join this study and will receive the Zoom connection information by leaving their email address at the church office.

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord: Don't like your seat in the sanctuary? FREE UPGRADE to the Chancel Choir! Please join us Sunday, August 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. For more information, please contact Mitch Rorick.

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