

**GATHERING**

*Holy God, you have called a people to be your family out of every tribe, language, and nation, to love and serve you daily in a world of beauty, complexity, and diversity. Help us to honor and respect the dignity of difference as we seek to be one with you and each other this day and always. Amen.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* K. Kosche  
*Breezy Dowling, soprano*

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love! O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

I will bless you, says the Lord.

**Though we are not always faithful, God always is.**

I want more for you than what you have settled for, says the Lord.

**We commit ourselves to God's call to faithfulness.**

\* **HYMN 649** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. 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**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

1 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (NRSV)

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**ANTHEM** (11 A.M.)

**A Mother's Day Prayer**

P. Drennan

*Kate Vellis, alto*

*On this Mother's Day, let us pray and thank the Lord above for mothers here and ev'rywhere who fill our lives with love. On this Mother's Day, let us pray and thank the Lord above for mothers kind and caring who show us God is love. For words that calm our fears, and hands that dry our tears, these are gifts mothers share each day that guide and bless our way.*

**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 816**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Haggai 2:10-19 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

A Call to Covenant Faithfulness

Rev. Mark Hults

**MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER**

### 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**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. C. Moglebust

*Andrew Osmun, Ben Williams, Elizabeth Williams, handbells*

\* **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 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE**

For the Beauty of the Earth

J. Linker

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Evelyn Lewis

**ACOLYTE:** Grace Berger

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

**COLLABORATIVE PIANIST:** Anait Piloyan

**CHAPEL USHER:** Rose Anna Rutledge; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Young Adult & Family Ministries

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

**THE PINK CARNATIONS IN WORSHIP** are given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of all mothers. As you leave worship today, there are individual flowers available in the Narthex and Gordon Hall. Please feel free to take a pink carnation for your mother, even if she is not able to be with you today.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE AND SERMON** continue a four-part series on the book of Haggai. Preliminary discussions with Mark Hults focused on *grace* as an important theme for Haggai 2:10-19. "*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing;*" "*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound;*" and "*If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*" were selected from the GRACE section of the *Glory to God Hymnal Topical Index* (page 955). While the sermon is now going in a different direction, please enjoy the above familiar and meaningful hymns.

We also celebrate Mother's Day on May 11. In addition to the giving of flowers at the end of worship, various musical elements of worship were chosen for their relation to Mother's Day. Kate Vellis is singing a piece titled, "*A Mother's Day Prayer.*" The text in the sending hymn, "*For the Beauty of the Earth,*" talks of the joy of human love (e.g. including the love of parents to child). Breezy Dowling, Andrew Osmun, Elizabeth Williams, and Ben Williams, are sharing their gifts of music with us. While we enjoy hearing them lead worship at other times during the year, it's a blessing to hear them today. They grew up at First Presbyterian Church, and we are so thankful for the shepherding of their mothers and others at the church. Finally, the postlude is an arrangement of the sending hymn tune. The arranger, Janet Linker, was the organ professor at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio for many years. As we express our thanks to mothers, Mitch Rorick is grateful for the lessons he had with Janet Linker on hymn playing.

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**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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# 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie  
 MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt. AMAZING GRACE  
 Text Phonetic Transcr. Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, and Choctaw © Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference; CM  
 Phonetic Transcr. Navaho © Albert Tsosie

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

1 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (NRSV)

<sup>6</sup> But Timothy has just now come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love. He has told us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see us — just as we long to see you. <sup>7</sup> For this reason, brothers and sisters, during all our distress and persecution we have been encouraged about you through your faith. <sup>8</sup> For we now live, if you continue to stand firm in the Lord. <sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Haggai 2:10-19 (NRSV)

<sup>10</sup> On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: <sup>11</sup> Thus says the Lord of hosts: Ask the priests for a ruling: <sup>12</sup> If one carries consecrated meat in the fold of one's garment, and with the fold touches bread, or stew, or wine, or oil, or any kind of food, does it become holy? The priests answered, "No." <sup>13</sup> Then Haggai said, "If one who is unclean by contact with a dead body touches any of these, does it become unclean?" The priests answered, "Yes, it becomes unclean." <sup>14</sup> Haggai then said, So is it with this people, and with this nation before me, says the Lord; and so with every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean. <sup>15</sup> But now, consider what will come to pass from this day on. Before a stone was placed upon a stone in the Lord's temple, <sup>16</sup> how did you fare? When one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten; when one came to the wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were but twenty. <sup>17</sup> I struck you and all the products of your toil with blight and mildew and hail; yet you did not return to me, says the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Consider from this day on, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month. Since the day that the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid, consider: <sup>19</sup> Is there any seed left in the barn? Do the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree still yield nothing? From this day on I will bless you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful  
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful  
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -  
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's  
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our  
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.  
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

# For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

## Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.



**Something New for Senior Adults**

On Saturday, May 17 at 12 p.m., we will host a meeting for senior adults of the congregation in Gordon Hall, to present ideas for future meetings: organization, format, frequency, timing etc. There will be time for discussion and suggestions as well as an opportunity to socialize and enjoy a light lunch. We hope you can attend. Please RSVP to Jeanne Davis so we can plan for food: (352) 226-6743 or [davis\\_jeanne@hotmail.com](mailto:davis_jeanne@hotmail.com). \*Corrected contact information.



**Summer Choir**

This year, the Summer Choir will sing Sunday, May 18, and June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Join us! It is not necessary for members of the Summer Choir to attend every summer Sunday. For more information, please contact Mitch Rorick at [music@1stpc.org](mailto:music@1stpc.org).



**Where to Park in Our Main Lot**

We have entered into a parking lot rental agreement with Alachua County for approximately the next 2 years while they are constructing a parking garage next to the courthouse. During business hours Monday through Friday, please park 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 weekday business hours. All spots are available on Sunday mornings. Currently, the gates in our main lot are open on Sunday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. They are closed on Saturdays. If you are in the lot when the gates close, you can always get out. More updates and information to come. If you have any trouble, please call John Rayl at (352) 577-2082.



**Share Your Ideas**

Thank you for attending the congregational meeting in April. A presentation was given by the chairs of the Budget & Finance committee and Trustees, Dick Rauber and Ken Mears, with a focus on the challenges and opportunities for our church as we approach a new fiscal year. At this meeting, congregants began sharing ideas. If you would like to share an idea for supporting and growing our church, please either submit your idea at <https://www.1stpc.org/ideas> or in the suggestion box in Gordon Hall.

*Children's worship guides are available at all entrances.*



**Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering Lunch**

After worship next Sunday, May 18, Presbyterian Women sponsors a Birthday Offering lunch in Gordon Memorial Hall where Debra Harris, Director of *Making Miracles*, Tallahassee, a 2023 recipient of a Birthday Offering grant will tell how our gifts impacted their mission. There is no charge for lunch, but please use the reservation form below and put it in the offering plate or call the church office to let us know how much lunch to prepare.

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I plan to attend the Birthday Offering Lunch. Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats.

Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Ministries

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.

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 - [jdmueller2009@gmail.com](mailto:jdmueller2009@gmail.com)

Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children are released from worship for **Kids-4-God** to spend time growing their faith. After the service, families meet in Gordon Hall. Contact: Evelyn Lewis - [citytr122@gmail.com](mailto: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 [dvloedman@aol.com](mailto:dvloedman@aol.com).

**Youth Connection** meets for fellowship and food with Bible study and mentoring for students in grades 6-12.

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!

**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.

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



## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, May 11, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Jonah - Tim Schubert - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School - Room 201
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Rm 217

### Mother's Day

### Monday, May 12, 2025

- 10:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study - Parlor

### Tuesday, May 13, 2025

- 2:15 p.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor

### Wednesday, May 14, 2025

- 6:00 p.m. Montreat Meeting - Gordon Hall

### Thursday, May 15, 2025

- 7:00 p.m. YA&FM Young Professionals Bible Study

### Friday, May 16, 2025

- 10:30 a.m. Preschool End of the Year Program - Gordon Hall

### Saturday, May 17, 2025

- 12:00 p.m. Something New for Senior Adults - Gordon Hall

### Sunday, May 18, 2025

### Dedication Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Micah - Stephen Seecharan - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School - Room 201
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Rm 217
- 12:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering Lunch

## Stewardship Focus

Let us ask ourselves what kind of church do we want? A great Christian thinker, the late George Tyrell said, "*At the end of the day God will not ask, 'what kind of church did you belong to?' but, 'what kind of church did you long for?'*"

I believe the church we long for will glorify God, will proclaim the gospel effectively, will teach our children the truths most surely believed among us, and the church we long for will, like our Lord, serve all in need.

Our contributions to the Christian mission are basic to Christian living. Our gifts not only maintain Christ's work in our world, but they symbolize, express, and deepen our Christian love and unity. To be a Christian is to care. To care is to share.

Sir Winston Churchill once said, "*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.*"

By faith let us all help our church to be a more effective instrument in God's kingdom. Let us all remember: freely we have received, freely let us all give.

### Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 5/4	160
Weekly Budget Requirement	<b>\$38,129</b>
Received Week of 5/4/25	\$41,631
Weekly Offering	\$14,920
Designated Offerings	\$1,153
Other Revenue	--
Preschool	\$25,558
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FPC Fiscal Year: July 2024-June 2025	
YTD Budget Requirements	<b>\$1,677,669</b>
YTD Received	\$1,447,565
YTD Expenses	\$1,528,969


### Online Contributions



Visit our website, [www.1stpc.org](http://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.



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