

GATHERING

Patient, loving God, you turned your ear toward me and heard my cry, and lifted me when I was low. Strengthen me for service as I carry your light in the world. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME**MOMENT FOR MISSION****Encouragement Sunday**
Janet Heffner**PRELUDE****He Leadeth Me & Great Is Thy Faithfulness**
*Ross Teigen, guitar***arr. R. Teigen***** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt.

They remained there until the threat was gone.

Then the angel said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel."

God protected His Son and His family, He will provide for us too!

*** HYMN 154****Jesus Entered Egypt****KING'S WESTON****CONFESSION AND PARDON****Call to Confession****Prayer of Confession**

Protecting God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream. 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****Isaiah 46:8-11 (NRSV)**

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Coventry Carol
Payton Francis, alto

arr. M. Shaw

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, by by, lully lullay. O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day this poor youngling, for whom we do sing by by, lully lullay? Herod the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day his men of might, in his own sight, all young children to slay. That woe is me, poor child for thee! and ever morn and day, for thy parting neither say nor sing by by, lully lullay!

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Jonathon Haney

(Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God.)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Tough Launch

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

Gebet (Prayer)
Payton Francis, alto

H. Wolf

*Lord, give me what is best; from Thee comes joy or sorrow, for I now know that both are the gifts of loving hands.
Yet I desire that joy and sorrow shall never overwhelm me, for in between them lies Thy gracious wisdom.*

*** 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.

SENDING

*** HYMN 662**

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

Jesus Lead Me All the Way

J. Peterson

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jonathon Haney, Mark Hults, Fred Lundy

ACOLYTE: Max Conerly

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

ORGANIST & COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Anait Piloyan

8:30 A.M. USHER: Rose Anna Rutledge; **11 A.M. USHERS:** Paul Bennett, Maralyn Foote, Perry Foote, Mary Lou Schubert, Carol Turner

A/V TEAM: Owen Best, Alex Conerly, Jelvi Fika, John Rayl

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP, "A TOUGH LAUNCH," centers around Matthew 2:13-25. The gathering hymn, "Jesus Entered Egypt," and anthem, "Coventry Carol," connect to this Scriptural passage. "Gebet," which translates as "Prayer," is a sacred piece Payton Francis, a UF student and First Presbyterian Church Choral Scholar, is sharing with us today. We are featuring Ross Teigen, guitarist, during the prelude in two arrangements of hymns. Ross is leading a beginning guitar class at First Presbyterian Church starting January 25 following 11 a.m. worship. Our sending hymn, "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies," speaks of Christ as the true light. This season, from Epiphany which we celebrated January 11 to Transfiguration on February 15, has light as one of the central themes. We thank First Presbyterian Church Collaborative Pianist Anait Piloyan for leading our hymn singing today.

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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Jesus Entered Egypt

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Capo 5: (Am) Dm (G) (Am) C Dm (C) (Am) F Dm (Dm) (Am) Gm Dm



1 Je - sus en - tered E - gypt flee - ing Her - od's hand,
 2 Je - sus was a mi - grant liv - ing as a guest
 3 Je - sus cross - es bor - ders with the wan - dering poor,

(C) (G) (Am) (C) (Dm)

F C Dm F Gm



liv - ing as an a - lien in a for - eign land.
 with the friends and strang - ers who could of - fer rest.
 search - ing for a ref - uge, for an o - pen door.

(G) (Em) (Am) (G) (D) (G)

C Am Dm C G C



Far from home and coun - try with his fam - i - ly,
 Do we hold wealth light - ly so that we can share
 Do our words and ac - tions an - swer Je - sus' plea:

(Am) (G) (Em) (Dm) (C) (G) (Am)

Dm C Am Gm F C Dm



was there room and wel - come for this ref - u - gee?
 shel - ter with the home - less, and a - bun - dant care?
 "Give the low - ly wel - come, and you wel - come me?"

Human beings create divisions for many political, social, economic, and military reasons, but God is no respecter of the boundaries we erect. Jesus taught us to look for and respect the image of God that can be found in every human being, and to care for "the least of these."

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 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925
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KING'S WESTON
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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 46:8-11 (NRSV)

⁸ Remember this and consider, recall it to mind, you transgressors, ⁹ remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like me, ¹⁰ declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, "My purpose shall stand, and I will fulfill my intention," ¹¹ calling a bird of prey from the east, the man for my purpose from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have planned, and I will do it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSV)

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

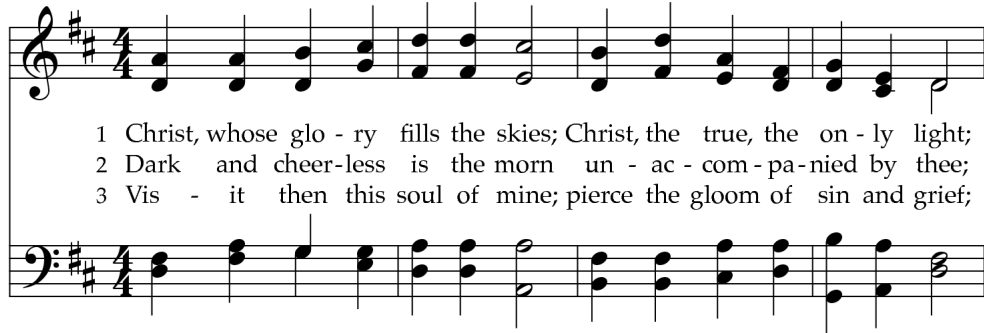
¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."


This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 662



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy - less is the day's re-turn till thy mer-cy's beams I see;
fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin-ing to the per - fect day.

This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1740

MUSIC: German folk melody; adapt. Johann Werner, 1815; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847

RATISBON

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Attention guitar players - current and aspiring!

Ross Teigen is offering a 5-week course in beginning guitar for all interested, regardless of age. This course starts Sunday, January 25 following the 11 a.m. worship. Bring your own guitar, or let us know and we can likely supply a guitar. For more information, contact Ross (teigenguitars@gmail.com) or Mitch Rorick.



Cooks Needed Sundays

College Café opens its doors each Sunday during the school year to provide a lunch to our college students following 11 a.m. worship. We are looking for individuals or teams to provide meals for College Café. If you are interested, please contact Jonathon Haney at college@1stpc.org.



Year-End Contribution Statements

Contribution statements will be sent upon request. Please email or call Trudy Bonerba and specify if you prefer to receive your statement by email or regular mail.



First Presbyterian Preschool's VPK Class Earns Commendation

The Preschool at First has earned an "Excellent" rating for the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten class for the 2024-25 school year. They received a Certificate of Commendation from the Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County. Please celebrate with the Preschool and pray for them as they work to prepare children for a successful transition to kindergarten and care for all the children in the preschool.



Calling All Cooks

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 Souper Bowl of Caring to raise funds for Gainesville Community Ministry in Gordon Hall immediately following 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 college@1stpc.org by Wednesday, February 4.



Journey with Christ toward Lent

The journey we began on Epiphany Sunday will be celebrated at our Hymn Festival on Sunday, February 15 at 4 p.m. and continued on Ash Wednesday. The hymn festival will be led by Robert A. Hobby. To anticipate and participate in this journey in faith with Christ, 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. Each week, the strips will be collected, and the children at LOGOS will turn them into loops. As the chain grows each week, we'll be mindful of our journey together, 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.

Tune in to Cox Channel 11 **now from 9-10 a.m.** for our televised broadcast  or MyTV 28.2 for over the air broadcasts

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 - toraleighb@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 - 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 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

JONATHAN 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, January 18, 2026

Encouragement Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover Class: Mark 11 - Stephanie Tyler - Lib
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: John 1:1-14 - Dan Sutton - Room 201
- 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

Monday, January 19, 2026

Church Office and Preschool Closed

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Trajectory College Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

- 12:00 p.m. Executive Commission - Zoom
- 3:30 p.m. LOGOS
- 6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Time Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Bell Room 215

Thursday, January 22, 2026

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

Friday, January 23, 2026

Saturday, January 24, 2026

Sunday, January 25, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover Class: Mark 12 - Elizabeth Bolton - Lib
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel 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. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 12:00 p.m. College Café - Serving Room
- 12:15 p.m. Guitar Class - Room 201