

GATHERING

Help us, God, as we rise this day, to seek out your will as we enjoy the good and suffer through the bad. Prove us, O God, and try us so that we can learn the steps we need to take to follow your ways. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE (SEE INSERT)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

J. Newton

Please join the Senior Choir on the last three stanzas.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

To my sisters and brothers, I will tell your glory:

We will tell of God's majesty!

In the great congregation, I will sing your praise:

We will tell of God's majesty!

*** HYMN 394**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior. 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 19 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Share God's Love & Come, Lord Jesus

M. Patterson

Cherub Choir & Junior Choir; Wendy Gunther, conductor

Emerson Barat, Norah Barat, Andrew Netardus, percussion

Take the light of Christ to the world, serving others wherever you go. Share God's hope, share God's love.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. At this table all are blessed. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. In your presence all are blessed. Come, Lord Jesus.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Scott Stuart

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

GOSPEL READING

John 2:13-25 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jesus Clears the Temple

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 (11 A.M.)

Celebration Fanfare

R. Mallory

Carol Ringers; Rebecca Ruescher, conductor

* 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.*

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Gluten-Free Bread)

PRAYER

SENDING

* HYMN 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

An Expression of Joy

J. Behnke

Joyful Ringers & Jubilate Ringers

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart

ELDER ON DUTY: Geoff Spiegel, Steve Walker

ACOLYTE: Rivers Rentz

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHAPEL USHER: Tom Chamberlain; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** College Trajectory

A/V TEAM: Frank Counts, John Rayl

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

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.)

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

Leadership

Rev. Mark Hults
Pastor

Carol Israel
Clerk of Session

Dink Henderson
Treasurer

Session

Diaconate

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Fleetwood Fleming	Pam Bailey	Rachel Coffey
Carol Israel	Greg Dowling	Colin Conerly
Joe Mueller	Andy Greer	BarBee Geiger
Elisa Neale-Tobener	Margaret Lingg	Evelyn Lewis
Geoff Spiegel	Susannah Peddie	Coleen O'Brien
Alexis Vellis	Dick Rauber	Rose Anna Rutledge
Sarah Whitfield	Steve Walker	Eileen Stephens

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Holli Best	Mark Coffey	Buzz Boyd
Megan Greer	Mimi Gray	Mimi Carr
Fred Lewis	Dean Schoenfeld	Bob Tucker
	Jane Smith	Beth Wood

THANKSGIVING

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Senior Choir
Senior Choir
Choir & Congregation
Choir & Congregation
Choir & Congregation

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.
Text Phonetic Transcr. Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, and Choctaw © Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference;
Phonetic Transcr. Navaho © Albert Tsosie

AMAZING GRACE
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Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 394

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried.

TEXT: Latin, 7th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.
 MUSIC: Henry Purcell, c. 1680; adapt. Ernest Hawkins, 1843

WESTMINSTER ABBEY
 8.7.8.7.8.7
 (alternate tune: REGENT SQUARE)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 19 (NRSV)

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. ⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. ¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 2:13-25 (NRSV)

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

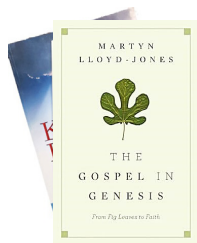
This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.

TEXT: African American spiritual
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988
 Music Arr. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

LET US BREAK BREAD
 10.10 with refrain

Ministry Highlights

Visit our growing website
for more about our church
and ministries.



New Sunday School | Bible Study | Discipleship Class

Starting today, October 6, the Multiply Class will start the first book of the Bible, Genesis, Chapters 1-11, led by Scott Stuart and Fred Lundy in Room 201 of the 2nd Floor of the Education Building. In this book of "origins," we will explore the beginnings of the world, the human race, sin and sacrifice, reconciliation and redemption. We will see the very beginning of God's endless pursuit of His people and the people's tendency to rebel and run away. For more information, please contact Fred Lundy at youngadult@1stpc.org.



Concert for a Cause

Thank you to all who attended the last week's organ and symphony concert. The offering of \$2,222 will benefit Family Promise of Gainesville. If you were unable to attend but would like to contribute, you may give using PushPay or place a check in the offering plate payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo "Concert for a Cause - Family Promise." Also thank you to Beverly & Andy Vloedman for hosting the musicians for lunch!



Fall Means Sweetie Pies

A Sweetie Pie is a delicious pie lovingly made by volunteers and is a fundraising event for the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. A variety of pies are available frozen raw and order cards can be found in the pews and the upcoming Advent Bugle. Pies are made on Friday and Saturday mornings in the church kitchen from 9 a.m. to about 1 p.m. Anyone can help; no experience is necessary. Contact Carol Israel with questions, to help, or to order at ceisrael@cox.net.



Montreat Luncheon

The Annual Montreat Worship and Music Conference Luncheon is Sunday, October 27 at 12 p.m. in Gordon Hall. Please join us as we share memories of Montreat 2024 and say thank you for your support. RSVP to (352) 378-1527 or communications@1stpc.org. Cost is \$10 per person or a maximum \$35 per family.



Reframe Your Political Identity

Join our senior pastor, Rev. Mark Hults, today, October 6 in Room 217 at 9:45 a.m. for *The After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics*. This free course helps you reorient towards a Christ-centered political identity. OR watch the videos and meet with Mark by Zoom on Tuesday, October 15 to discuss the course. If you have any questions about the series, please contact Mark by text, phone, or email. If you are having technology trouble, please call our office during business hours and we will walk you through it.

Children's worship guides are available at all entrances.

Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 9/29	174
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$38,129
Received Week of 9/29/24	\$4,700
Weekly Offering	\$2,328
Designated Offerings	\$2,372
Other Revenue	--
Preschool	--
<u>FPC Fiscal Year: July 2024-June 2025</u>	
YTD Budget Requirements	\$495,675
YTD Received	\$305,673
YTD Expenses	\$367,114


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 are 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 and audio as well as archives at 1stpc.org

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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

Kindergarten through 2nd 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

LOGOS is a mid-week ministry with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and family dinner for students age 3 through high school. Contact Bev Vloedman to RSVP for 6 p.m. dinner at bvloedman@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.

Staff

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Glorify God
Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
Meet Human Needs



First Presbyterian
Church of Gainesville

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 6, 2024

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover Class: John 5 - Tim Schubert - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School: Genesis - Rm 201
- 9:40 a.m. Carol Ringers - Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. The After Party Class - Mark Hults - Rm 217
- 10:00 a.m. Choral Scholars
- 10:10 a.m. Cherub & Junior Choirs - Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Senior Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Joyful Ringers & Jubilate Ringers - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Rm 217
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room

World Communion Sunday

Monday, October 7, 2024

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

- 2:15 p.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Property Committee - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. College Trajectory Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

- 10:00 a.m. Trustees - Zoom
- 3:45 p.m. LOGOS
- 6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Time - Friend Night
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Bell Room #215

Thursday, October 10, 2024

- 5:30 a.m. YA & FM Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, October 11, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. Pie Making - Kitchen & Serving Room

Saturday, October 12, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. Pie Making - Kitchen & Serving Room

Sunday, October 13, 2024

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: John 6 - Serendipity Rinonos - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School: Genesis - Rm 201
- 9:30 a.m. Jubilate Ringers - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir
- 10:00 a.m. Alleluia Choir Breakfast & Rehearsal - Gordon Hall
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Rm 217
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room