

GATHERING

*God of surprising revelations, I thank you that when you come to your people, you speak peace and invite faith in you. Give me ears to hear your will for me, hands that are open to others, and eyes to see the beauty in your world; in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

F. A. Challinor

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here; scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me. First let me hear how the children stood 'round His knee, and I shall fancy His blessing resting on me; words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the love-light of Jesus' face. Into the city I'd follow The Children's band, waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; one of His heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"*

**THE BYSTANDER**

Mimi Carr

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Though I speak with the tongues of man and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

**Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy, love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;**

Love never fails. But whether, there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

**And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.**

\* **HYMN 215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

THE WORD

**JESUS PREACHES AND PROVIDES**

*drama based on Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-14*

So they all ate, and were filled.

**So they all ate, and were filled.**

**SPEAKERS**

Michael Wright & Lisa Gray  
Gainesville Community Ministry

**ANTHEM**

The Miracle and Bread of Life

A. Pote

*Take the bread, give thanks above. Pass the bread and share his love. So little bread, what can he do? Break the loaf and make it two. Four more times, do it again. Break the loaves and make them ten. How can ten feed so many? Break the loaves and make them twenty. What's this sight I see before me? Break the loaves and make them forty. Keep on passing 'till we're done, 'till there's food for everyone! There's more and more and more and more and more and more! Arithmetic in heaven can often be surprising, for as we count the baskets left, we see the number rising! One! Two! Three! Four! Five! Six! Seven! Eight! Nine! Ten! Eleven! Twelve! Yea!! You are the bread. Once we were hungry, now we are fed. We bring our faith, small as a seed. Still you are faithful to fill ev'ry need. Hands that are empty, hearts with a hole, all who are starving in body and soul, be filled with the joy of a holy surprise: all we are missing, the master supplies. You are the bread. You are the bread of life!*

**JESUS HEALS A WOMAN**

*drama based on Mark 5:23-34*

Your faith has made you well. Go in peace.

**Your faith has made you well. Go in peace.**

SPEAKER

Brendan Shortley  
Helping Hands

ANTHEM

The Storm Is Passing Over

C. Tindley, arr. B. Baker

*Have courage my soul and let us journey on. Though the night is dark and I am far from home. Thanks be to God the morning light appears. The storm is passing over. Halleluia, the storm is passing over. Hallelu.*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 5:25-34 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

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MEDITATION

Rev. Mark Hults

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### RESPONDING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

P. Stopford

*Christ the Lord is ris'n again, Christ hath broken ev'ry chain. Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia! He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say Alleluia! He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. He who slumbered in the grace is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia! Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed; take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day Alleluia!*

\* 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.**

AFTER THE RESURRECTION

*drama based on Luke 24:36-49, Mark 16:9-20*

Go into the world and preach the gospel!  
Go into the world and preach the gospel.

### SENDING

\* HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

*Leader will sing stanzas; congregation will join on the refrain.*

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

A. David

*Deposit one of your Love in Action cards in the basket as you leave.  
Take one home with you as a reminder of your commitment.*

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Troy Bleeker (*James*), Mimi Carr (*Bystander*), Alex Conerly (*Matt*), Faith Garrett (*Martha*), Amelia Guerry (*Lydia*), Mark Hults, Lynn Hults (*Leah*), Parker Mears (*Stephen*)

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**VIDEO TEAM:** Norah Barat, Oliver Dowling, John Rayl; **SOUND:** Frank Counts

**CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:** We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to the family of Edward (Ted) M. Copeland, who joined the Church Triumphant on March 31, 2024.

**CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:** We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to the family of Ann Boyd, who joined the Church Triumphant on April 8, 2024. Please pray for her family, her husband Buzz and daughter Truitt, and her family Ricky, Kelsey, and Will.

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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.

**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.)

### Leadership

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Pastor

Alison Barat  
Clerk of Session

Dink Henderson  
Treasurer

#### Session

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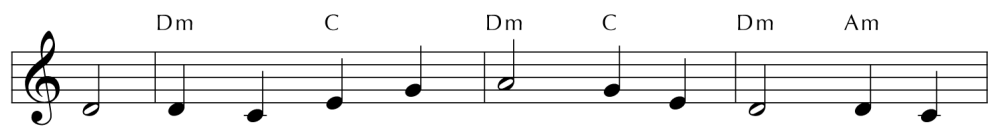
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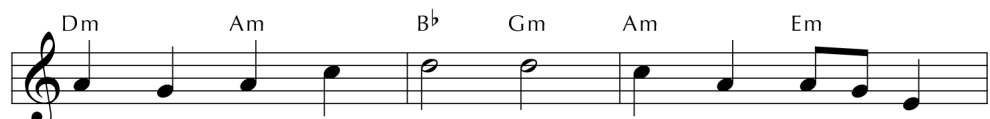
# What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous  
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 5:25-34 (NRSV)

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

## Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D  
*Leader or All*

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain* All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

## LOVE IN ACTION Challenge

On April 14, during the 11 a.m. morning worship service, we will be doing our third *Love in Action* program. The theme of each of them is to examine your personal commitment to serving others as we are taught by Jesus. During this Lenten season and leading up to the concert, the Local Missions committee asks you to show your love to others by participating directly in mission to our community. Please pray that you will be sensitive to God's direction in at least one (hopefully more than one) activity. This is a guide to start your thinking of a Christian response to the many human needs so close to us. There are many ways you can help our church make an impact!

### **HUNGER**

- Bring non-perishable food to church that will be given to Gainesville Community Ministry for distribution.

### **CLOTHING**

- Take clothes directly to GCM, St. Francis House, or the charity of your choice.

### **VOLUNTEER**

- Give time by volunteering when the church hosts Family Promise families (especially need cooks and overnight people).
- Volunteer at an agency or school using your skills.
- Call or send notes or cards to the sick or lonely in our church family.
- Be alert in your neighborhood to those who could use assistance.

### **DONATIONS**

- New paperback Bibles for the county jail can be put in bin in Gordon Hall.
- Cleaning supplies or household items for those moving into transient housing through Family Promise and St. Francis House.
- The church budget includes funds for local agencies. They can always use more money. Write a check to First Presbyterian and in memo line write Local Missions or a specific agency.

How will you join the challenge? One of our members is giving up Starbucks for Lent and using those funds to help the nursery set up their Mommy & Me room. Use this paper to jot down some of your ideas. There will be an opportunity to share your commitment in the service on Sunday, April 14.

**God Bless Your Efforts to do Love in Action!**

*Love in Action: Bystanders to  
the Mission of Jesus*

## **My Love in Action Plan**



## GLORIFY GOD

**The Sights and Sounds of Space:** Friday, April 26 at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary. Bring your family for this 40-minute interactive concert. Enjoy an immersive experience using Webb telescope images and live music from our choirs, handbells, organ, piano, violin, and percussion. The concert features music from Disney, Star Wars, and Halo, as well as classical and modern collections. For more information, visit [www.1stpcmusic.org](http://www.1stpcmusic.org).

**Calling All Graduating Seniors:** If you are graduating from high school, please let us know your plans for after graduation. Those of you who are graduating from college, please let us know what your degree is in as well as your post-graduation plans. Email [communications@1stpc.org](mailto:communications@1stpc.org) or call the church office at (325) 378-1527 by Sunday, April 21.

## 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](mailto: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.

**Kids-4-God:** Children (K through 2<sup>nd</sup>) will gather in Room 217 after the Time for Young Disciples to engage with their faith through the end of the service. Families will meet in Gordon Hall following worship. Volunteers are needed. Contact Evelyn Lewis at [citytr122@gmail.com](mailto:citytr122@gmail.com).

**LOGOS:** (Ages 3 through high school) Gather this Wednesday, April 17 at 3:30 p.m. for our last LOGOS of the school year and our Year-End Celebration! LOGOS includes worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and fellowship for children and youth with 6 p.m. family time dinner. Email Bev Vloedman to **RSVP** for dinner at [dvloedman@aol.com](mailto:dvloedman@aol.com).

**College Café:** All college students are invited to join us in the Serving Room for lunch following 11 a.m. worship. Thank you to John & Sandra Roberts for providing today's meal! If you are interested in serving a meal to the college students, please contact Scott Stuart.

**Multiply Sunday Class:** Meet upstairs in room 201 on the second floor of the Education Wing at 9:30 a.m. as we continue look back at Holy Week.

**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](mailto:palbertfoote@gmail.com) with questions.

April 14	2 Corinthians 4	Tim Schubert
April 21	2 Corinthians 5	Perry Foote

## MEET HUMAN NEEDS

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

**Lunch with Eric Davis, Director of Housing at St. Francis House** on Thursday, April 18 at noon in Gordon Hall, hosted by the Local Missions Committee. He will discuss the issues of homelessness and affordable housing in Gainesville and the mission of St. Francis House to help. Lunch will be provided. Please **RSVP** by Tuesday, April 16 to the church office.

**The Church-wide Fellowship and Lake Day** is Saturday, April 27 at Montgomery Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Swim, boat, eat, play, and connect with your church family. The cost is \$10/person or \$35/family. **RSVP** by Sunday, April 14 to [dvloedman@aol.com](mailto:dvloedman@aol.com).

**Love in Action:** Interested in knowing more about the local mission agencies from today? Contact information is included below.

**GAINESVILLE COMMUNITY MINISTRY** 352-372-8162  
gcmhelp.org 238 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Michael Wright, Director

**HELPING HANDS CLINIC** 352-519-5542  
helpinghandsclinic@gmail.com 509 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Brendan Shortley, Director

### FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance <b>3/31</b>	339
Weekly Budget Requirement	<b>\$35,061</b>
Received Week of <b>3/31/24</b>	\$55,063
Weekly Offering	\$6,824
Designated Offerings	\$5,185
Other Revenue	--
Preschool	\$43,054
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<b>FPC Fiscal Year: July 2023-June 2024</b>	
YTD Budget Requirements	<b>\$1,402,423</b>
YTD Received	\$1,372,166
YTD Expenses	\$1,250,368

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