

GATHERING

Holy God, I thank you for another day, whether it brings the sort of happiness for which I always hope or the challenges I sometimes fear. Each day in your presence is a time to notice the marvels of creation that surround me. Help me to see them today and to move gracefully from one hour to the next, in the name of your holy and miraculous ways. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee T. Aquinas and H. Hopson
Payton Francis, soloist

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, who at this blessed feast art pleased to be; both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail, yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail. O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to all doth here afford! O may our souls forever feed on Thee, and Thou, O Christ, forever precious be! Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing blood; increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from Thy presence flow. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be, to gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face, the vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

How we live demonstrates how we think about our Lord.

We need to serve the Lord with humility.

We are called to trust God through victories and trials.

Whatever is in front of us, we will trust in God through it all.

*** HYMN 730**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. 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

Psalms 16:5-11 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 496

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)**My Hope Is Built**

Z. Highben

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood; when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Scott Stuart

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

*** HYMN 839**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 20:17-38 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 141

Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

Inheritance

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.)**

Grace, Peace Unto You

M. Jothan

Grace to you. Grace from above. My Grace I give to you as a gift of my Love. Peace to you. Peace from above. My Peace I give to you as a gift of my Love. Grace to you. Grace from above. My Love I give to you my gift from above. Grace, Peace, unto you.

*** 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 542**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

GOD BE WITH YOU

*** BENEDICTION***** POSTLUDE**

Fanfare

W. Mathias

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Carol Israel, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart

ELDER ON DUTY: Susannah Peddie

ACOLYTE: Isaac West

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Dr. Tiffany Fung

CHANCEL CHOIR

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

A/V TEAM: Marin Best, Owen Best, Dink Henderson, John Rayl

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clarice Anderson for her 105th birthday by Eileen, Caraline, and Jacob Stephens.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to her family upon the passing of Elizabeth Miller, who joined the Church Triumphant on August 13, 2024.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to the family of Mary Anders Adams-Smith, who joined the Church Triumphant on Monday, September 2, 2024.

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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Clerk of Session

Dink Henderson
Treasurer

Session

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I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of
 brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and
 made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'
 thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous
 died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a
 saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in
 doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in
 on the green: they were all of them saints of
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,
 shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just
 God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

TEXT: Lesbia Scott, 1929, alt.
 MUSIC: John Henry Hopkins, 1940
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GRAND ISLE
 Irregular

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 16:5-11 (NRSV)

⁵The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. ⁷I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. ¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. ¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

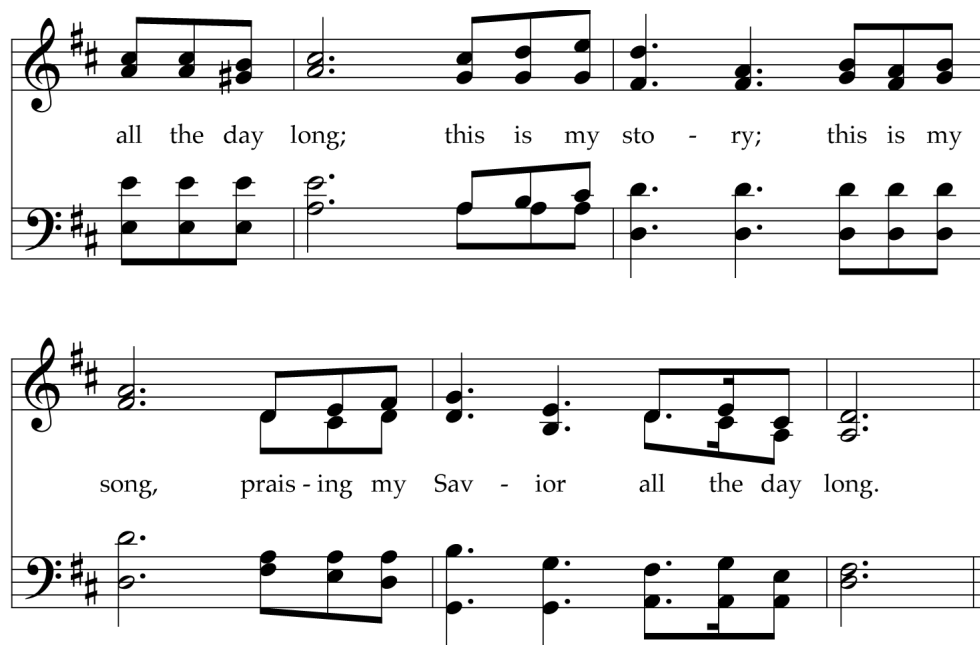
1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion,
rap-ture now burst on my sight; an-gels de-scend-ing,
Sav-ior am hap-py and blest, watch-ing and wait-ing,

pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry; this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior



TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001
 MUSIC: Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873
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ASSURANCE
 9.10.9.9 with refrain

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 20:17-38 (NRSV)

¹⁷From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. ¹⁸When they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. ²⁰I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, ²¹as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus. ²²And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. ²⁴But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace. ²⁵"And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. ²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. ²⁹I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. ³⁵In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

³⁶When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. ³⁷There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING

542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -

fold you:
vide you:
round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
fore you:

After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune, which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.

TEXT: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880, alt.
MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

GOD BE WITH YOU
9.8.8.9
(alternate tune: RANDOLPH, 541)

GLORIFY GOD

College Sunday: Everyone is invited to join us next Sunday, September 15, as our college students lead us in worship through scripture, music, and the preaching of God's Word. Following the service, all college students are invited to join us in Gordon Hall for lunch.

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 chapel, 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 2nd) gather in Room 217 after the Time for Young Disciples to spend time growing their faith. After the service, they return to Gordon Hall to meet their families. Contact Evelyn Lewis at citytr122@gmail.com to volunteer.

LOGOS is a mid-week ministry with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and fellowship for children and youth age 3 through high school. We meet at the church this Wednesday, September 11 for Heroes Night from 3:30 to 6:45 p.m. Contact Bev Vloedman to RSVP for dinner at 6 p.m. at dvloedman@aol.com.

College Cafe: All college students are invited to join us in the serving room for a delicious lunch after 11 a.m. worship. Thank you to Kate Vellis 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 lament with Rick Smith.

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.

September 8 Introduction and Perry Foote
 John 1

September 15 John 2 Rick Palmer

Reframe Your Political Identity: Please consider joining our senior pastor, Rev. Mark Hults as he walks us through the content of *The After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics*, a free course to help you reorient your heart and mind towards a Christ-centered political identity. It does not take a partisan stand or attempt to get us to vote a certain way. Watch the videos and meet in person on Sunday, September 22 and October 6. Or watch and meet on zoom Tuesday, October 15 with Mark to discuss the course. If you have any questions about the series, please contact Mark by text, phone, or

email. If you are having trouble registering or watching the material, call our office during normal business hours and we will walk you through it.

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

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.

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.

Do you want an exciting career in broadcasting? ...then don't read any further. But, if you want to help our church A/V team, we are looking for volunteers to be trained to serve with our current members to film and stream our Sunday 11:00 a.m. worship or run the sound board. Please contact John Rayl for more information at jrsupergenius@gmail.com. And who knows, maybe, just maybe, you will decide to pursue that career after all!

Change Happens When You Donate: Gainesville Community Ministry is in dire need of food donations! Right now they are experiencing a shortage and need your help. Donating any dry goods, of any amount, is ALWAYS appreciated. Bring your donations to the cart in Gordon Hall or the narthex any time you come to the church. Thank you!

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