First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville

All Saints' Sunday • November 1, 2026

Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs

GATHERING

You have made the day, O God, to be a sign of your light, showering Earth with clarity and gladness. I thank you for this day, asking only that in all that I do and say, your joy in this world will shine through; in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE Praise the Lord with a Song — M. Nichols

Orff Ensemble; Natalie Hamel, soloist; Alek Concepción Rivera, conductor

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Send out your light and your truth O God;

let them bring me to your dwelling.

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy;

and I will praise you, my God.

* **HYMN 729** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian — I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, only you are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous, excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others. We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors but slow to help with their own. We take credit and give blame. In spite of the grace you have shown to us, we are slow to show mercy. Forgive us, O God, and wash us clean, that we may serve you with joy and thanksgiving. 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 — Deuteronomy 4:1-9 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord. — OT pg. 160

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) Create in Me a Clean Heart — J. Capers

Cherub & Junior Choirs; Natalie Hamel, conductor

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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*All that are able please stand. *Please take a moment to silence all electronic devices for worship. Thank you.*
Additional service information is included under **TODAY IN WORSHIP** *to enhance your worship experience.*

Time for Young Disciples (11 a.m.) Sarah Whitfield

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

* **Hymn** (11 a.m.) What Does the Lord Require of You? MOON

First Time: Senior Choir; **Second Time: Congregation joins in with the text below; Third Time: Congregation repeats the text.**

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.
To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

8:30 a.m. *Natalie Hamel, soloist; Jenny Chamberlain, guitar*

Gospel Reading Mark 7:1-13 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord. NT pg. 42
Thanks be to God.

Sermon How Jesus Dealt with Religious Deconstruction: "Holding on to Human Tradition" Rev. Mark Hults

Celebration of the Church Triumphant

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 The Lone, Wild Bird P. A. McKlveen

Carol Ringers; Tyler Wang, clarinet; Andrew Netardus, 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.

* **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 835** Just a Closer Walk with Thee CLOSER WALK

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude** Maestoso in C S. Eithun

Today in Worship

Worship Leaders: Norah Barat, Jonathon Haney, Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Coleen O'Brien, Katherine Whisler

Elder on Duty: Coleen O'Brien

Director of Music & Organist: Mitch Rorick

8:30 Usher: Margaret Lingg; **Sanctuary Ushers:** Roger Bachmann, Paul Bennett, Matthew Morse, Mary Lou Schubert

A/V Team: Frank Counts, Dania Moreno, John Rayl, Elijah West

Today is the second week in a five-part series on How Jesus Dealt with Religious Deconstruction. Specifically, the sermon is "Holding on to Human Tradition" and the primary scripture is Mark 7:1-13. When talking with Mark Hults about this Sunday, he mentioned the idea of true faith and true spirituality, as well as cleanliness as spiritual rather than physical. As we think about these ideas, the description in the *Glory to God* hymnal for our gathering hymn, "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian," says "*Through its recurring phrase, 'in my heart,' this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being.*" The Cherub and Junior Choirs sing Psalm 51, "Create in Me a Clean Heart," which also points to the idea of spiritual cleanliness. Our hymn of the day, "What Does the Lord Require," connects with Mark 7:1-23 and the offertory, "The Lone, Wild Bird," relates to Mark 7:6. As we strive for true faith, the sending hymn, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," gets at the idea of walking with Jesus.

We are thankful to the Cherub Choir, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Orff Ensemble, and Carol Ringers for leading us in worship today. On this All Saints' Sunday, typically celebrated on the first Sunday in November, we commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year. We remember that we are one continuing communion of saints and we celebrate the faithful of every generation.

Action for the Week: Before praying, worshiping, or serving, take one minute to ask: "*Is my heart engaged, or am I just going through the motions?*" Invite God to draw your heart closer to Him.

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.

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Leon & Jayne Fox and Jed Keesling. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, Faith Thompson, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

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We Remember These Saints

Barbara Hendrick-Doyle	November 3, 2025	Dean Schoenfeld	April 19, 2026
James Lowry	November 10, 2025	Ross Mackenzie	April 24, 2026
Joseph Greer	November 22, 2025	Roxane Toben	April 30, 2026
Samuel Holloway	January 15, 2026	Lee Wiltbank	May 17, 2026
Will Olinger III	January 15, 2026	Barbara Huffman	May 20, 2026
Winnie Guerdon	January 19, 2026	Marilyn Bachmann	May 30, 2026
Howard Lingg	January 24, 2026	Ruth Anna Osterhage	June 22, 2026
Bruce Curry	January 26, 2026	Eudine McLeod	July 13, 2026
George Singleton	January 31, 2026	Marilyn Ast	August 6, 2026
Ann Beukelman	February 27, 2026	Virginia Craig	October 12, 2026

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
Irregular

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-9 (NRSV)

[1] So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that
you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.
[2] You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but
keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. [3] You have seen for
yourselves what the Lord did with regard to the Baal of Peor—how the Lord your God destroyed
from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, [4] while those of you who held fast to
the Lord your God are all alive today.
[5] See, just as the Lord my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you
to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. [6] You must observe them diligently,
for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these
statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" [7] For what other great
nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? [8] And what other
great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you
today?
[9] But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have
seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your
children and your children's children—

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Mark 7:1-13 (NRSV)

[1] Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around
him, [2] they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without
washing them. [3] (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their
hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; [4] and they do not eat anything from the market
unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing
of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) [5] So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your
disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" [6] He said to
them,"Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,
"This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; [7] in vain do they worship
me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'
[8] You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."
[9] Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to
keep your tradition! [10] For Moses said, "Honor your father and your mother'; and, "Whoever
speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' [11] But you say that if anyone tells father or mother,
"Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God)—[12] then
you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, [13] thus making void the word of God
through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee 835

The chromatic musical style of this anonymous short hymn suggests that it probably dates from the early 20th century. It also seems to owe much of its popularity to radio broadcasts and recordings as well as to evangelistic meetings and singing conventions of that era.

TEXT and MUSIC: Trad. North American hymn

CLOSER WALK
Irregular

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 excused 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.*
Part-Time Youth Coordinator
Katherine Whisler - 1stpcyouthgnv@gmail.com

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 & a free lunch and Tuesday Bible study & a free dinner at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend!*

Director of College Ministry
Jonathon 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, November 1, 2026 — **All Saints' Sunday**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Carol Ringers - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Matthew 4 - Ross Teigen - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Genesis 17 - Rm 201
- 10:00 a.m. Senior Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. 2nd - 5th Grade Orff Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Cherub & Junior Choirs - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Kids-4-God
- 12:00 p.m. PW Thank Offering Lunch - Gordon Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, November 2, 2026

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 5:00 p.m. Local Missions - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Circle 5 Presbyterian Women (PW) Bible Study
  Questions? Contact Bev Vloedman - dvloedman@aol.com
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Trinity Ringers - Room 215
- 6:30 p.m. Trajectory College Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

- 1:30 p.m. Chocolate Lovers PW Bible Study - Parlor
  Questions? Contact Betsy Berry - betsypwberry@gmail.com
- 3:30 p.m. LOGOS - *Enter through sanctuary doors or gate on SW 1st Ave*
- 6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Committee

Thursday, November 5, 2026

- 7:00 a.m. YA&FM Men's Breakfast - Off Campus
- 6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers - Sanctuary
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. YA&FM Young Professionals Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Friday, November 6, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Sweetie Pie Production

Saturday, November 7, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Sweetie Pie Production

Turn for November 8

Sunday, November 8, 2026

8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
9:30 a.m. Jubilate Ringers - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Matthew 5:1-12 - Elizabeth B. - Library
9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Genesis 18 - Rick Smith - Rm 201
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Alleluia Choir - Sanctuary
10:45 a.m. Joyful Ringers - Sanctuary
10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Kids-4-God
12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
4:00 p.m. Gainesville Community Band Concert for a Cause and Spaghetti Dinner - Sanctuary and Gordon Hall

Buy Your Own Church Yard Sign to spread the word about the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve Worship. Sign options are displayed in the Narthex today, in print below, or visit www.1stpcmusic.org/signs. A $25 one-time purchase pays for the printing costs. Choose from one of the two designs: "Organ" or "Choir" (the back is the same for each design). Signs must be paid for before the order is placed. Place a check in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or use Pushpay. Please mark your design choice in the memo line.

**NEW ORDERS will have the correct date. If you made a PREVIOUS ORDER, contact Jenny Chamberlain at communications@1stpc.org to receive your "6" sticker so you can change the date and use the sign again this year.

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If you live in a neighborhood with an HOA, please check your neighborhood rules regarding signs.

1) "Organ"

Front

Back

2) "Choir"

Front

Back

Christmas Trees Needed

The music ministry is requesting fake Christmas trees of a variety of sizes - small, medium, and large - to use this December for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Trees may be donated or lent to the church, but we ask that you transport them here. Contact Mitch Rorick with questions.

Ministry Highlights

Visit our website for more about our church and ministries.

"Nothing is more encouraging than Truth"

1stpc Music
Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

The Chancel Choir was chosen to participate in this fall's conference of the Florida American Choral Directors Association in Orlando. A choir teacher in attendance shared this with our choir: "*I want to encourage you and your ensemble that they delivered the truth of the gospel so reverently . . . God used them greatly to lift my eyes toward Heaven and remember that which truly lasts. I felt God used it to remind me that I am seen even in this moment, not by other directors, or my accolades, but by El Roi, the God who sees. And He was reminding me of my true hope in Him.*"

Concert for a Cause

Gainesville Community Band

The Gainesville Community Band, directed by Gary Langford, will present a Veterans Day Concert for a Cause in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 8 at 4 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken to support Gainesville Community Ministry, which provides help and hope to those in crisis. Stay for a spaghetti dinner in Gordon Hall. Dinner is $5; no charge for veterans.

Put Your Love into Action

The Local Missions Committee invites the congregation to show God's love to our community at this time of rising costs and limited resources. One way is to serve on our committee! We meet monthly to find ways to work with local ministries and we need your ideas and energy. Contact Jane Smith at (352) 870-2027 for more information.

Senior Saints

SENIOR Saints

At 12:30 p.m. on Friday, November 13, we will gather in Gordon Hall for lunch provided by Sweet Berries. The program will be our own Liana Teigen Moreno. A professional beekeeper, Liana will give us insight into the life of bees. Lunch is $10. RSVP to 1stpcseniorsaints@gmail.com.

Your Marriage Is Worth It

The race of life can be hard, but staying connected helps us keep going. Join Fred & Lisa Lundy for an evening of encouragement and equipping for your marriage. Dinner will be provided. Laughter will be at our expense! Friday, November 13, 6:30-9 p.m. in Gordon Hall. $40 per couple. RSVP by November 9 by emailing Fred at youngadult@1stpc.org.

The Montreat Worship and Music Conference

THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS

Travel with us this summer to NC for Bible study, bells, choir, fellowship, and more at the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. The theme is *Through All Generations*. Sign up by November 15 to attend Montreat June 19-26, 2027. Contact Mitch Rorick to learn more about the conference or to register at music@1stpc.org.

Earn fairshare hours by helping to work the parking lot on Saturday, November 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Sunday, November 15 beginning at 1 p.m. Collect donations and direct cars for the Downtown Arts Festival. Contact Mitch Rorick or Andrew Netardus.

Children's worship guides are available at all entrances.
Pick-up a calendar page at any entrance or click the calendar link in the weekly email for all this week's ministry events. Not receiving the weekly invite? Email communications@1stpc.org to be added to the email list.

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.

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

T-Coil installed in the sanctuary, and Hearing Assist devices available in the Narthex.

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

Current Worship video, audio, and archives at 1stpc.org