

GATHERING

Gentle Jesus, draw us near to You each day as You teach us how to feed on Your gifts so we may live as You lived, with honor and respect, fully known to You and helping others come to know You fully. May we remember we are precious in Your sight, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord S. Rickards
Joelie Campana and Gabriella Pizzi, duet

Come, let us sing, let us sing to the Lord, the rock of our salvation. Come unto the Lord, joyfully singing Him psalms of praise. Alleluia, let us raise our voices, Alleluia, to the heavenly King. Alleluia, now the world rejoices, Alleluia, as His praises we sing. For the Lord is a great, great God, and a great King above all gods; rejoice, rejoice and praise His name with united voices. Come, let us sing, let us sing to the Lord, and worship our maker. Come, let us sing, let us sing to the Lord, the Lord of the sea and the mountains; come unto the Lord, joyfully singing Him psalms of praise.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Little children, The One who welcomes you
is here in word and Spirit.

Little children, young and old,
welcome to the place of hope.

Little children, Jesus calls us all into the embrace of His arms.
Come, join Him and give thanks to God.

* **HYMN 81** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken AUSTRIAN HYMN

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, Who makes known to us all truth, we confess that we are weighed down by our failings: envy distances us from other people; greed alerts us only to our own desires. Where we might bring reconciliation, we create conflicts. Where You call us to give, we take. Where Your presence beckons, we resist. Deal with us, forgive us, cleanse us, and teach us Your way. 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

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

Leviticus 26:1-13 (NRSV)

OT pg. 113

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) **O for a Closer Walk** C. V. Stanford
O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb. Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made Thee mourn, and drove Thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.) Lizzy Tobener
(Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God.)

* **HYMN 721** Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

GOSPEL READING John 1:35-42 (NRSV)
This is the Word of the Lord. NT pg. 92
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Come & See Fred Lundy

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.) Breathe on Me, Breath of God J. Krug
Cameron Carter, handbells

* **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** Poco Vivace H. Schroeder

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Lizzy Tobener

ELDER ON DUTY: Susannah Peddie

ACOLYTE: Ryan Fosser

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Dr. Tiffany Fung

CHANCEL CHOIR

CHAPEL USHER: Howard & Margaret Lingg; **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 Onys Rentz by Kevin and Alexandra Golden.

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.

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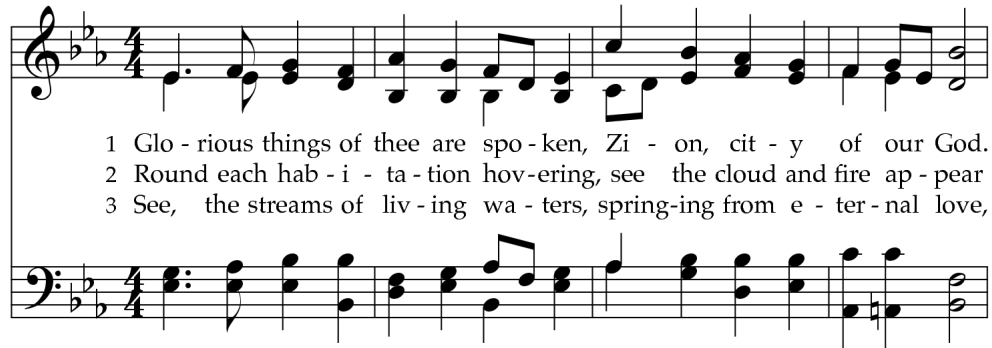
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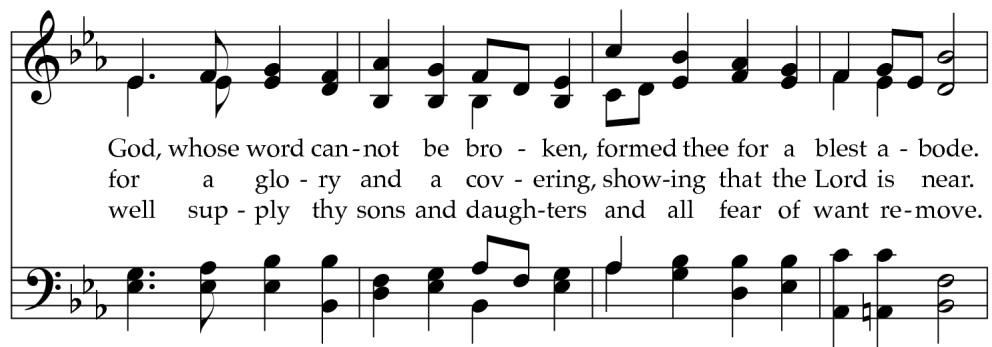
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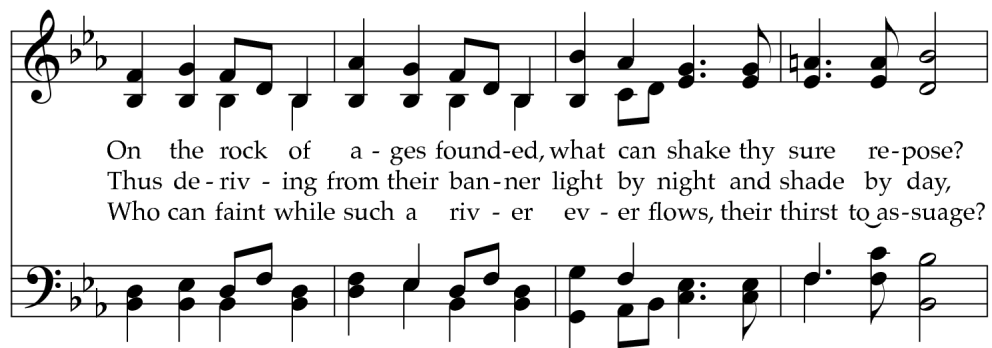
81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



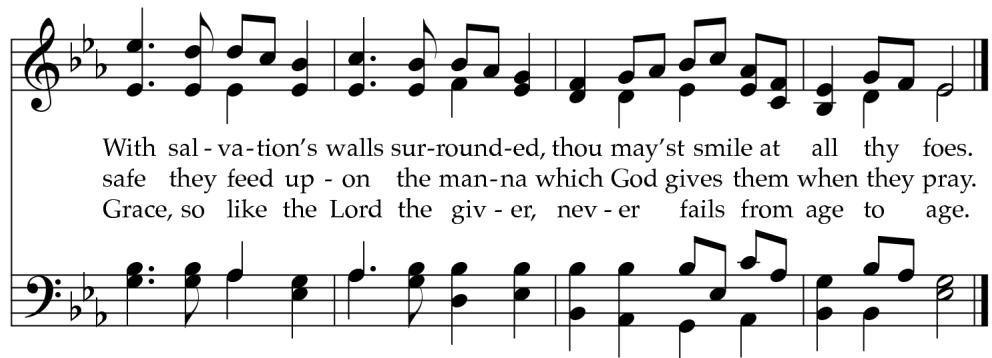
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

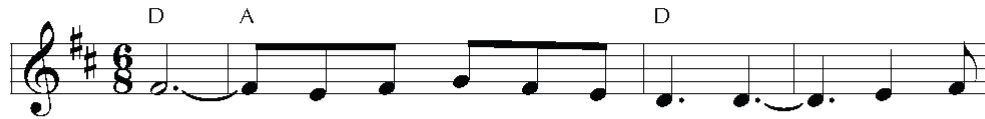
Leviticus 26:1-13 (NRSV)

¹You shall make for yourselves no idols and erect no carved images or pillars, and you shall not place figured stones in your land, to worship at them; for I am the Lord your God. ²You shall keep my sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. ³If you follow my statutes and keep my commandments and observe them faithfully, ⁴I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. ⁵Your threshing shall overtake the vintage, and the vintage shall overtake the sowing; you shall eat your bread to the full, and live securely in your land. ⁶And I will grant peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and no one shall make you afraid; I will remove dangerous animals from the land, and no sword shall go through your land. ⁷You shall give chase to your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. ⁸Five of you shall give chase to a hundred, and a hundred of you shall give chase to ten thousand; your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. ⁹I will look with favor upon you and make you fruitful and multiply you; and I will maintain my covenant with you. ¹⁰You shall eat old grain long stored, and you shall have to clear out the old to make way for the new. ¹¹I will place my dwelling in your midst, and I shall not abhor you. ¹²And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people. ¹³I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be their slaves no more; I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla

1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly
 car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; ¶ you will
 la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant
 longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
 find there my nets and la - bor.
 love that keeps on lov - ing.
 friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain / Estribillo

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my
en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la a -



boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me. By your
re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to a



side I will seek oth - er seas.
ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:35-42 (NRSV)

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

Just a Closer Walk with Thee 835

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,
 1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for

Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*

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.



Search Committee Update - Director of Children & Youth Ministries

We continue to partner with Ministry Architects to find the person who will call FPC Gainesville home. So far in September, they have had four new applicants, which takes the total to twenty-seven. They continue to vet candidates and have directly reached out to specific contacts in FL, AL, GA, and TX. This has resulted in several more interested people. The work continues. Please pray for our committee, Ministry Architects, and those who are considering the position. And please also touch base with friends and contacts who might lead us to the right candidate.



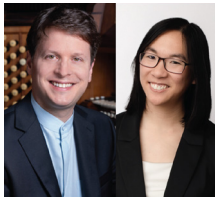
Reframe Your Political Identity

Join our senior pastor, Rev. Mark Hults, this Sunday, September 22 in Room 217 at 9:45 a.m. for *The After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics*. This free course helps 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 this week and Sunday, 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 business hours and we will walk you through it.



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!



Concert for a Cause

The University of Florida Symphony Orchestra, directed by Tiffany Lu, is joined by Paul Jacobs, organ chair at The Juilliard School, for a concert on Sunday, September 29 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. GRAMMY Award-winning organist Paul Jacobs will play some solo repertoire, as well as join the UF Symphony Orchestra for Camille Saint-Saëns' majestic "Organ Symphony." A free-will offering will be received to benefit Family Promise.



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!

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 are available in the Narthex.

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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 dvloedman@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.

Glorify God
Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
Meet Human Needs



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 22, 2024

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover Class: James 3 - Ross Teigen - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School: Lament - Rick Smith - Rm 201
- 9:45 a.m. The After Party - Mark Hults - Rm 217
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir
- 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

Monday, September 23, 2024

- 5:30 p.m. Local Missions dinner at St. Francis
Questions? Contact Jane Smith - jysmith@outlook.com

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

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

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

- 3:45 p.m. LOGOS
- 5:00 p.m. YA&FM Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Time - School Spirit Night
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Bell Room #215
- 7:15 p.m. Session - Zoom

Thursday, September 26, 2024

- 4:00 p.m. Preschool Open House
- 6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, September 27, 2024

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Sunday, September 29, 2024

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover Class: James 4 - Jed Keesling - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School: Lament - Rick Smith - Rm 201
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- 4:00 p.m. Concert for a Cause: Paul Jacobs & the UFSO

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