

GATHERING

Carry me today in your steadfast love, O God, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days, living life fully without fear of the end. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Local Missions

PRELUDE

Andante from Concerto No. 1

G.F. Handel

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us know your ways, O Lord,
that we may experience you more fully.
Carry us through our times of doubt,
revealing to us your true path.

* HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess: we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted with the good news of your grace; we relate to others callously, as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves; we seek to please and manipulate, using flattery to gain praise and distinction; we use condescension as a mask to cover insecurity or a need for power. Our motives are mixed, impure. Lord, reassure and cleanse us, in Jesus' name. 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 119:33-40 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 567

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

A. H. Mann

Jenny Chamberlain, guitar; Tom Chamberlain, euphonium

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Fred Lundy

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

* **HYMN 795** Healer of Our Every Ill HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:43-48 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord. NT pg. 5

Thanks be to God.

SERMON How Jesus Dealt with Religious Deconstruction: Rev. Mark Hults
"You Have Heard It Said..."

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 Near to the Heart of God/Children of the Heavenly Father arr. B. Adams
Tom Chamberlain, euphonium

* **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 39** Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** Chorale Fantasy on "Ein Feste Burg" A. D. Miller

The postlude was commissioned by Donald and Cecilia Caton to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the C.B. Fisk Opus 119 organ at First Presbyterian Church in 2012.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jonathon Haney, Mark Hults, Fred Lundy

ELDER ON DUTY: Coleen O'Brien

EMERITUS DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Dr. Mark Coffey

8:30 USHER: Tom Chamberlain; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Grace Berger, Maralyn & Perry Foote, Chris Hamilton

A/V TEAM: Jelvi Fika, Alex Conerly, Zack Conerly, Robert Richardson

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to all her family upon the passing of Virginia (Ginny) Craig, who joined the Church Triumphant on October 12, 2026. A memorial service is being planned for January 2027.

TODAY'S SERVICE BEGINS A NEW SERMON SERIES on "How Jesus Dealt with Religious Deconstruction." Specifically, today's sermon is "How Jesus Dealt with Religious Deconstruction: "You Have Heard It Said..." and the primary scripture is Matthew 5:43-48. The music connects to the Scripture in the following ways:

Gathering Hymn: "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" - Matthew 5:45

Anthem: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" - Matthew 5

Hymn of the Day: "Healer of Our Every Ill" - Stanza 3 Give us strength to love each other

Sending Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - Matthew 5:38-48

On this day, the last Sunday of October, many churches celebrate Reformation Sunday with an emphasis on grace and faith. "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Hymn tune: EIN FESTE BURG) is often associated with Reformation Sunday. For the postlude, we hear an arrangement of EIN FESTE BURG that was commissioned for First Presbyterian Church in the early 2010s.

We thank Dr. Mark Coffey, Emeritus Director of Music & Organist, as well as Tom & Jenny Chamberlain, for leading us in music today.

ACTION FOR THE WEEK: On this Reformation Sunday, how might you open your heart to God's grace?

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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Presbyterian Women (PW) invite you to a Thank Offering Lunch following worship on November 1, 2026. There is no charge for lunch, but a Thank Offering will be received, and we will show you how your contributions have been and are being used. Lunch will be lasagna. *Please note below if you need gluten-free. Thank you!

Please place this reservation slip in the offering plate or email Betsy Berry TODAY to make your reservation at betsypwberry@gmail.com so we will know how much lunch to provide!

Name: _____ How many adults? _____ kids? _____

*I need gluten-free, please: _____

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 119:33-40 (NRSV)

- ³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.
³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.
³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.
³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.
³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.
³⁸ Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.
³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.
⁴⁰ See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:43-48 (NRSV)

- ⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LAMENT AND LONGING FOR HEALING

795 Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain D Em7 G A D Bm Bm7 G A

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,

F#m7 Bm Em7 F#7 G Em A D *Fine*

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

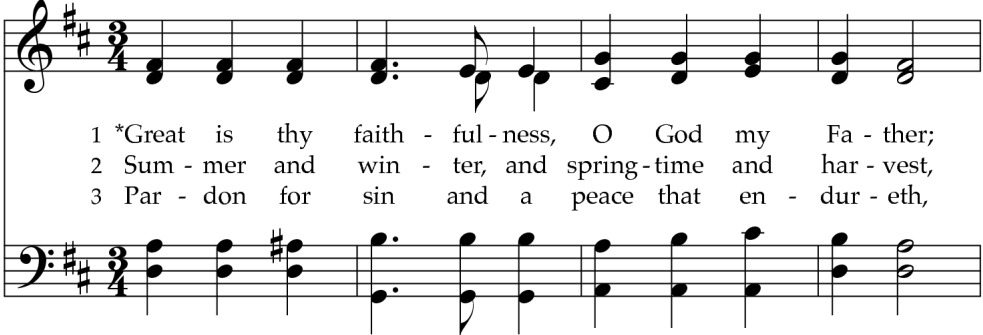
Bm F#m G F

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is still un -
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of

Em D/F# G Bm A G A *to Refrain*

glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:



As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주



Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베푸 시 며



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923

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FAITHFULNESS
11.10.11.10 with refrain



The Montreat Worship and Music Conference

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 11 to attend Montreat June 19-26, 2027. Contact Mitch Rorick to learn more about the conference or to register at music@1stpc.org.

The Annual Montreat Luncheon is today at 12 p.m. in Gordon Hall. A few extra lunches are available for \$10 per person. And don't forget about pies! Ordering is open, and pie making is every Tuesday at 6 p.m. and Friday & Saturday at 9 a.m.



Campus to Community UF Student Recital

Show your support for the next generation of performers as they showcase their musical excellence beyond campus on Monday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Keyboard, strings, and woodwinds featured. Free & open to the public. Light refreshments to follow.



LOGOS Fall Festival

Come to LOGOS on Wednesday, October 28 at the regular time or join us at 5:30 in Gordon Hall for the Fall Festival! We will spend time in fun and fellowship with a craft, pumpkin golf, feed the pig, and other favorites (including sliders for dinner)! October Service - Bring canned goods to the festival to donate to Gainesville Community Ministry.



Volunteer at the Preschool Fall Festival

The preschool is looking for volunteers to help at the Fall Festival on Friday, October 30. Arrive at 9:15 a.m. to run games and give out prizes. Celebrate with our families at this fun event. Contact Lisa Hershkowitz at preschool@1stpc.org with questions or to volunteer.



Concert for a Cause

The Gainesville Community Band, directed by R. 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.



Buy Your Own Church Yard Sign

Spread the word about the Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols and Christmas Eve Worship. Sign options, payment details, and additional information can be found at www.1stpcmusic.org/signs.



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.

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.



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  or MyTV 28.2 for over the air broadcasts

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

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

JONATHAN 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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Glorify God
Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
Meet Human Needs



First Presbyterian
Church of Gainesville

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 25, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Matthew 3 - Tim Schubert - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Genesis 16 - Rose Anna R. - Rm 201
- 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. Montreat Luncheon - Gordon Hall

Monday, October 26, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: Ruth - Parlor
- 7:30 p.m. Concert to Community UF Student Recital

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Sweetie Pie Production
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Trinity Ringers - Room 215
- 6:30 p.m. Trajectory Pumpkin Carving
- 7:00 p.m. Human Resource Committee

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

- 3:30 p.m. LOGOS - Enter through sanctuary doors or gate on SW 1st Ave
- 5:30 p.m. LOGOS Fall Festival - Gordon Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Room 215
- 7:15 p.m. Session - Room 201

Thursday, October 29, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers - Room 215
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Friday, October 30, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Sweetie Pie Production
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Fall Festival - Gordon Hall

Saturday, October 31, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Sweetie Pie Production

Daylight Saving Time Ends - Change your clocks!

Sunday, November 1, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Carol Ringers - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Matthew 4 - 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

All Saints' Day