

Service for the Lord's Day • November 16, 2025

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

GATHERING

God of comfort, we give thanks for the dawning of a new day. Even though we have turned from you, you have reached for us. Even though we have been afraid, you have been our strength and our might. May we draw lifegiving water with joy this day, giving thanks for the multitude of gifts and challenges we face, singing praises to the Lord throughout all the earth. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY (11 A.M.)

Sweetie Pies

PRELUDE

Quiet

A. Dvořák

Michael Knowles, cello

* Call to Worship

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

who sends us those we need in our times of challenge.

Blessed are those who speak God's words into our situations.

They act as prophets, keeping us from avenging ourselves.

* Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy, we confess that we have not been obedient sons and daughters. We have grown idle in the work of discipleship and weary in doing what is right. We have been selfish in our actions and insistent in claiming our rights. We have not honored the tradition of the apostles, or imitated the example of your saints. Forgive us, we pray. Show us the way of repentance, free us from our idle ways, and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. 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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:39-46 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us: look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see: all the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, all things come of Thee. Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and fountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of His love; we are His hands, stewards of all His bounty; His is the earth, and His the heav'ns above.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Fred Lundy

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

* Hymn 63 The Lord Is God AZMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 25:23-44 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

How To Respond, Part 2

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

T. Trenney

Ava Neary, soprano

Come, Thou Fount of eve'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love. Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by Thy help I've come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee: prone to wander, Lord, to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

* 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.

SENDING

* Hymn **620** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

* BENEDICTION

* Postlude Fuga from Sonata II F. Mendelssohn

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy

ELDER ON DUTY: Elizabeth Bolton

ACOLYTE: Bella de Fretes

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

EMERITUS DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Dr. Mark Coffey

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Anait Piloyan

CHANCEL CHOIR

8:30 A.M. USHER: Margaret & Howard Lingg; 11 A.M. USHERS: Roger Bachmann, Paul Bennett, Matthew Morse,

Carol Turner

A/V TEAM: Owen Best, Frank Counts, Dania Moreno, Elijah West

Today we conclude our two-week sermon series on 1 Samuel 25. ADORATION, COMPASSION, COVENANT, GRACE, MERCY, REPENTANCE, and WISDOM are words from the *Glory to God* Topical Index that Mark Hults indicated apply to this series. "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" was selected because it connects with COMPASSION, but also because it's often used as a gathering hymn for worship. "The Lord Is God" connects to God's COVENANT and ADORATION, and "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" with ADORATION and MERCY.

We are grateful to Michael Knowles for playing cello for worship this morning. Michael is a native of Richmond, Virginia and has degrees in cello performance from Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia and the University of Florida. He is also husband to Anait Piloyan, our collaborative pianist. Michael is playing a quiet, lyrical piece by Antonín Dvořák for our prelude.

Our offertory, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," relates to MERCY. The arrangement of this hymn is by Tom Trenney, organist, composer, conductor, who came to First Presbyterian Church some years back to lead a hymn festival and give an organ recital. Tom was the organist for the Montreat Worship and Music Conference this past June. We are thankful to Ava Neary for sharing her gift of singing for this offertory. Ava is working on her Master of Science in Management from UF. She has completed studies for a Bachelor of Music from UF in Voice and is one of our choral scholars.

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.

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LAUDA ANIMA

GATHERING Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396 1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God. 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid - ed him. there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears? us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word? Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin? there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears? Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new. is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho-ly One comes down. Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found. Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis-ters, let your prayers a - bound! Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down. Breth-ren, pray, and ho-ly

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12–13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

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will be

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will be

with sweet man-na

show-ered all

show-ered all

scat-tered all

Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly

Pray, O pray, that ho - ly

Christ will gird him-self and serve us

a-round.

a-round.

a-round.

a-round.

Gospel Reading Luke 22:39-46 (NRSV)

³⁹ He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." ⁴¹ Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴² "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." ⁴³ [Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴ In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] ⁴⁵ When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



This hymn paraphrases the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4–9), an ancient and central affirmation of Jewish monotheistic faith that observant Jews still recite twice a day. Jesus knew it well and called it the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:38/Mark 12:28–29/Luke 10:26–28).

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1 Samuel 25:23-44 (NRSV)

²³ When Abigail saw David, she hurried and alighted from the donkey, and fell before David on her face, bowing to the ground. 24 She fell at his feet and said, "Upon me alone, my lord, be the guilt; please let your servant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your servant. ²⁵ My lord, do not take seriously this ill-natured fellow, Nabal; for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him; but I, your servant, did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent. ²⁶ "Now then, my lord, as the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, since the Lord has restrained you from bloodguilt and from taking vengeance with your own hand, now let your enemies and those who seek to do evil to my lord be like Nabal. 27 And now let this present that your servant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who follow my lord. 28 Please forgive the trespass of your servant; for the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the Lord; and evil shall not be found in you so long as you live. ²⁹ If anyone should rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living under the care of the Lord your God; but the lives of your enemies he shall sling out as from the hollow of a sling. 30 When the Lord has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you prince over Israel, 31 my lord shall have no cause of grief, or pangs of conscience, for having shed blood without cause or for having saved himself. And when the Lord has dealt well with my lord, then remember your servant."

³² David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who sent you to meet me today! ³³ Blessed be your good sense, and blessed be you, who have kept me today from bloodguilt and from avenging myself by my own hand! ³⁴ For as surely as the Lord the God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, truly by morning there would not have been left to Nabal so much as one male." ³⁵ Then David received from her hand what she had brought him; he said to her, "Go up to your house in peace; see, I have heeded your voice, and I have granted your petition."

³⁶ Abigail came to Nabal; he was holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk; so she told him nothing at all until the morning light. ³⁷ In the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him; he became like a stone. ³⁸ About ten days later the Lord struck Nabal, and he died.

³⁹ When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed be the Lord who has judged the case of Nabal's insult to me, and has kept back his servant from evil; the Lord has returned the evildoing of Nabal upon his own head." Then David sent and wooed Abigail, to make her his wife. ⁴⁰ When David's servants came to Abigail at Carmel, they said to her, "David has sent us to you to take you to him as his wife." ⁴¹ She rose and bowed down, with her face to the ground, and said, "Your servant is a slave to wash the feet of the servants of my lord." ⁴² Abigail got up hurriedly and rode away on a donkey; her five maids attended her. She went after the messengers of David and became his wife.

⁴³ David also married Ahinoam of Jezreel; both of them became his wives. ⁴⁴ Saul had given his daughter Michal, David's wife, to Palti son of Laish, who was from Gallim.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.





Concert for a Cause

Thank you to all who attended last week's Veterans Day concert. The offering of \$1,683 will benefit Filter of Hope, sharing clean water and the gospel with those in need. If you were unable to attend but would like to contribute, you may give using PushPay or place a check in the offering plate payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo "Concert for a Cause Filter of Hope." Also thank you to Janet Heffner, Carol Israel, and the college students, staff, and volunteers who set-up, served, and cleaned-up the spaghetti dinner!



Downtown Art Festival Parking - \$10

Plan to park in the church lot on Saturday, November 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Sunday, November 16 beginning at 1 p.m. for the Downtown Arts Festival. Contact Mitch Rorick or Andrew Netardus with questions or to help with this Montreat fundraiser.



Annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

Did you know you can support our church and reduce your tax burden at the same time? If you're 70½ or older, you can make a charitable donation directly from your IRA using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This type of gift counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution but isn't included in your taxable income, making it a smart way to give.



Pie Orders Due Today

Place your pie order today to be sure to get your favorites. Orders are due today and all pies should be picked up by next Sunday, November 23. Contact Carol Israel to arrange for picking up your order at fpcpie@gmail.com. The best times are Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon or next Sunday morning in Gordon Hall. Thank you for supporting the Montreat Worship and Music Conferees!



UF Campus to Community Recital

Attend UF School of Music's first CAMPUS TO COMMUNITY Recital showcasing their talented student performers tomorrow evening, Monday, November 17 at 7:20 p.m. Keyboard, Voice, and Woodwinds featured. Free & open to the public. Light refreshments to follow.



College Trajectory Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

All college students are invited to the annual Thanksgiving feast held at the home of Susannah Peddie on Tuesday, November 18 at 7 p.m. Come as you are! All food will be provided. Bring friends!

Pick-up a calendar page from the ushers or click the link in the weekly email for all this week's ministry events. 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 available in the Narthex.

Tune in to Cox Channel 11 **now 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

THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON

Decorating the Church

Advent is just around the corner. We are looking for volunteers to beautify our church and worship space. Everyone is welcome! Gather on Monday, November 24 at 9 a.m. Please call Maralyn Foote at 352-318-5975 to be added to the volunteer list.





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 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. **NEW ORDERS will have the correct date. If you made a PREVIOUS ORDER, contact Jenny Chamberlain at communications@1stpc.org to receive your "7" sticker so you can change the date and use the sign again this year. Please mark your design choice in the memo line. If you live in a neighborhood with an HOA, please check your neighborhood rules regarding signs.

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. If you have questions, please contact Mitch Rorick.





Start off the Season with us at the Advent Workshop

Join us on Sunday, November 30 at 9:30 a.m. in Gordon Hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy pancakes and a great selection of crafts ranging from some of our old favorites to brand new projects. RSVP to the church office at 352-378-1527 or by turning in the slip below by Wednesday, November 26 to guarantee all activities for your family. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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I,, plan to attend the Advent Workshop on November 30 and would like
to reserve gingerbread churches & breakfasts.

Christmas Poinsettias During the Christmas season our worship spaces will be decorated with poinsettias. Flowers are available to purchase in honor or in memory of a family member or loved one. The poinsettias are \$17 each and can be ordered by filling out the form below to place in the offering plate or mail to the church office by Sunday, December 17. The poinsettias will be available to take home after the Christmas Eve service.
Poinsettias Given by:
In Honor of:
In Memory of:

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 released 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. (see YA&FM contact)

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 at 7 p.m. Bring a friend! **Contact** the church office with questions at (352) 378-1527.

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 16, 2025

Pie Orders Due Today!

8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel

9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Matthew 5 - Stephanie Tyler - Library

9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School Class: Luke 1:57-80 - Rm 201

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Kids-for-God - Room 217

12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room

12:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Lunch - GH

1:00 p.m. Downtown Art Festival Parking

Monday, November 17, 2025

7:20 p.m. UF Campus to Community Recital

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m. College Trajectory Thanksgiving - The Peddie's Home

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

10:30 a.m. Preschool Thanksgiving Lunch - Gordon Hall

3:45 p.m. LOGOS

6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Time

6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Bell Room 215

7:15 p.m. Session - Room 201

Thursday, November 20, 2025

10:30 a.m. Preschool Thanksgiving Lunch - Gordon Hall

6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers - Bell Room 215

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Friday, November 21, 2025

9:00 a.m. Sweetie Pie Production - Kitchen

Saturday, November 22, 2025

9:00 a.m. Sweetie Pie Production - Kitchen

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Christ the King Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel

9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Matthew 6:1-29 - Ross Teigen - Library

9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School Class: Luke 2:1-20 - Rm 201

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204

11:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Kids-for-God - Room 217

12:00 p.m. Pie Day - Gordon Hall

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall

12:15 p.m. Youth Connection - Please RSVP to Fred if attending!