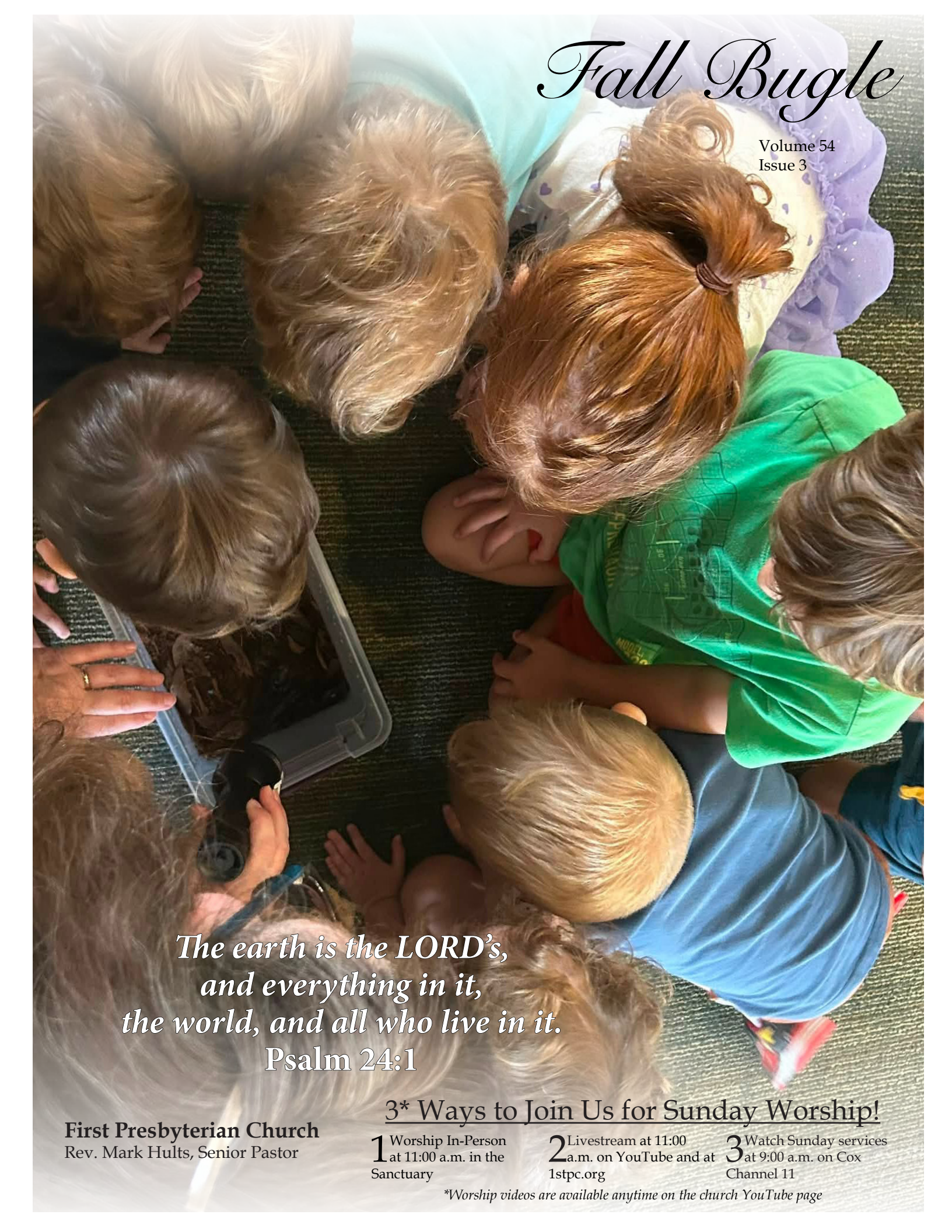




Fall Bugle

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*The earth is the LORD's,
and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
Psalm 24:1*

First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Mark Hults, Senior Pastor

3* Ways to Join Us for Sunday Worship!

1 Worship In-Person
at 11:00 a.m. in the
Sanctuary

2 Livestream at 11:00
a.m. on YouTube and at
1stpc.org

3 Watch Sunday services
at 9:00 a.m. on Cox
Channel 11

**Worship videos are available anytime on the church YouTube page*

A PROJECT FOR PRAYER

from Mark Hults

Things are beginning to ramp up. Objects that were still are now beginning to stir. Activities at church and home are steadily increasing. It is that unmistakable time of year, Back to School! Depending on your stage of life, this is either a noticeable change in rhythms and procedures or a major shakeup in the way you and your family get by. So, you will either need to avoid campus for at least the first few weeks or find yourself shopping for back to school everything (while finding out that countless other children wear the exact same size as your child, so the shelves are empty of things that are her size).

My question for you is, *"How do you maintain or even increase a spiritual habit in times like these?"* I know some of you are saying, *"Summer wasn't that easy! With the dynamics in my family, I'm just trying to survive."* I get that. I've been there. The last thing I want to do is to throw another *To Do* on you. But I want you to think how you can insert a spiritual practice in a way that is doable in your reality.

One option is to create a prayer calendar. It's easy. Get a blank calendar (there is one you may download at www.1stpc.org/resources). Fill in the dates that will serve you best and begin by writing in things to pray

about. It isn't about making it look pretty. You can type or write items in by hand. Maybe you can get ideas by discussing it with your family at dinner or on a phone call with a family member or friend. Pray for kids and teachers going back to school. Pray about things going on with you, your family, or someone you know about. You can pray just as a way to converse with God. Give each member of your family a copy and bring it out regularly to discuss what you are experiencing or learning as you begin a special time focused on prayer.

If this works for you, you can create a prayer calendar every once in a while, or on a regular basis. Feel free to share with a member of the church's staff team, letting us know what your experience has been.

Gratefully,



To contact Pastor Mark, email pastor@1stpc.org.

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.
Colossians 4:2

MISTER ROGERS LIBRARY COLLECTION



In celebration of a legendary Presbyterian minister, First Presbyterian Church now owns the newly-minted "Mister Rogers Library Collection," available for all ages to enjoy. The collection includes nearly 60 hours of classic TV episodes (on 17 DVDs), several books containing the wisdom and insights of Mister Rogers, on faith, life, friendship, and parenting, and a fun compilation of children's letters to Mister Rogers. Come "exactly as you are" to the church office and speak with Jenny Chamberlain for details on how to borrow items.

The collection was donated by Serendipity Zapanta Rinonos and was given to the glory of God and in honor of her wonderful parents and all those who first taught her how to enjoy learning and life. The church family of all ages is invited to enjoy the unique legacy of Mister Rogers, a Presbyterian minister, who daily reminded us of Jesus' call to become like a little child to truly enter God's Kingdom.

WHAT IS THE YOUNG ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY?

from Fred Lundy

The Young Adult & Family Ministry of First Presbyterian Church of downtown Gainesville, FL is a ministry dedicated to those who are roughly 25-55 years of age, single or married, with or without kids. So, whether you are in graduate school or sending little one off to school, at your first job or trying your fourth career, rent or own your home, live close to family or far away, you are invited to join in.

We gather to develop bonds with each other and grow in our relationship with Jesus.

Part of the way we do this is through Bible Studies and other Gatherings, as well as joining in with other ministries at the church like LOGOS, our College Ministry, or anytime others in our same age and stage are gathering.

We focus on Adulting – how to move and mature into adulthood. Whether it be vocational or relational, dealing with roommates or spouses, or becoming parents or helping with aging parents; we know this season of life has a lot going on and seems to be in constant change. We hope to provide an area of stability and steadying.

If you would like to know when any of our groups meet or when we have larger gatherings, please reach out so I have your best contact information.

And, as always, join us when you can for what you can this upcoming academic year:

- Men's Breakfast at Bagel Bakery
- Men's Bible Study at Starbucks
- Young Professionals Bible Study and Fellowship Gatherings
- Women's Bible Study
- Evenings of Encouragement and Equipping focusing on topics like marriage, parenting, and caregiving

It would be our pleasure to see you and a blessing to get to know you more.

So, reach out and let me know how I can help!



FRED

To contact Fred Lundy,
email youngadult@1stpc.org.

But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:15-16

WELCOME, KATHERINE!



We are excited to introduce Katherine Whisler as the Interim Part-time Youth Coordinator.

Katherine is a lifelong Presbyterian from Clemson, South Carolina. She attended the University of South Carolina and now works as a full-time medical intensive care unit nurse. She was an elder at her home church and has held many leadership positions throughout her own time in youth group and college ministry.

Katherine has been a part of the Middle and High School LOGOS team for the past year and looks forward to even more opportunities to grow alongside our youth.

COLLEGE MINISTRY UPDATE

from Jonathon Haney

Good Morning Everyone,

I hope you are all having a wonderful and restful Summer! Here in Gainesville it can feel like the whole city follows the rhythm of the school season. I hope that all of you have been able to take advantage of the seasonal sabbath offered these past few months as we look forward to the coming Fall. Now, here is an update for what our ministry has been involved with as another Summer comes to a close.

- We have nearly finished our Summer reading group on C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. I have been so impressed by the quality of the discussion and insight our students have brought to the table every week. As our study draws to a close, it is my prayer that I, and all of our students, can put to practice all that we have learned this year to the service of our neighbor and the glory of God.
- I really enjoyed having the opportunity to act as chaperone to our Youth at our annual Montreat Music and Worship conference! We have some truly special young people here at this church, and every opportunity I have received to serve and spend time with them has been a delight. Here's to many more great experiences!
- Thank you to everyone who attended the Mental Health First Aid training course this month! I think it vitally important that we come together as a church to show we take such challenges to the mental wellbeing of others seriously, especially those of us who are called to positions of counseling and responsibility. I hope that all who attended will find themselves better equipped now to help and serve those in our lives who are suffering and are in need of the love Christ calls us to.

- And finally I will soon be reaching out to see if there is anyone who would like to volunteer to prepare a meal for our regular College Café this Fall. I really appreciate everyone's efforts last year and all of the wonderful meals you prepared! This lunch is a great way for our students to come together regularly in fellowship, but also to understand that they are a priority in the life of our church family. Our first College Café will be August 23. If you're interested in helping out this year, feel free to shoot me an email or a text, my contact information is provided below.
- And finally, I would like to welcome aboard Katherine Whisler, who has recently accepted a position as our church's part-time youth coordinator. I have had the pleasure of working closely together with Katherine these past few years and I can confidently say that she cares deeply about our youth and shows a real drive to serve them. I look forward many more opportunities to serve together with Katherine to honor God and meet the needs of our youth here at First Presbyterian Church.

God Bless!



To contact Jonathon Haney,
email college@1stpc.org.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Chocolate Lovers' PW Circle invites women of FPC to join us in a one-hour Bible Study opportunity on the first Wednesday of each month from September - May at 1:30-2:30 in the church parlor and

via ZOOM. This year we will study, pray, and occasionally do some spiritual arm-wrestling with the Apostle Paul in First Corinthians. Come and enrich your spiritual diet this year while we also eat a little chocolate.

A Note from PW:

Sadie Mills, who spoke at our first-ever Earth Care Sunday, has been promoted to Thompson Earth Systems Institute Director. The Institute focuses on "*advancing communication and education about Earth systems science in a way that inspires Floridians to be effective stewards of our planet.*"





August

Special Events Only. Regular Weekly Ministries and Committee Meetings NOT Listed.

Sundays in August

8:30 a.m. Worship in the chapel
Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover in Room 213
 and **9:45 a.m. Multiply** in Room 201
10:45 a.m. Nursery in Room 204
11 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary



Bell Day in the sanctuary
Exploring Handbells Workshop
10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Special Handbell Music in Worship
11:00 a.m.

Thurs 6

Meet the Teachers
 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Preschool at First
 New and Prospective Students tour the
 classrooms and meet the teachers

Thurs 20

Carol Ringers Resumes
6 p.m. in the bell room

Chancel Choir Resumes
7:15 p.m. in the choir room

Classes Begin
 at the University of Florida

Fri-Sun 7-9

The Mount College Retreat
 Pray for college students attending and
 leading this weekend



LOGOS Pool Party
11 a.m. at the Hults'
 RSVP to Beverly Vloedman

Fri 7

Church Office Closed
 Last Friday Closing of the Summer

End of Summer Dinner
for 6th to 12th Graders
5:30 p.m. at Satchel's Pizza

Sun 23

All Church Hymn Sing
10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary



Back to School Sunday
8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

Youth "Make Your Own Sushi" Lunch
for 6th to 12th Graders
12 p.m. in the Youth Room

Wed 26

The Preschool and SBAC Year Begins
 Pray for our teachers, students,
 and families as they start a new year!

LOGOS Regular Schedule Begins
3:30 p.m. at the church

Jubilate Ringers Begins
6:30 p.m. in the bell room

Mon 10

Sat 15

Memorial Service
for Marilyn Bachmann
11 a.m. in the sanctuary

Fri 28

Youth Connection
5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room



September

**Sundays
in Sept**

8:30 a.m. Worship in the chapel
Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover in Room 213
 and **9:45 a.m. Multiply** in Room 201
10 a.m. Chancel Choir in the sanctuary
10:45 a.m. Nursery in Room 204
11 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
11:30 Kids-4-God in the Art Room

**Tues
1**

First College Trajectory Bible Study
6:30 p.m. in Gordon Hall
 Dinner and Bible study each week

Presbyterian Women Circle 5
5:30 p.m. Dinner & Bible Study
 Bev Vloedman - dvloedman@aol.com

**Wed
2**

Chocolate Lovers Presbyterian Women
1:30 p.m. Bible Study in the Parlor
 Besty Berry - betsypwberry@gmail.com

**Mon
7**

Labor Day
 The church office and preschool are closed.

**Fri
11**

Senior Saints
12:30 p.m. Gordon Hall
 Lunch and a surprise!

**Tues
15**

Advent Bugle Deadline
 Please submit content for November
 through January.

**Sun
20**

Presbyterian Women Meeting
12:00 p.m. Gordon Hall



Sun 27

**University of Florida Symphony
Orchestra**
4 p.m. in the sanctuary



October

**Sun
4**

World Communion Sunday
8:30 a.m. Worship in the chapel
Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover in Room 213
 and **9:45 a.m. Multiply** in Room 201
10:45 a.m. Nursery in Room 204
11 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
11:30 Kids-4-God in the Art Room

**Fri
9**

Homecoming Parade
 Park at the church for \$10 to support the
 Montreat Youth. Church office is closed.



**Sun
11**

College Sunday
8:30 a.m. Worship in the chapel
11 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary



**Fri
16**

Pie Making Begins
9 a.m. in the church kitchen
 Continues on Fridays & Saturdays at 9 a.m.
 and Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

**Fri
23**

FL ACDA Chancel Choir Concert
 in Orlando

**Sun
25**

Montreat Luncheon
12 p.m. in Gordon Hall
 RSVP to communications@lstpc.org.

**Tues
27**

Trajectory Pumpkin Carving.
6:30 p.m.

**Wed
28**

LOGOS Fall Festival
3:30 p.m. Gordon Hall

**Fri
30**

Preschool Fall Festival
10 a.m. Gordon Hall

CONGRATULATIONS!

On Friday, October 23, our Chancel Choir will perform at the Florida American Choral Directors Association Fall Conference in Orlando. Recordings were sent to an anonymous panel of 4 out-of-state judges, and the Chancel Choir was selected. *"Congratulations! First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville Chancel Choir was the clear frontrunner in the Faith-based category, and the FLACDA executive board is pleased to extend an invitation to perform a 25-min. in this year's fall conference to be held October 23 & 24, 2026."*

BELL DAY

Sunday, August 16

Exploring Handbells Workshop
10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Worship Service with Special Handbell Music
11:00 a.m.

Curious about the various sounds of handbells and how they are played? Try them at the workshop at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary – no music experience needed. Then, at 11:00 a.m., members of the First Presbyterian Church handbell ensembles, and those from the workshop desiring to ring, will provide special music at the worship service. Invite friends and family!

To contact Mitch Rorick,
email music@1stpc.org.



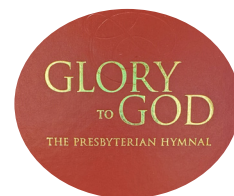
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HYMN?

Why does it top your list? Share your favorite hymn and a personal story about it with us. On August 23, we'll sing some of those hymns together. Complete the card at one of the boxes outside the sanctuary, respond to our hymn post on the 1stpc Music Facebook page, or submit your answers at www.1stpcmusic.org/hymn. Let's celebrate the hymns of our faith together.

From some of our congregants:

What is your favorite hymn?

Why is it a favorite?



There Will Be Showers of Blessing

"When I was a child I only knew 'church' songs. In first grade, my neighbor & I wanted to be in the school talent show. She did not attend church, so I taught her this song & my mother converted our previous school costumes for 'wind' into 'rainbows'. We had an older girl, from my church, play the piano for us. By the way, my church was next door to my elementary school!"

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

"This was my mother's favorite hymn and what she requested for her funeral service."

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

"This hymn has always been a favorite of mine. It may come from a tape series we had as children - Psalty the Singing Songbook. Joyful, Joyful was sung by the churchmouse choir. What a gift to know the Giver of immortal gladness!"

MONTREAT INVITATIONS



Montreat Worship and Music Conference Luncheon

Sunday, October 25 at 12 noon
Gordon Memorial Hall

Please join us as we share Memories of Montreat 2026 and say **THANK YOU** for your support.

RSVP to (352) 378-1527
or communications@1stpc.org
by October 18

Cost is \$10 per person; Maximum \$35 per family



It's not too soon to consider attending the 2027 Worship and Music Conference in North Carolina from June 19-26. The theme of the conference is *Through All Generations*.

The week-long conference begins with a worship service for the conferees from Presbyterian churches nationwide and includes daily classes to enrich understanding of and develop skills in corporate worship. The impact of this week at Montreat is far greater than the knowledge gained. The benefits of living, worshiping, praying, and playing together in community for a week are life-changing.

Two fundraising opportunities are coming soon:

Delicious homemade pies (Sweetie Pies) will be made on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. starting October 13.

\$10 Homecoming Parade Parking in the church SW 2nd Avenue Parking Lot on Friday, October 9. Thank you for your continued support.

TRY A CHOIR OR HANDBELL ENSEMBLE:

Choir	Regularly Rehearses	Resumes
Senior Choir & Joyful Ringers (grades 6-12)	5:00 and 5:30 p.m. at LOGOS	Wednesday, August 26
Cherub Choir (grades K-2)	4:15 p.m. at LOGOS	Wednesday, August 26
Junior Choir (grades 3-5)	4:15 p.m. at LOGOS	Wednesday, August 26
Alleluia Choir (ages 3-VPK)	4:30 p.m. at LOGOS	Wednesday, August 26
Orff (grades 2-5)	5:30 p.m. at LOGOS	Wednesday, August 26
Jubilate Ringers (adults)	6:30 p.m. at LOGOS	Wednesday, August 26
<i>All our Wednesday choirs and ringers are invited to the Welcome Back LOGOS Pool Party at the Hults' home on Saturday, August 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.</i>		
Carol Ringers (adults)	Thursdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.	Thursday, August 20
Chancel Choir (adults)	Thursdays 7:15-8:45 p.m.	Thursday, August 20 Sunday, August 23

Our choirs are volunteer. No audition is necessary.
The voice you are born with is God's gift to you; the use of your voice is your gift to God.

CALLING ALL PIE MAKERS!

Production of sweetie pies will begin on Tuesday, October 13 at 6 p.m. in the church kitchen. Plan to join us in the kitchen at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays or 9 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays for rolling, peeling, filling, fluting, bagging, and freezing hundreds of pies for the Montreat Worship and Music Conference fundraiser. If you haven't ever made a pie, don't worry – we can train you! Skills are perfected and community is built over pie dough in the FPC church kitchen!

Please contact Carol Israel at fpcpie@gmail.com to volunteer. We hope you will join us.

The apple, blueberry, cherry, pumpkin, pecan, mincemeat, chocolate cream, and key lime pies are handmade, frozen and oven ready (a few just need to be thawed). Soon you will find ordering information in the worship guide and order forms placed in the pew racks.

Pies will be available for order starting in September. Put your order form in the offering plate, send it to the church office, or email fpcpie@gmail.com. The order deadline is Sunday, November 15 and pies should be picked up by Sunday, November 22. Proceeds will benefit the 2027 Montreat Worship and Music Conference. Pay by cash, check made out to FPC, QR code, or on the church website(www.1stpc.org/pie). Please be sure to note "pies" on your payment. Thank you for your support.



PIE ORDER FORM

	Qty	@	Total
Apple 10"		\$ 17	
Cherry 10"		\$ 17	
Blueberry 10"		\$ 17	
Pumpkin 10"		\$ 17	
Pecan 10"		\$20	
Mincemeat 10"		\$20	
Apple 6"		\$8	
Cherry 6"		\$8	
Blueberry 6"		\$8	
Pumpkin 6"		\$8	
Pecan 6"		\$10	
Mincemeat 6"		\$10	
Chocolate Cream 8"		\$ 17	
Key Lime 8"		\$ 17	
Shut-In Pie 6", baked		\$8	
		Total	\$

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I can take my pie order early YES NO

I am able to volunteer YES NO



Our group will still be "on vacation" in the month of August.

Join us as our season starts once again on Friday, September 11, 2026.

Where: Gordon Hall

Time: 12:30 p.m.

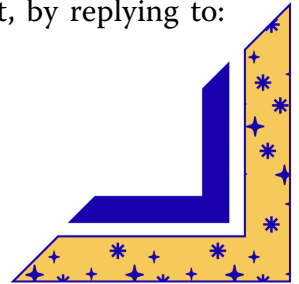
Lunch: Sweet Berries (\$10 per person)

Program: A fun surprise from one of our own!

Also, we want to hear about, & list on a big board, many great ideas for this year's programs during this our first meeting! Please let us know you're coming, so the food count will be correct, by replying to: 1stpcseniorsaints@gmail.com,

Bring your ideas & we'll share food, fellowship & fun! Hope to see you then!

Friday, October 9, 2026 - To be announced!



MULTIPLY SUNDAY CLASS

All adults are invited to room 201 on the second floor of the Education Wing at 9:45 a.m. for our current study of the book of Luke.

GORDON HOOVER

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 with questions at palbertfoote@gmail.com.

August 2	Job 6-7	Ross Teigen
August 9	Job 8-11	Laurie Shorter
August 16	Job 12-14	Tim Schubert
August 23	Job 15-17	Elizabeth Bolton
August 30	Job 18-19	Stephanie Tyler
September 6	Job 20-21	James Knight

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



Do you appreciate getting to know the congregation after worship on Sunday while also enjoying a sweet treat? If so, please consider donating cookies for fellowship time. Sign up on the whiteboard in Gordon Hall on Sundays or contact Carol Israel at ceisrael@cox.net.

COVER ART



UF entomology visited the Preschool at First in July. The students got to see cockroaches, scorpions, roly-poly bugs, and so many more cool things. Thank you Stephanie Stout for setting this event up! The Florida Man Reptiles also visited in July. The kids loved seeing all the creatures that are creepy and crawly.

MEMBER INFORMATION

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Lee Wiltbank, May 17, 2026

Barbara Huffman, May 20, 2026

Marilyn Bachmann, May 30, 2026

Eudine McLeod, July 13, 2026

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First Presbyterian Church Concert Series - Fall 2026



**UF SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**

**4 p.m. Sunday,
September 27**

Dr. Tiffany Lu,
conductor

The UFSO opens
our season with a
Concert for a Cause



**GAINESVILLE
COMMUNITY BAND**

**4 p.m. Sunday,
November 8**

R. Gary Langford,
conductor

Veterans Day
Concert for a Cause
and spaghetti
dinner



**FESTIVAL OF NINE
LESSONS & CAROLS**

**5 p.m. Sunday,
December 6**

Carols, Scripture,
FPC Choirs, and
Instrumentalists

4:30 Prelude
Brass and
Handbells

**The complete concert season and additional details
will be published at www.1stpcmusic.org**