

**GATHERING**

*During the final days of his earthly life, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears, and in faithful obedience, he opened the way to eternal salvation. Let us open our hearts this day as we lift up our deepest needs and concerns to the One who is mighty to save. Through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we glorify you, almighty God, with unending thanks and praise. Amen*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** Choral Dorian J. Alain

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

**Blessed be the God of our salvation who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Through the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

**we are made holy in the eyes of God. Amen.**

**\* HYMN 826** Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Savior. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.**

**KYRIE (HYMN 551)** Lord, Have Mercy LAND OF REST

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 53:7-12 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM (11 A.M.)**

Lamb of God

F. M. Christiansen

*Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer, patient still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer; our sins by Thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken: have mercy on us, O Jesu!*

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)**

Sarah Whitfield

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

**GOSPEL READING**

John 12:20-26 (NRSV)

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**SERMON**

Fifth Sunday in Lent: Jesus' Ministry Expands

Joe Mueller

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

Alyssa Faith Garrett

**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.)

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

H. Morgan

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, Lord, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation. Uphold and sustain me with Thy Holy Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God.*

\* **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 724**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE**

Jesus, My Joy, My Heart's Desire

J.S. Bach

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Fred Lundy, Joe Mueller, Scott Stuart, Sarah Whitfield

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Coleen O'Brien

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST:** Mitch Rorick

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:** Tiffany Fung

**CHAPEL USHER:** Howard & Margaret Lingg; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Pam Bailey, Matthew Morse, Carol Turner, Cyndie Williams

**VIDEO TEAM:** Kaylee Bleeker, Troy Bleeker, John Rayl; **SOUND:** Dink Henderson

**WELCOME ALYSSA FAITH GARRETT** into the family of God following her profession of faith and baptism at 11 a.m. worship this morning. Her parents, Gary & Julia Garrett, are celebrating with Faith this morning along with her grandpa Ray Davis, brother & sister-in-law Nicolas & Sierra Garrett, and nephew, Owen Garrett.

**FLOWERS IN WORSHIP** this morning are given in memory of my sister, Maribeth Peachey, by Sara LeMaire.

**FLOWERS IN WORSHIP** this morning are given in memory of Emily Hoyer from Kate, Alexis, and Nick Vellis.

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**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.

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### FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 3/10	144
Weekly Budget Requirement	<b>\$35,061</b>
Received Week of 3/10/24	\$98,056
Weekly Offering	\$5,926
Designated Offerings	\$940
Other Revenue	\$45,430
Preschool	\$45,760
<u>FPC Fiscal Year: July 2023-June 2024</u>	
YTD Budget Requirements	<b>\$1,297,241</b>
YTD Received	\$1,294,597
YTD Expenses	\$1,146,764

## EASTER LILIES

On Easter morning our sanctuary will be decorated with lilies. Flowers are available to purchase in honor or in memory of a family member or loved one. The lilies are \$15 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, March 17. The flowers will be available to take home after the 11 a.m. Easter worship service.

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_



## Lift High the Cross

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Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

*to Refrain*

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

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MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916; desc. Richard Proulx, 1985

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CRUCIFER  
10.10 with refrain

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 53:7-12 (NRSV)

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

John 12:20-26 (NRSV)

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

## GLORIFY GOD

### Holy Week Worship

#### **March 24 • Palm Sunday**

*Mark 11:1-11*

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

9:30 a.m. *Palms & Psalms* Intergenerational  
Gathering & Continental Breakfast, Gordon Hall

\*Nursery available starting at 10:45 a.m.

#### **March 28 • Maundy Thursday**

*John 13:1-17; 31b-35*

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Holy Communion

\*No nursery care

#### **March 29 • Good Friday**

*The Seven Last Words of Christ*

Worship 6:30 p.m.

\*No nursery care

#### **Saturday, March 30**

Easter Egg Hunt

10 a.m. Gordon Hall

#### **March 31 • Easter Sunday**

*Mark 16:1-8*

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Both in the Sanctuary with

Holy Communion

The Prelude starts 10 minutes prior to the service

\*Nursery available for both services

\*\*Please bring fresh flowers for your family to add  
to the flowering of the cross in the church yard.  
Help us celebrate the joy of the resurrection with  
our community.

The *third Love in Action concert* will be held during  
11 a.m. worship on April 14 (There will not be an 8:30  
worship service). In preparation, the Local Missions  
Committee is asking you to join our Love in Action  
Challenge: participate in at least one activity to share  
God's love with those in need in our community. How  
will you step up to the challenge?

### MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

**Nursery Care** (6 weeks old through pre-kindergarten) is  
available on Sundays from 10:45 a.m. through the end  
of the 11 a.m. worship service. Email Jenna Mueller at  
[jdmueller2009@gmail.com](mailto:jdmueller2009@gmail.com) with questions or to sign  
up. Families, please find the sign-in cart upstairs in the  
Christian Education building by room 204.

**Children's Worship Guides** are located in the narthex,  
and Gordon Hall. Pick one up before the service to help  
your child participate in worship and return the bags to  
the baskets after the service.

**Kids-4-God:** Children (K through 2<sup>nd</sup>) will gather in Room  
217 after the Time for Young Disciples to engage with  
their faith through the end of the service. Families will  
meet in Gordon Hall following worship. Volunteers are  
needed. Contact Evelyn Lewis at [citytr122@gmail.com](mailto:citytr122@gmail.com).

**LOGOS:** (Ages 3 through high school) Gather this  
Wednesday, March 20 at 3:30 p.m. for LOGOS, which  
includes worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and  
fellowship for children and youth with 6 p.m. family  
time dinner. Email Bev Vloedman to RSVP for dinner  
at [dvloedman@aol.com](mailto:dvloedman@aol.com).

**Youth Summer Camps 2024:** Reserve your spot for camp  
today! A \$100 deposit is due THIS Wednesday, March  
20. Questions? Contact Fred Lundy.

The Great Escape (entering 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>) July 16-21 at  
Southwind in Ocklawaha, FL. Total Cost: \$475

Fun in the Sun (entering 9<sup>th</sup>- graduates) June 23-28 in St.  
Simons Island, GA. Total Cost: \$525

**Youth Connection** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) will meet again on  
Sunday, March 24 following 11 a.m. worship with  
lunch and Bible study. Questions? Contact Fred Lundy.

**College Café:** All college students are invited to join us in  
the Serving Room for lunch following 11 a.m. worship.  
Thank you to those who provided today's meal! If you  
are interested in serving a meal to the college students,  
please contact Scott Stuart.

**Multiply Sunday Class:** Meet upstairs in room 201 on  
the second floor of the Education Wing at 9:30 a.m. as  
we continue our study of Lent.

**Gordon Hoover Sunday School:** 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 at [palbertfoote@gmail.com](mailto:palbertfoote@gmail.com) with questions.

March 17            2 Corinthians 2            Jed Keesling

March 24            2 Corinthians 3            Bob Bailey


### MEET HUMAN NEEDS

**Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence:**  
Marilyn Ast, Jayne Fox, Carol Hayes-Christiansen,  
Elizabeth Miller, and Marjorie Pedrick. Our men and  
women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy,  
Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders:  
Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

**Montreat Scholarship Applications** are due next  
Sunday, March 24 to Mitch Rorick. Forms can be found  
at [www.1stpcmusic.org/montreat2024](http://www.1stpcmusic.org/montreat2024).

**Kick-Off March Madness** with us at Gator's Dockside  
on Thursday, March 21. Come and go between 1:30  
and 5 p.m. RSVP by calling the church office or using  
the button in the weekly invite email. Also watch for  
information to join a church-wide bracket for some  
friendly competition coming soon.

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