

GATHERING

Holy God, the new day begins with such promise. Help me to enter into this day with joy and confidence in your power and goodness. Whatever challenge I may face, help me to trust in your presence, remembering that you are stronger than any difficulty or threat. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

We Are Marching in the Light of God
Norah Barat, percussion

J. Behnke

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God lifts us from death to life,
and preserves us for God's purposes,
through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
With thanksgiving, praise the Lord!

* HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation
Maylean Sylvester, euphonium; Remy Shorter, bassoon

FOUNDATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love. 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

Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)

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

NT pg. 47

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) When We Must Bear Persistent Pain Walker's *Southern Harmony*
Cordelia Pfund, violin

We invite you to meditate on the words of *Glory to God* #807 as you listen to the music for this hymn.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES: SCHOOL DEDICATION (11 A.M.) Sarah Whitfield
(Afterward, children will return to sit with their families.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Job 42:1-6 (NRSV)
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Thanks be to God.

SERMON Wisdom Literature Series: Job 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 Meditation C. Chaminade

*** 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 839** Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! ASSURANCE

*** BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Grace Berger, Jonathon Haney, Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Sarah Whitfield

ELDER ON DUTY: Rose Anna Rutledge

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

8:30 USHER: Jeanne Thomas; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Maralyn Foote, Perry Foote, Louis Motz, Mary Lou Schubert, Steph Tyler

A/V TEAM: Owen Best, Dink Henderson, Dania Moreno, John Rayl, Elijah West

TODAY CONCLUDES OUR WISDOM LITERATURE SERMON SERIES. We've looked at Proverbs and Ecclesiastes and now finish with the book of Job. Our gathering hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," connects with Job 42:1-6 and our sending hymn, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!," fits with the book of Job. The anthem, "When We Must Bear Persistent Pain," is from our Glory to God Hymnal #807. While the music is from 1835, the text was written in 2004. As the hymnal description indicates, "Reflecting the author's own experience of debilitating migraine headaches, this sung prayer speaks for many people whose lives involve constant pain, often without hope of lasting relief."

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY is also celebrated today at 11 a.m. We pray for those returning to school this fall - students, teachers, administrators, and more. Write down the school name listed on your pew and continue to pray as the new year begins. Our musicians today are all students, and we thank them for leading us in worship. Maylean plays the euphonium in her high school band, as well as singing in the Chancel Choir at First Presbyterian Church. Norah sings and plays bells at church and percussion in her high school band. Remy has played bassoon in her high school band and this fall begins studies at the University of Florida. Mitch will also become a student again, starting a DMA in Choral Conducting at the University of Florida.

ACTION FOR THE WEEK: The prelude is an arrangement of the hymn "We Are Marching in the Light of God," which includes stanzas on dancing, praying, and singing in the light of God. As the school year begins, how might you walk in the light, sharing God's light with others?

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: Marilyn Ast, 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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463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 42:1-6 (NRSV)

¹ Then Job answered the Lord: ² "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³ "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ⁴ "Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' ⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; ⁶ therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

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Thanks be to God.

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001
 MUSIC: Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873
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ASSURANCE
 9.10.9.9 with refrain



Congregational Meeting - Today, Sunday, August 9

A congregational meeting will be held after 11 a.m. worship on Sunday, August 9, 2026 for the purpose of electing elders, deacons, trustees, and CNC, changing the class size of Session, presenting the 2026-2027 budget, and discussing matters pertaining only to these items.



Youth Gatherings

Fall Kick-off is today, Sunday, August 9. All middle and high school kids gather in the youth room for lunch after church. Sarah West is preparing a "make your own sushi" lunch, and we will have a time of games and seeing who is going to be joining youth group this year.



LOGOS Registration Table

LOGOS is an intergenerational, mid-week ministry during the school year with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and family dinner for students age 3 through high school. If you would like to sign up your child or volunteer for this ministry, please visit the table in Gordon Hall. Contact Beverly Vloedman with questions at dvloedman@aol.com.



Ring a Bell?

Sunday, August 16, from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m., *Ringing for the First Time Workshop* with Andrew Netardus. Come for some fellowship and breakfast treats, then ring handbells at the workshop. No prior music experience is needed—just bring your curiosity! 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! Let Andrew know you're interested at events@1stpc.org.



All Church Hymn Sing - Sunday, August 23

There is still time to share your favorite hymn and a personal story about it with us before the hymn sing. Complete the card at one of the boxes outside the sanctuary, submit your answers at www.1stpcmusic.org/hymn, or respond to our hymn post on the 1stpc Music Facebook page. On Sunday, August 23 at 10:30 a.m., we'll celebrate the hymns of our faith together in the sanctuary led by Fred Lundy and Jenny Chamberlain.

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

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 & lunch and Tuesday Bible study at 7 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



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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 9, 2026

School Dedication Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Job 8-11 - Laurie Shorter - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 11 - Room 201
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 12:00 p.m. 6th-12th Grade Back-to-School Lunch - Youth Room

Monday, August 10, 2026

First Day of School

- 10:00 a.m. Trustees - Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 5:00 p.m. Local Missions - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

- 12:00 p.m. Executive Commission - Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Deacons - Room 217

Thursday, August 13, 2026

- 7:30 p.m. Young Professionals Bible Study

Friday, August 14, 2026

Saturday, August 15, 2026

- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Marilyn Bachmann - Sanctuary

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Bell Day

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Job 12-14 - Tim Schubert - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Bell Day Ensemble Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 12 - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Bell Workshop - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall



BACK TO SCHOOL

Please join us as we pray for our schools, students, teachers, school board, faculty and staff, bus drivers, parents, caregivers, and all those who are involved in the start of the new academic year.

A. Quinn Jones
 Alachua Elementary
 Alachua eSchool
 Archer Elementary
 Brentwood School
 Camp Crystal Lake
 Chiles Elementary
 Christian Life Academy
 Digital Academy
 Duval Early Learning Academy
 Expressions Learning Arts Academy
 First Presbyterian Preschool
 Glen Springs Elementary
 Hidden Oak Elementary
 High Springs Community
 Idylwild Elementary
 Irby Elementary

Lake Forest Elementary
 Littlewood Elementary
 Meadowbrook Elementary
 Metcalfe Elementary
 Millhopper Montessori
 Norton Elementary
 Oak Hall
 Oak View K-8
 Parker Elementary
 PK Yonge
 Queen of Peace
 Rawlings Elementary
 Shell Elementary
 Sidney Lanier Center
 Talbot Elementary
 Terwilliger Elementary
 Wiles Elementary
 Williams Elementary

Bishop Middle School
 Fort Clarke Middle School
 Hawthorne Middle School
 Kanapaha Middle School
 Lincoln Middle School
 Mebane Middle School
 Westwood Middle School
 Buchholz High School
 Eastside High School
 Gainesville High School
 Hawthorne High School
 Newberry High School
 PAM @ Lofton
 Santa Fe High School
 Santa Fe College
 St. Leo University
 University of Florida



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.

LOGOS



MINISTRY

WHO



LOGOS serves 40+ families each week

WHAT



LOGOS is intergenerational ministry for ages 3 through high school and includes worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and family dinner



WHEN

Wednesday

LOGOS happens most Wednesdays from September through April from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

WHERE



LOGOS meets in churches of all denominations and sizes to grow intergenerational community and faith in God through Jesus Christ.



WHY



Nurturing people in all generations into an abundant, life-giving relationship with God through Jesus Christ is the most important thing the church does.

HOW



LOGOS runs thanks to the faithful service of more than 50 people each week, many filling more than one role. We have a spot for you!

LOGOS begins with a pool party at the Hults' home on Saturday, August 22 at 11 a.m. Regular Wednesday gatherings begin on August 26. Visit the table in Gordon Hall to sign up and contact Beverly Vloedman with questions at dvloedman@aol.com.