

GATHERING

Lord Jesus, you call me to be a faithful disciple. Enable me to hear your voice above the distractions of this day, to see each challenge as an opportunity for faithful witness, and to offer myself in obedient service in all that I do. In your name I pray, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

The Lord's My Shepherd

D. Johnson

* CALL TO WORSHIP

As Christ has sent us into the world,

so we have followed him into the place that is not fully our home.

Protect us in Jesus' name,

so that we may be one, as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one.

* HYMN 460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. 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

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 97 (NRSV)

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ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Eternal Life

O. Dungan
arr. S. Z. Rinonos

Dr. Serendipity Zapanta Rinonos, violin

Lyrics (Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, "Prayer for Peace"):

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Fred Lundy

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

* **HYMN 492**

You Belong to Christ

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

GOSPEL READING

John 17:9-19 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

**Engaging Our Culture:
In the World, but Not of the World**

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11 A.M.)

Junsang "Jason" Park

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

God Be In My Head

A. Ramsey

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in my eyes and in my looking. God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart. God be at my end and my beginning and all days in between.

* **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 306**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

Grand Jeu

P. Du Mage

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jonathon Haney, Mark Hults, Fred Lundy

ACOLYTE: Bella de Fretes

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

ORGANIST & COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Anait Piloyan

CHANCEL CHOIR

8:30 A.M. USHER: Rose Anna Rutledge; **11 A.M. USHERS:** Paul Bennett, Maralyn Foote, Perry Foote, Mary Lou Schubert, Carol Turner

A/V TEAM: Alex Conerly, Zack Conerly, Jelvi Fika, Dink Henderson

WELCOME JUNSANG "JASON" PARK INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD following his profession of faith and baptism in worship this morning.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard J. Anderson for his 108th birthday by Eileen, Caraline, and Jacob Stephens.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Connie Holloway and family upon the passing of her husband, Samuel Holloway, who joined the Church Triumphant on January 15, 2026.

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TODAY'S SERMON, "IN THE WORLD, BUT NOT OF THE WORLD," is the first in a three-part series on engaging our culture. The music connects to different parts of the Gospel passage (John 17:9-19).

- Prelude: The Lord's My Shepherd - John 17:11-19
- Gathering Hymn: Break Thou the Bread of Life - John 17:17
- Hymn of the Day: You Belong to Christ - John 17:9-10
- Sending Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds - John 17:11

The composer of the hymn of the day, Robert A. Hobby, will be with us on Sunday, February 15. At 9:30 a.m. that day he will present an "Explore Hymn Writing" session and at 4 p.m. he will lead our ensembles, as well as brass and percussion, in a hymn festival titled "From Generation to Generation: Hymns for Life's Journey." The offertory, "God Be In My Head," connects with the idea that as we engage with the world, we look to God to be in our eyes (looking) and head (understanding).

REFLECTIONS ON THE ANTHEM by Dr. Serendipity Z. Rinonos: This musical setting of St. Francis' prayer is particularly meaningful, corresponding to the sermon topic today. The piece begins reflectively, having emerged from a turbulent storm, now calm but still wounded and reluctant. The sun gradually rises as the notes ascend in the melody line. Hope gradually emerges, along with the courage to walk out into the world once again. Later, the steady cadence of the piano reflects the resolve to keep moving forward, but this time, following the Lord Himself, believing that God is truly with us. The crescendo reflects His presence building our courage, amidst intermittent dissonant chords (the world's attacks). Eventually, these all resolve in the beauty of triumphant harmonic progressions, culminating in dying to self and finding God's true healing in the process.

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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Break Thou the Bread of Life 460



1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un - to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea.
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee.

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord.
Then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall.

My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word!
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

The phrase "bread of life" as a metaphor for scripture has misled many people into thinking of this hymn as being connected with the Lord's Supper, when its true subject is Bible study. Both the author and the composer were active in the work of the Chautauqua Assembly.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 97 (NRSV)

¹ The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! ² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. ³ Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side. ⁴ His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. ⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.

⁷ All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him. ⁸ Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O God. ⁹ For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰ The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked. ¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. ¹² Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

You Belong to Christ

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The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts. The lyrics are: 'You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap-tized. al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.' The score includes a final double bar line at the end of the third line.

In the rite of baptism provided in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* this text appears as one of the optional congregational responses after each person is baptized. It represents an adaptation of recurring scriptural images and closely resembles the language of Galatians 3:27 and 29.

TEXT: *Holy Baptism and Related Rites*, *Renewing Worship*, vol. 3, 2002
MUSIC: Robert A. Hobby, 2003
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YOU BELONG TO CHRIST
Irregular

GOSPEL READING

John 17:9-19 (NRSV)

⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

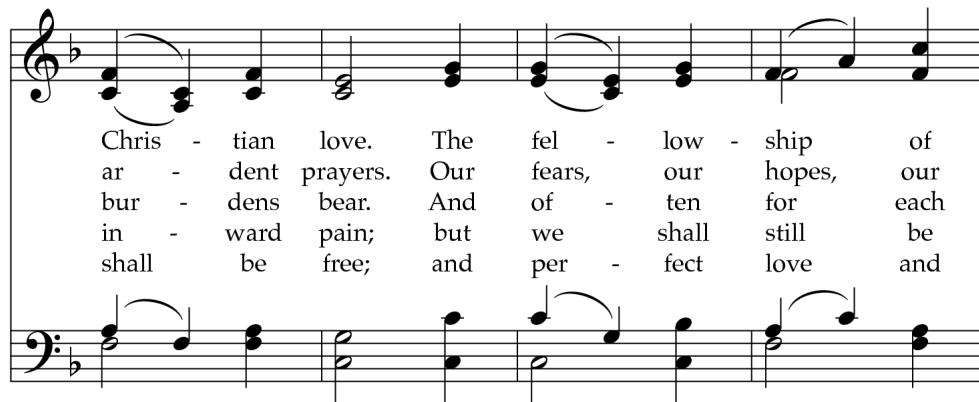
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Thanks be to God.

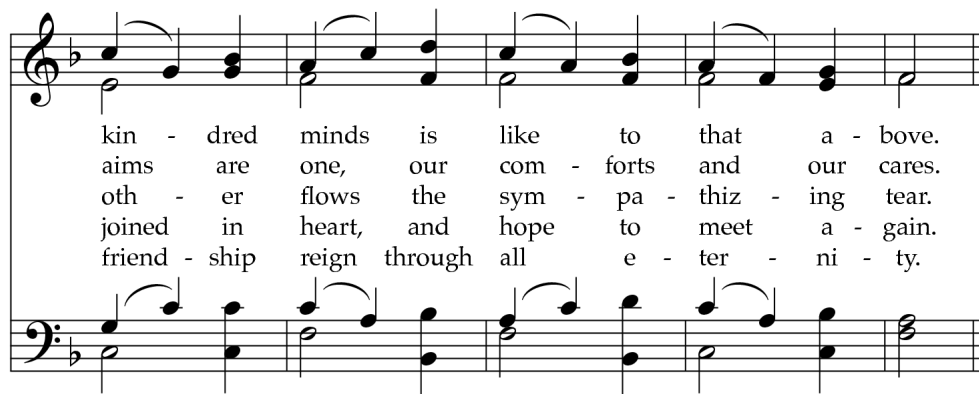
Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and



kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.



Attention guitar players - current and aspiring!

Ross Teigen is offering a 5-week course in beginning guitar for all interested, regardless of age. This course starts today, Sunday, January 25 following the 11 a.m. worship. Bring your own guitar, or let us know and we can likely supply a guitar. For more information, contact Ross (teigenguitars@gmail.com) or Mitch Rorick.



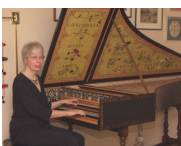
Cooks Needed Sundays

College Café opens its doors each Sunday during the school year to provide a lunch to our college students following 11 a.m. worship. We are looking for individuals or teams to provide meals for College Café. If you are interested, please contact Jonathon Haney through the church office at (352) 378-1527.



Year-End Contribution Statements

Contribution statements will be sent upon request. Please email or call Trudy Bonerba and specify if you prefer to receive your statement by email or regular mail.



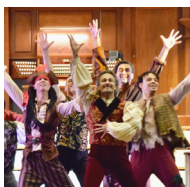
1stpc Music Lunch Series

Join us Tuesdays in February at 12:15 p.m. for 25-minute concerts with guest musicians followed by lunch. Bring your own lunch or purchase one for \$5. Tuesday, February 3 features Ruth Lewis, who will perform a recital of harpsichord music both old and new. In addition to works you might expect to hear from Baroque composers Bach, Handel, Scarlatti, and Couperin, she will also introduce you to some delightful 20th-century pieces, including a tango featuring guest dancers!



Calling All Cooks

Youth Ministry and College Trajectory are looking for a few good cooks to make a crockpot of soup for Sunday, February 8. We will be hosting the Souper Bowl of Caring to raise funds for Gainesville Community Ministry after 11 a.m. worship. Our students hope to serve over 20 types of soup and in return collect many donations. Sign-up by contacting Jonathon Haney through the church office at (352) 378-1527 by Wednesday, February 4.



Thanks for Being So Fin-tastic!

Thank you to all who attended our recent immersive concert. The offering of \$1,950 will benefit St. Francis House in their work to end homelessness and hunger in our community. 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 - St Francis." Also thank you to the team of people who helped make this complex concert a possibility!



Journey with Christ toward Lent

We invite everyone – young and old – to help build a paper chain symbolizing our shared faith journey. Art supplies will be available in Gordon Hall and the chapel. Create a paper strip with a symbol of creation, birth, or beginnings, and add a favorite Bible verse or hymn. Each week, the strips will be collected, and the children at LOGOS will turn them into loops. As the chain grows each week, we'll be mindful of our journey together toward Lent & Easter and watch the chain travel throughout the church.

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

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!

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, January 25, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover Class: Mark 12 - Elizabeth Bolton - Lib
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 2:21-40 - Dan Sutton - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Room 204
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 12:00 p.m. College Café - Serving Room
- 12:15 p.m. Guitar Class - Room 201

Monday, January 26, 2026

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Trajectory College Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

- 3:30 p.m. LOGOS
- 6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Time Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Bell Room 215
- 7:15 p.m. Session - Room 201

Thursday, January 29, 2026

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

Friday, January 30, 2026

Saturday, January 31, 2026

Sunday, February 1, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover Class: Mark 13 - Perry Foote - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Carol Ringers
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 2:41-52 - Jenny C. - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Choral Scholars - Choir Room
- 10:30 a.m. Senior Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Room 204
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