

Service for the Lord's Day • January 21, 2024

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

GATHERING

Loving God, no matter what I am facing today, mourning or gladness, buying or selling, help me to focus on you throughout it all. Then bring me home safely to you. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION (11 A.M.)

Youth Sunday

A. Crouch

PRELUDE

My Tribute: To God Be the Glory

Violin arr. S. Z. Rinonos

Dr. Serendipity Zapanta Rinonos, violin; Tiffany Fung, piano

How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me? Things so undeserved, yet You gave to prove your love for me. The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude. All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee. To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things He has done! With His blood He has saved me, with His power He has raised me. To God be the glory for the things He has done. Just let me live my life, let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee. And should I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary. With His blood He has saved me, with His power He has raised me. To God be the glory for the things He has done!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Our Lord says, "Return to me, and I will return to you."

We ask our God, "How shall we return?"

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, and see if I don't come through.

All nations will count us blessed, for they see how our God cares for us.

* Hymn 711 Lord of All Good TOULON

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. 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 OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:19-21 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee. Take my silver and my gold. Not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Lilly Byrum

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

* Hymn 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:6-12 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon God Calls Us Back

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 ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

H. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole. O, come, Spirit, come, let inward love guide ev'ry deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

* 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 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

* BENEDICTION

* **P**OSTLUDE First Movement from Piano Sonata in E Flat Major, HOB: XVI/52 F. J. Haydn

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Lilly Byrum, Mark Hults, Carol Israel, Fred Lundy

ELDER ON DUTY: Coleen O'Brien

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Tiffany Fung

CHANCEL CHOIR

CHAPEL USHER: Dan Sutton; SANCTUARY USHERS: Roger Bachmann, Cameron Currie, Maralyn Foote

VIDEO TEAM: Norah Barat, Oliver Dowling, John Rayl; Sound: Frank Counts

The Flowers in Worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard J. Anderson by Eileen, Caraline, and Jacob Stephens.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor of all January birthdays by Elizabeth Jenkins.

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.

Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen. (If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please let the pastor or elders on duty know.)

Leadership

Rev. Mark Hults Pastor			Dink Henderson Treasurer		
Session			Diaconate		
Class of 2024 Alison Barat Ashley Lentz-Black Jennifer Clark Maralyn Foote	Class of 2025 Fleetwood Fleming Carol Israel Joe Mueller Elisa Neale-Tobener	Class of 2026 Pam Bailey Troy Bleeker Andy Greer Margaret Lingg	Class of 2024 Buzz Boyd Mimi Carr Kristin Pickens Mary Lou Schubert	Class of 2025 Holli Best Dell Bowman Megan Greer Fred Lewis	Class of 2026 Mark Coffey Mimi Gray Dean Schoenfeld Jane Smith
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FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 1/14		179				
Weekly Budget Requirement		\$35,061				
Received Week of 1/14/24		\$8,568				
Weekly Offering	\$5,655					
Designated Offerings	\$2,913					
Other Revenue						
Preschool						
YTD Budget Requirements		\$1,016,757				
YTD Received		\$971,149				
YTD Expenses		\$891,011				



A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words "gifts" and "give" in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn's final line. The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

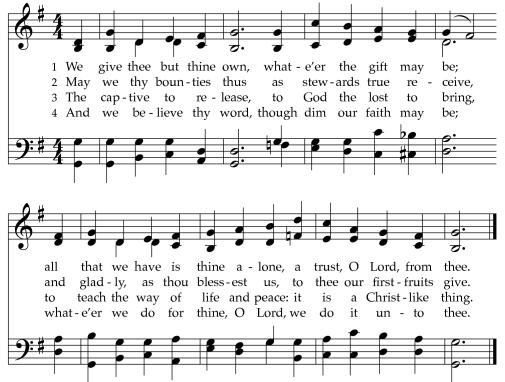
TEXT: Albert F. Bayly, 1962, alt. MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551; adapt. from GENEVAN 124 Text © 1962 Oxford University Press TOULON 10.10.10.10 ¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.







Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name, no source has been found in Schumann's works.

TEXT: William Walsham How, c. 1858 MUSIC: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850 SCHUMANN

⁶For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. ⁷Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, "How shall we return?" ⁸Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, "How are we robbing you?" In your tithes and offerings! ⁹You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! ¹⁰Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. ¹¹I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. ¹²Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923 Text and Music © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

GLORIFY GOD

Start the new year with service: On Saturday, January 27 from 9 to noon, help is needed to clean and organize the church kitchen. Contact Carol Israel with questions at ceisrael@cox.net.

January is a Great Time to Join a Choir or Handbell group at First Presbyterian Church! Contact Mitch Rorick with questions or to find the right group for you.

Concert for a Cause: The Florida State University Singers present a concert, under the direction of Kevin Fenton, today, January 21 at 4 p.m. Celebrating their 75th year, the University Singers will feature the music of Sydney Guillaume, Luca Marenzio, B.E. Boykin, and Daniel Schreiner in a concert titled, "Coming Home." They will be joined by the Gainesville High School Chamber Choir. The free-will offering supports Filter of Hope.

Join us for Youth Sunday next week, January 28, for either of our two worship services, which are planned and lead by the youth of our congregation.

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. More information to come.

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 with questions or to sign up. Families, please find the sign-in cart upstairs in the Christian Education building by room 204. **The nursery is seeking the donation of a pack 'n play for the nursery as well as the following items for a Nursing room: glider, white noise machine, bassinet, and changing table.

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.

Time for Young Disciples: All children are invited to the front steps for a special lesson during 11 a.m. worship. Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God and all others will return to sit with their families.

Kids-4-God: Children (K-2) will gather in Room 217 after the Time for Young Disciples to engage with their faith through the end of the service. Families will reunite with their children in Gordon Hall following the worship service. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Evelyn Lewis at <u>citytr122@gmail.com</u>.

LOGOS: (Ages 3 through high school) Gather this Wednesday, January 24 from 3:30-6:45 p.m. for Noah's Ark Night at LOGOS, which includes worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and fellowship for children and youth with \$5 family time dinner at 6 p.m. Our service project this month is collecting donations for Filter of Hope. Email Bev Vloedman, <u>dvloedman@aol.com</u>, with questions or to RSVP for dinner.

College Café: All college students are invited to join us in the Serving Room for lunch immediately following 11 a.m. worship. Thank you to John & Nancy Carswell for providing today's lunch! If you are interested in serving a meal to the students, please contact Scott Stuart.

The Young Adult Ministry is for post-college through empty-nesters. Join us Friday, February 9 for an evening of dinner, encouragement, and equipping for parents and caregivers with special guest Alicia Pfahler, LMHC. To RSVP, contact Fred Lundy.

Multiply Sunday Class: We will be kicking off the spring semester today, Sunday, January 21. Meet upstairs in room 201 on the second floor of the Education Wing at 9:30 a.m. We will start the semester in Hebrews 10 and finish our study of the book.

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 <u>palbertfoote@gmail.com</u> with questions.

January 21 1 Corinthians 10 Don McGarity 1 Corinthians 11 January 28 Bob Bailey

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast, Melda Bassett, Jayne Fox, Carol Hayes-Christiansen, Kay Koons, 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.

Ushers Needed for February: Ushers greet parishioners, distribute bulletins, and help people to a seat. They also take up a collection at the offering time. Please contact Laura Montgomery in the office by phone or email to fill this need at the 11 a.m. worship service.

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Year-End Contribution Statements will be sent upon request after January 15. Please contact Trudy Bonerba at <u>business@1stpc.org</u> or through the church office and specify if you prefer email or regular mail.

Calling All Cooks! Youth Connection is once again hosting the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 11 at noon. As a church, we raise funds for Gainesville Community Ministry, who feeds the hungry. We hope to serve over twenty types of soup and in return collect many donations. If you are interested in making a crock pot of soup, please email Fred Lundy or call (352) 378-1527, by Sunday, February 4.

Tune in to Cox Channel 11 now from 9-10 a.m. for our televised broadcast cc

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