First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville

Service for the Lord's Day • November 8, 2026

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

GATHERING

Creator of all, I awake to the day you have made with praise on my lips, for your Spirit gives me breath. May I live this day for the sake of Jesus, the light of the world, the apple of my eye, my beginning and end. In His name. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE Prelude to Sunrise — S. Eithun

Joyful Ringers; Andrew Netardus, conductor

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

People of God, speak:

the Lord has done marvelous things.

Teach your children all that God has done

so that they may live in hope.

* **HYMN 263** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! — CORONATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. 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 — Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord. — OT pg. 162

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) God Is So Good — Traditional

Alleluia Choir; Alek Concepción Rivera, conductor

God is so good, He's so good to me!

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*All that are able please stand. *Please take a moment to silence all electronic devices for worship. Thank you.*

Additional service information is included under **TODAY IN WORSHIP** *to enhance your worship experience.*

Time for Young Disciples (11 a.m.) Sarah Whitfield

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

* **Hymn 20** All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL OAK

Gospel Reading Mark 2:23-28 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord. NT pg. 36

Thanks be to God.

Sermon How Jesus Dealt with Religious Deconstruction: "Faith Practices Serving Humanity" 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 Thy Perfect Love J. Rutter

Chancel Choir

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast that I Thee love and never rest; and make me love Thee of all things best, and wounde my heart in Thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with Thee.

* **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 14** For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude** Lord of the Dance J. W. Krug

Jubilate Ringers; Andrew Netardus, conductor

Today in Worship

Worship Leaders: Jonathon Haney, Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Sarah Whitfield

Director of Music & Organist: Mitch Rorick

Collaborative Pianist: Shiyi Zhu

8:30 Usher: Margaret Lingg; **Sanctuary Ushers:** Roger Bachmann, Paul Bennett, Matthew Morse, Mary Lou Schubert

A/V Team: Owen Best, Dania Moreno, John Rayl, Elijah West

The Flowers in Worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cher McBride and Marjorie Pedrick by Kent McBride.

Today is the third week in our sermon series on How Jesus Dealt with Religious Deconstruction. The focus is "Faith Practices Serving Humanity" and the primary scripture is Mark 2:23-28. One of the phrases that stood out when Mark Hults discussed themes for this week was *God is Lord of All*. Each stanza of the opening hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!," repeats the phrase "Lord of all." The hymn of the day, "All Things Bright and Beautiful," includes this theme in the refrain with the words "the Lord God made them all," and the sending hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth," includes "Lord of all" at the beginning of the refrain. Our offertory, "Thy Perfect Love," and postlude, "Lord of the Dance," connect with Mark 2. We are grateful to our Joyful Ringers (6th-12th grade ensemble), Alleluia Choir (age 3-VPK), Chancel Choir (adult choir), and Jubilate Ringers (Wednesday adult ensemble) for leading us in worship this morning.

Action for this Week: How can God be "Lord of All" in your life?

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: 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.

Leadership

Rev. Mark Hults
Pastor

Coleen O'Brien
Clerk of Session

Dick Rauber
Treasurer

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263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant



This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2–3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787 CORONATION
MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979 8.6.8.6.8.6
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Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (NRSV)

12 Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. 13 Six days
you shall labor and do all your work. 14 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you
shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your
ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male
and female slave may rest as well as you. 15 Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt,
and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm;
therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Mark 2:23-28 (NRSV)

23 One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples
began to pluck heads of grain. 24 The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is
not lawful on the sabbath?" 25 And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when
he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? 26 He entered the house of God, when
Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the
priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." 27 Then he said to them, "The sabbath was
made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; 28 so the Son of Man is lord even of the
sabbath."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain



One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.
MUSIC: English melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915; harm. *The Hymnbook,* 1955
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ROYAL OAK
7.6.7.6 with refrain

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For the Beauty of the Earth 14



In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

TEXT: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt. DIX
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906 7.7.7.7.7.7

Ministry Highlights

Visit our website for more about our church and ministries.

Concert for a Cause - Today!

The Gainesville Community Band, directed by Gary Langford, will present a Veterans Day Concert for a Cause in the sanctuary this afternoon, November 8 at 4 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken to support Gainesville Community Ministry, which provides help and hope to those in crisis. Stay for a spaghetti dinner in Gordon Hall. Dinner is $5; no charge for veterans.

Senior Saints

At 12:30 p.m. on Friday, November 13, we will gather in Gordon Hall for lunch provided by Sweet Berries. The program will be our own Liana Teigen Moreno. A professional beekeeper, Liana will give us insight into the life of bees. Lunch is $10. RSVP to 1stpcseniorsaints@gmail.com.



Your Marriage Is Worth It

The race of life can be hard, but staying connected helps us keep going. Join Fred & Lisa Lundy for an evening of encouragement and equipping for your marriage. Dinner will be provided. Laughter will be at our expense! Friday, November 13, 6:30-9 p.m. in Gordon Hall. $40 per couple. RSVP by November 9 by emailing Fred at youngadult@1stpc.org.

Downtown Art Festival Parking - $10

Plan to park in the church lot on Saturday, November 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Sunday, November 15 beginning at 1 p.m. for the Downtown Arts Festival. Contact Mitch Rorick or Andrew Netardus with questions or to help with this Montreat fundraiser.



Christmas Trees Needed

The music ministry is requesting fake Christmas trees of a variety of sizes - small, medium, and large - to use this December for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Trees may be donated or lent to the church, but we ask that you transport them here. Contact Mitch Rorick with questions.



Buy Your Own Church Yard Sign to spread the word about the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve Worship. Sign options are displayed in Gordon Hall or visit www.1stpcmusic.org/signs. A $25 one-time purchase pays for the printing costs. Choose from one of the two designs: "Organ" or "Choir" (the back is the same for each design). Signs must be paid for before the order is placed. Place a check in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or use Pushpay. Please mark your design choice in the memo line. **NEW ORDERS will have the correct date. If you made a PREVIOUS ORDER, contact Jenny Chamberlain at communications@1stpc.org to receive your "6" sticker so you can change the date and use the sign again this year.



Cello & Piano Concert

An afternoon of music by Dvořák and Beethoven featuring cellist Timothy Mutschlecner and pianist Tane' De Krey on Sunday, November 15 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Children's worship guides are available at all entrances.
Pick-up a calendar page at any entrance or click the calendar link in the weekly email for all this week's ministry events. Not receiving the weekly invite? Email communications@1stpc.org to be added to the email list.

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 from 9-10 a.m. for our televised broadcast CC
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 & a free lunch and Tuesday Bible study & a free dinner at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend!*

Director of College Ministry
JONATHON 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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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 8, 2026
- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Jubilate Ringers - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Matthew 5:1-12 - Elizabeth B - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Genesis 18 - Rm 201
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Alleluia Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Joyful Ringers - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Kids-4-God
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time & College Café
- 4:00 p.m. Gainesville Community Band Concert for a Cause and Spaghetti Dinner - Sanctuary and Gordon Hall

Monday, November 9, 2026
- 10:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study - Ruth - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Property Committee - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Circle 5 Presbyterian Women (PW) Bible Study
  Questions? Contact Bev Vloedman - dvloedman@aol.com
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Trinity Ringers - Room 215
- 6:30 p.m. Trajectory College Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, November 11, 2026 **Veterans Day - Preschool Closed, No LOGOS**
- 12:00 p.m. Executive Commission - Zoom

Thursday, November 12, 2026
- 6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers - Sanctuary
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Friday, November 13, 2026
- 9:00 a.m. Sweetie Pie Production
- 6:30 p.m. YA&FM Marriage Night - Gordon Hall

Saturday, November 14, 2026
- 9:00 a.m. Sweetie Pie Production
- 10:00 a.m. Downtown Art Festival Parking - $10

Sunday, November 15, 2026
- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Matthew 5:13-26 - Perry Foote - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Genesis 19 - Rm 201
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Kids-4-God
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time & College Café
- 1:00 p.m. Downtown Art Festival Parking - $10
- 4:00 p.m. Cello & Piano Concert, Tim Mutschlechner - Sanctuary