

GATHERING

Thank you, God, for this new day. May I grow in faith and increase in love, that I may be worthy of the call you have placed on my life. Let my words and my deeds glorify the name of Jesus Christ, that others may know of your grace and abide in your love. In His name, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION (11 A.M.)

Janet Heffner

PRELUDE

O Christ, Be My Light

T. Keesecker

Senior Choir and Choral Scholars

O Christ, be my light, illumine and guide me. Christ be my shield, protect me from harm! Christ be over me and Christ be under me. Christ beside me this day, Christ before me always.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Rejoice and give thanks,
for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.
Hallelujah!

* HYMN 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the covenant, who calls all people to reconciliation, you have made us members of the very body of Christ; yet we persist in wounding that body with our divisions, our suspicions, and our neglect. Forgive us, and teach us to nurture unity and peace. For the sake of Jesus Christ and the world he came to save; 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 149 (NRSV)

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ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Kum ba Yah

African American Spiritual

Cherub, Junior, and Senior Choirs; Dr. Bob Tucker, pianist

*Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah! O Lord, Kum ba yah. Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah! Someone's singing,
Lord, Kum ba yah! Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah! O Lord, Kum ba yah.*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Fred Lundy

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:20–31 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

In the Reign of God, Love Prevails

Rev. Mark Hults

CELEBRATION OF THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

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 SOLO

Give Us the Wings of Faith

E. Bullock

Choral Scholars

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be. We ask them whence their victory came; they, with one united breath, ascribe the conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death. They mark'd the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspir'd their breast; and, following their incarnate God, they reach'd the promis'd rest.

*** 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 375**

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

For All the Saints

T. Waugh

Carol Ringers

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy

ELDER ON DUTY: Rose Anna Rutledge

ACOLYTE: Bella de Fretes

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Anait Piloyan

8:30 A.M. USHER: Margaret & Howard Lingg; **11 A.M. USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Paul Bennett, Matthew Morse, Carol Turner

A/V TEAM: Owen Best, Frank Counts, Dania Moreno, Elijah West

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to the family and friends of Ruthie Graybill, who joined the Church Triumphant on August 1, 2025. A Celebration of Life will be held in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 8 at 1 p.m.

TODAY'S WORSHIP is an opportunity to rejoice with saints from every generation, as well as to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year. As we celebrate All Saints' Day, our opening hymn and postlude, "For All the Saints," and sending hymn, "Shall We Gather at the River," speak to this theme. Our prelude, "O Christ, Be My Light," speaks to Jesus as the light and guide. The offertory, "Give Us the Wings of Faith," shows that victory for the saints above comes from God. "Kum ba Yah," our anthem, is a reference to our Scriptural reading, Luke 6:21.

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.

WE REMEMBER THESE SAINTS

Elizabeth McKenzie	October 23, 2024	Melvin (Muz) Dace	March 30, 2025
Chuck Olson	November 14, 2024	Christopher Pedrick	April 10, 2025
Joseph Gilkey	December 5, 2024	Linda Connell	June 20, 2025
John Bonerba	December 18, 2024	Shannon Ashley	July 22, 2025
Kathleen Horton	January 28, 2025	Ruthie Graybill	August 1, 2025
Edward (Ned) Peachey	February 2025	Genie Boothby	September 5, 2025
Karolyn Watson	February 24, 2025	Roberta Curry	September 21, 2025
Carol Hayes-Christiansen	March 19, 2025	Pam Bailey	October 7, 2025

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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 149 (NRSV)

- ¹ Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
² Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
³ Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.
⁵ Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.
⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,
⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
⁸ to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,
⁹ to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

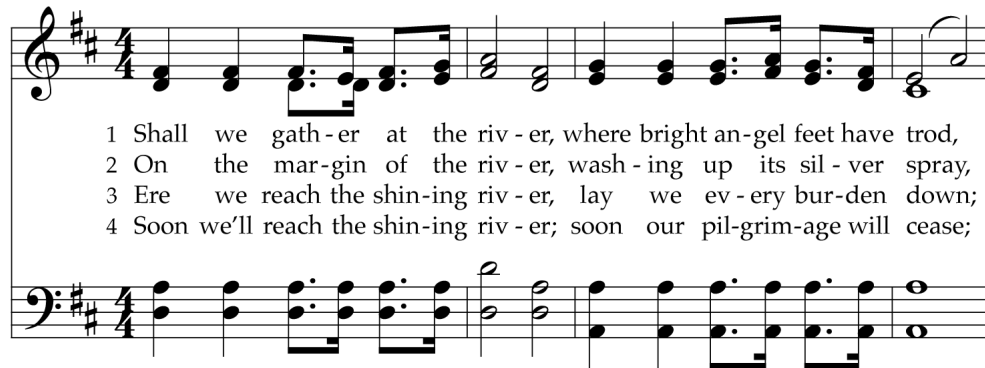
Luke 6:20-31 (NRSV)

- ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
²² "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.
²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.
²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.
²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.
³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

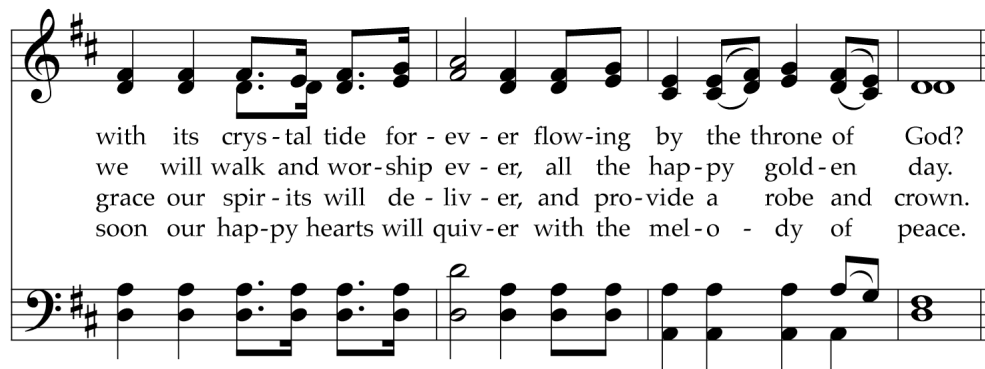
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

375 Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

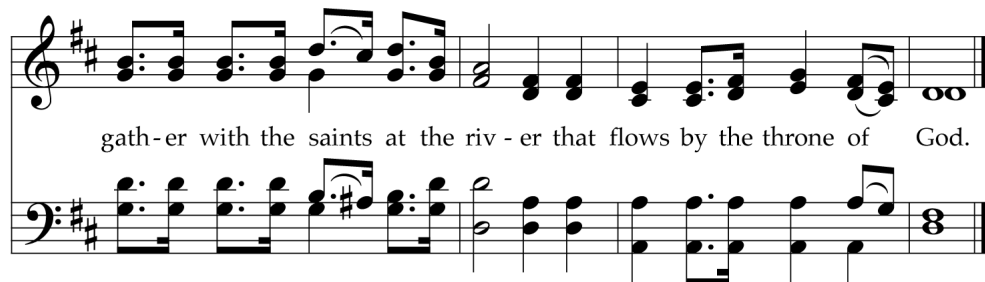


with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

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 the Narthex today, in print below, 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 "7" sticker so you can change the date and use the sign again this year.

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If you live in a neighborhood with an HOA, please check your neighborhood rules regarding signs.

1) "Organ"



2) "Choir"



Presbyterian Women (PW) invite you to a Thank Offering Lunch following worship on November 16, 2025. There is no charge for the lunch, but a Thank Offering will be received and Mrs. Denise Burry, Executive Director of Forward Paths of Leesburg, FL will tell how Forward Paths is using the \$50,000 grant they received from the PW Thank Offering to offer housing to youth who are aging out of foster care.



Please place a lunch reservation slip (below) in the offering plate or Email Betsy Berry at betsypwberry@gmail.com to make your reservation, so we will know how much lunch to provide!

PW Thank Offering Lunch, Sunday, November 16, 2025

Name: _____ How many adults? _____ kids? _____

Your contact information: _____

Please RSVP by the end of worship on November 9.



Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 2 after the 11 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to review the pastor's terms of call and receive the 2025-2026 Budget, and to discuss matters pertaining only to these items.

Concert for a Cause

The Gainesville Community Band, directed by R. Gary Langford, will present a Veterans Day Concert for a Cause in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 9 at 4 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken to support Filter of Hope, sharing clean water & the gospel with those in need. Stay for a spaghetti dinner in Gordon Hall. Dinner is \$5; no charge for veterans.

The congregational care committee is looking for help with the veterans' spaghetti dinner on November 9. We will need help at 4:00 p.m. before dinner to put salads, bread, and water on all the tables and cut and plate the pies. During dinner we will need servers. We'll need a clean up crew after dinner. If you're available, please email jgheffner@hotmail.com.



The Montreat Worship and Music Conference

Travel with us this summer to NC for Bible study, bells, choir, fellowship, and more at the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. The theme is *Who'll Be a Witness?* Sign up by November 10 to attend Montreat in June. Contact Mitch Rorick at music@1stpc.org to learn more about the conference or to register.

And don't forget about pies! Ordering is open, and pie making is every Friday and Saturday at 9 a.m.

Senior Saints

At 12:30 p.m. on Friday, November 14, we will gather in Gordon Hall for lunch (& dessert!) provided by Sweet Berries. The program will be our local author, Elizabeth McCulloch, speaking about her new novel, *The Year of the Child*. Come hear her share how she came to write this book! It's a story of how love, kindness, and determination can change lives.

RSVP to 1stpcseniorsaints@gmail.com.



Thanksgiving Baskets at GCM

Local Missions invites you to partner with Gainesville Community Ministry in providing Thanksgiving Baskets to their clients. Turkeys are already donated, but side dishes are needed to give families all the fixings for a special feast. Please bring your canned goods and non-perishables to Gordon Hall by Sunday, November 16.

Planning to Go to Montreat?

Earn fairshare hours by helping to work the parking lot on Saturday, November 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Sunday, November 16 beginning at 1 p.m. Collect donations and direct cars for the Downtown Arts Festival. Contact Mitch Rorick or Andrew Netardus.

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.

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 **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 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! **Contact** the church office with questions at (352) 378-1527.

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, November 2, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Mark 3 - Tim Schubert - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Class - Luke 1:26-38 - Fred Lundy - Room 201
- 9:30 a.m. Carol Ringers - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Choral Scholars - Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Cherub, Junior, & Senior Choirs - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Kids-for-God - Room 217
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room

Monday, November 3, 2025

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Circle 5 Presbyterian Women (PW) Bible Study
Questions? Contact Bev Vloedman - dvloedman@aol.com
- 5:30 p.m. Local Missions - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Trajectory Bible Study

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

- 1:30 p.m. Chocolate Lovers PW Bible Study - Parlor
Questions? Contact Betsy Berry - betsypwberry@gmail.com
- 3:45 p.m. LOGOS
- 6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Time - Camo Night
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Bell Room 215

Thursday, November 6, 2025

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

Friday, November 7, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. Sweetie Pie Production - Kitchen

Saturday, November 8, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. Sweetie Pie Production - Kitchen

Sunday, November 9, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Matthew 4 - Elizabeth Bolton - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School Class: Luke 1:39-56 - Rm 201
- 9:30 a.m. Jubilate Ringers & Joyful Ringers - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Alleluia Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Kids-for-God - Room 217
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Gainesville Community Band Concert for a Cause
- 5:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner - Gordon Hall