

GATHERING

God of heaven and earth, give me ears to hear your glory in its many forms. Give me eyes to see your glory in its many guises. Throughout this day, I, too, will proclaim your glory, your grace, and your love so that I may be a part of the chorus of praise that stretches to the ends of the earth. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE (11 A.M.)

For the Beauty of the Earth

B. Childers

Carol Ringers; Christine Alicot, flute; Andrew Bernard, Jacob Stephens, percussion

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The law of the Lord is perfect,

reviving the soul;

the decrees of the Lord are sure,

making wise the simple;

the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

They are more desirable than gold, and sweeter than honey.

In keeping them is great reward.

*** HYMN 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships, with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

KYRIE (HYMN 551)

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

John 2:13-22 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) **Bonse Aba** V. Johnson

Cherub Choir, Junior Choir, Senior Choir; April Basiletti, Wendy Gunther, conductors

Bonse aba! mu pokelela Ba lipela maka akuba bana Kuba bana bakwa lesa Muyayaya bakwa lesa

All who sing with [the] spirit have a right to be called the children of God.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.) Evelyn Lewis

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

* **HYMN 61** (8:30 A.M.) **Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect** CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 19 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON Third Sunday in Lent: The Law of the Lord Rev. Mark Hults

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11 A.M.) Norah Jane Barat

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 (11 A.M.) **Ave Verum** P. Stopford

Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine: Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:

Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.

O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae, miserere nobis. Amen.

Hail, true body of Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind.

From whose pierced side flowed water and blood; Be our consolation in death's ordeal.

O Jesu, sweet Jesu, O Jesu, holy Jesu, O Jesu, son of Mary, Have mercy upon us. 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 625** O Lord My God HOW GREAT THOU ART

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** Jubilate B. Austin

Joyful Ringers

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Evelyn Lewis, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart

ELDER ON DUTY: Sarah Whitfield

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHERUB CHOIR, JUNIOR CHOIR, SENIOR CHOIR, JOYFUL RINGERS, CAROL RINGERS

ORGANIST & CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

CHAPEL USHER: Howard & Margaret Lingg; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Pam Bailey, Matthew Morse, Carol Turner, Cyndie Williams

VIDEO TEAM: Kaylee Bleeker, Troy Bleeker, John Rayl; **SOUND:** Frank Counts

WELCOME NORAH BARAT into the family of God following her profession of faith and baptism at 11 a.m. worship this morning. Her parents, Shawn and Alison Barat, are celebrating with Norah this morning along with sister, Emerson, grandparents, Rev. James and Ann Beukelman, aunt Rev. Lindsey Beukelman, and uncle Brady Beukelman.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Courtney George, and Courtney Hyers and Theodore George upon the passing of mother and sister, Beverly George, who joined the Church Triumphant on February 23, 2024. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. in Iona Chapel on Monday, March 4, 2024.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Lynda (Cliff) Hopkins and family and Cheryl (Ross) Duhaim and family upon the passing of their mother, Melda Bassett, who joined the Church Triumphant on February 25, 2024. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary on Saturday, March 9, 2024.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to her family upon the passing of Kathleen (Kay) Koons, who joined the Church Triumphant on February 26, 2024. A private, family service is being planned for a later date.

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.

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FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 2/25	198
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$35,061
Received Week of 2/25/24	\$9,887
Weekly Offering	\$7,551
Designated Offerings	\$2,336
Other Revenue	--
Preschool	--
FPC Fiscal Year: July 2023-June 2024	
YTD Budget Requirements	\$1,227,120
YTD Received	\$1,216,703
YTD Expenses	\$1,061,997

EASTER LILIES

On Easter morning our sanctuary will be decorated with lilies. Flowers are available to purchase in honor or in memory of a family member or loved one. The lilies are \$15 each and can be ordered by filling out the form below to place in the offering plate or mail to the church office by Sunday, March 17. The flowers will be available to take home after the 11 a.m. Easter worship service.

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given By: _____



For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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.

GOSPEL READING

John 2:13-22 (NRSV)

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

61 Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect
(Psalm 19)

1 Your law, O Lord, is per - fect, the sim - ple mak - ing wise;
2 More to be sought than rich - es, your words are my soul's wealth;
3 My strength and my re - deem-er, law - giv - er and true light,

how pure are your com - mand - ments, en - light - en - ing my eyes!
their taste is sweet like hon - ey, im - part - ing life and health.
my words and med - i - ta - tions make wor - thy in your sight.

Celebrating God's law in this paraphrase of the second half of Psalm 19 may seem odd if "law" is thought of simply as a list of things not to do. But in Jewish understanding, the law is seen as a gift, because it provides the signposts that show how to live as the people of God.

TEXT: Keith Landis, 1987
MUSIC: Melchior Vulpius, 1609
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CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN
7.6.7.6

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 19 (NRSV)

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. ⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. ¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ADORATION

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O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



hear the *roll - ing thun - der, thy power through - out the
 loft - y moun - tain gran - deur and hear the brook and
 bur - den glad - ly bear - ing, he bled and died to
 hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My

Refrain

u - ni - verse dis - played:
 feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
 take a - way my sin: God, how great thou art!"

thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

TEXT: Stuart K. Hine, 1953; Spanish trans. Arturo W. Hotton Rives, alt.; Korean trans. anon. HOW GREAT THOU ART
 MUSIC: Swedish folk melody; adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1949 11.10.11.10 with refrain
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GLORIFY GOD

Thank you to all those who attended the February Lunch concert series and to the musicians who shared their gifts with us. Our appreciation also goes to Elizabeth Bolton, Frank & Kathy Counts, and Carol Israel for making it all possible.

Organ Recital by James O'Donnell on Sunday, March 3 at 4 p.m. Mr. O'Donnell is Professor in the Practice of Organ at Yale School of Music and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. The program will include Toccata and fugue in D minor, Bach; Choral I in E major, Franck, and Scherzetto from Organ Sonata in C minor, Whitlock. At 6 p.m., he will give a 30-minute talk about music at Westminster Abbey.

Daylight Saving Time: Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed this Saturday.

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.

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.

Kids-4-God: Children (K through 2nd) 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 citytr122@gmail.com.

LOGOS: (Ages 3 through high school) Gather this Wednesday, March 6 at 3:30 p.m. for LOGOS, which includes worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and fellowship for children and youth with 6 p.m. family time dinner. Email Bev Vloedman to RSVP for dinner at dvloedman@aol.com.

Youth Summer Camps 2024: Reserve your spot for camp today! A \$100 deposit is due by Wednesday, March 20. Questions? Contact Fred Lundy.

The Great Escape (entering 6th-9th) July 16-21 at Southwind in Ocklawaha, FL. Total Cost: \$475

Fun in the Sun (entering 9th- graduates) June 23-28 in St. Simons Island, GA. Total Cost: \$525

Youth Connection (6th-12th Grade) is meeting today, following 11 a.m. worship. Lunch will be provided and we will continue our Sticky Faith study. Pick up is at 2:30 p.m. at the Mary Gate on the north side of campus on SW 1st Ave. Questions? Contact Fred Lundy.

College Café: All college students are invited to join us in the Serving Room for lunch following 11 a.m. worship. Thank you to Kristin Pickens for providing today's meal! If you are interested in serving a meal to the

college students, please contact Scott Stuart.

Multiply Sunday Class: Meet upstairs in room 201 on the second floor of the Education Wing at 9:30 a.m. as we continue our study of Lent.

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 palbertfoote@gmail.com with questions.

March 3	1 Corinthians 16	Ross Teigan
March 10	2 Corinthians Intro and Ch 1	Perry Foote


Easter in the Everyday: We are recommending this Lent devotional from Christianity Today. There are readings from Ash Wednesday through Pentecost on humility, hope, and love. Digital copies can be purchased at the Christianity Today store: ctmagazine.myshopify.com and print copies can be purchased on Amazon.

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

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

College Scholarship Application forms for the 2024-2025 academic year are available in the church office or by email at business@1stpc.org. Submit the application, transcripts, and two letters of recommendation by Friday, March 15.

Hosts Needed: Our Fisk organ will undergo a 20-year maintenance for one month beginning in May or June. Two Fisk craftsmen will thoroughly clean the organ, tune all 2,930 pipes, replace pneumatics, and adjust and calibrate the mechanical key and stop action. Fortunately, the cost of maintenance over the past 22 years has been and will continue to be underwritten by the Fisk Organ Opus 119 maintenance endowment which was established when the organ was built. The endowment continues to receive gifts to the Friends of Fisk. First Presbyterian will save between \$8-9K if housing and transportation can be provided. The housing must have a bathroom for each person, have privacy, and have no pets. The car must be fully functional, have working A/C, and be in good running condition. If you are able to assist with housing or providing a vehicle or if you have any questions, please speak with Mitch Rorick.

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