

GATHERING

Spirit of God, source of life, refresh my spirit, reshape my desire, and re-create my heart, that I may show forth your enduring glory; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee J.S. Bach

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11 A.M.) Lucille Grace Rutan

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

* **HYMN 320** The Church of Christ in Every Age WAREHAM

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. 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

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) The Day of Pentecost J. Horman

Matthew Prakash, singer; The Conerly Family, instrumentalists

When Jesus' friends spoke all at once in many different tongues, the people heard and understood the meaning of each one. "How could this be?" they wondered. "What happened here today?" Then Peter spoke of Jesus Christ, and told them of his way.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Fred Lundy

(Afterward, children will return to sit with their families.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:9b-12 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rupture & Repair: Reconciliation with Our 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Spirit, Come Down

M. Patterson

Matthew Prakash, singer; Melissa Milford, violin

Spirit, come down, come and dwell here among us. Spirit, come down, fill our hearts now with faith. Spirit, come down; let God's power surround us. Come, light our hearts with your flame. Spirit, send us courage to be your church today. Help us to show the love of Christ, serving others in your name. Breathe in us, speak to us, stir our hearts, O Lord, we pray. Come, light our hearts with your flame. Spirit, come down, come, light our hearts with your flame. Spirit, come down.

* 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.*

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Gluten-Free Bread)

PRAYER

SENDING

* HYMN 175	Seek Ye First	LAFFERTY
* BENEDICTION		
* POSTLUDE	Come, God Creator, Holy Spirit	J.S. Bach

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jonathon Haney, Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Elisa Neale-Tobener

ELDER ON DUTY: Elisa Neale-Tobener

ACOLYTE: Grace Berger

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

SANCTUARY USHERS: Roger Bachmann, Jeanne Thomas, Maralyn Foote, Perry Foote, Mary Lou Schubert, Carol Turner

A/V TEAM: Owen Best, Dania Moreno, Elijah West, John Rayl, Geoff Spiegel

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Carter R. Gilbert from the Gilbert family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JEREMY AND AMELIA RUTAN on the baptism of their daughter, Lucille Grace Rutan, in worship today. Grandparents are Mike & Christy Forte, Diane White Lindley, and Robert & Debbie Rutan.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Carol Wiltbank upon the passing of her husband, William "Lee" Wiltbank, who joined the Church Triumphant on May 17, 2026.

TODAY IS THE SECOND SUNDAY IN THE "RUPTURE & REPAIR" SERMON SERIES. The Scriptural focus is Isaiah 58:9b-12, particularly verse 12. The prelude, "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee," is an arrangement by J.S. Bach of hymn #816 in our *Glory to God* hymnal. The hymn text connects with Isaiah 58:11 from our Scriptural reading. Our gathering hymn, "The Church of Christ in Every Age," relates to Isaiah 58:6-12. Words like "Obedience" and "Service" were suggested for the Isaiah passage and Sermon. We see "Service" highlighted in stanza 3 and 5 of this hymn and "Obedience" in stanza 5. Stanza 1 of our sending hymn, "Seek Ye First," helps convey Isaiah 58:6-12.

On this day, we also observe Pentecost. Celebrated 50 days after Easter, Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, empowering them to share the Gospel around the world. We celebrate Pentecost today through the singing of the anthem and offertory, the taking of the bread and wine at communion, and the postlude. The postlude, "Come, God Creator, Holy Spirit," is an arrangement by J.S. Bach of the plainsong hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus." Pedal notes on the third eighth note of every beat seem to refer to the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Holy Spirit. We are grateful to Matthew Prakash for singing the anthem and offertory today. Matt graduated this spring from the University of Florida with a dual bachelor's degree in finance and music. He has sung with the Chancel Choir for the past three years. This fall, he will attend Wake Forest University School of Law to pursue his J.D.

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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1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSV)

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:9b-12 (NRSV)

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/2 time signature. It contains four measures of whole notes with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia,'. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment with a treble clef, containing four measures of chords and eighth notes. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment with a bass clef, containing four measures of chords and eighth notes.

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
seek, and you shall find;
but by ev - ery word

The second system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/2 time signature. It contains four measures of whole notes with lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia,'. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment with a treble clef, containing four measures of chords and eighth notes. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment with a bass clef, containing four measures of chords and eighth notes.

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2-3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.;

Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee

MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971

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 Irregular



Dedication Sunday

After praying and listening to God, please return your pledges for the 2026-27 fiscal year by placing them in the offering plate this morning. If it is more convenient for you, please let us know by mail (106 SW 3rd St., Gainesville, FL 32601) or by emailing your pledge to our Business Manager, Trudy Bonerba (business@1stpc.org). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Mark (pastor@1stpc.org) or Trudy by email or phone (352) 378-1527. We hope you experience this as an act of worshiping God.



VPK Graduation

VPK graduation took place on May 21 in the sanctuary. We hosted a BBQ luncheon after the program for all the families to fellowship together. First Presbyterian Preschool celebrates the students graduating from our VPK program for the 2025-2026 school year. We are thankful for the dedication and loving support from our teachers, Mrs. Allison Leming and Miss Azlynn Bostic, and our director, Lisa Hershkowitz, for another successful year! The Class of 2026: Isla Carberry, Paige Carlisle, Habiba Coffey, Fleetwood Fleming, Bobby Floyd, Wyatt Gamble, Valentina Garcia-Mercogliano, Presley Gauthier, Olivia Hill, Graham Lee, Rowan MacPherson, Emerson McCullough, Kyla McIntosh, Clara Mears, Coleman Miller, Beau Moore, Liz Nascimento, Vera Srihari, and Thor Stonecipher.



Doctor Koinonia

First Presbyterian's support group ministry for young physician faculty will have its next meeting on Thursday, May 28, at 5:30-6:30 p.m. This particular meeting will be peer-led and open to all young attending physicians. Theme for this month: "Doctors praying for doctors," a time of open discussion of "young attending life," and sharing personal insights from God's Word for our journeys thus far, to become energized and strengthened. For more information, please contact Serendipity at DoctorKoinonia@gmail.com.

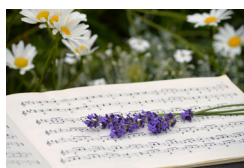


Balcony Notice

Please note this important update regarding seating in the balcony: avoid wearing scented products such as perfume, cologne, or scented lotions, and refrain from using cough drops, gum, or candy. This helps us to maintain a comfortable and safe environment for those with health conditions. Thank you for your cooperation!

Summer Choir

Summer Choir continues next week, May 31, and all the Sundays in June. Guest conductors are Rebecca Ruescher, Megan Sheridan, Russell Robinson, Mark Coffey, and Jason Longtin. Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Join us! It is not necessary for members of the Summer Choir to attend every summer Sunday. For more information, please contact Mitch Rorick at music@1stpc.org.



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 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.

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



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Pentecost & Dedication Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Romans 10 - James Knight - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 7:1-17 - Room 201
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall

Monday, May 25, 2026

Memorial Day

Church Office and Preschool Closed

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Trajectory Summer Book Study
- 7:00 p.m. Human Resource Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Thursday, May 28, 2026

Friday, May 29, 2026

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Romans 11 - Perry Foote - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 7:18-35 - Room 201
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall

Stewardship Focus

"Give and it will be given to you."

In Luke 6:38, Jesus offers a great principle of abundance, promising that a generous spirit invites a generous return. This isn't merely about money, but a lifestyle of grace, love, and mercy. When we offer forgiveness, kindness, and love, God multiplies these gifts, returning them in a measure overflowing, pressed down, and shaken together. Our hands are meant to convey and not contain! By loosening our grip on what we possess, we trust God to supply our needs. Let us each one live with open hands and a generous heart, confident that the measure we use will be the measure we receive.

Faithfully,

Your Stewardship Committee



2026-2027

PLEDGE UPDATE

AS OF 5/20/2026

It is our hope that everyone in our congregation will pledge this year.



\$311,860
in pledged funds



40
pledges



\$700,000
pledge goal

Thank you! Every gift makes a difference.