First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville

Christ the King Sunday • November 22, 2026

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

GATHERING

God of all creation, I greet your new day with thanksgiving and praise. Do not let me neglect the needs of those I meet today, and keep me faithful to your ways, for I want to live for you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE Trumpet Tune in D Major D. N. Johnson

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

For the Lord is a great God;

a great ruler over heaven and earth!

* **HYMN 12** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. 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 32:1-4 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord. OT pg. 187

Thanks be to God.

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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.*

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) A Simple Thanksgiving — J. Martin

Chancel Choir

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free, 'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be and when we find ourselves in the place just right, we'll be in the valley of love and light. When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed. To turn, turn will be our delight, 'til by turning, turning we come 'round right. This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears, all nature sings and 'round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world. He shines in all that's fair. In rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev'rywhere. In rustling grass I hear Him pass. In simple things I hear Him sing. He sings to me ev'rywhere.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.) — Fred Lundy

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING — Jude 17-25 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord. — NT pg. 244

Thanks be to God.

SERMON — How Jesus Dealt with Religious Deconstruction: "Dealing with the Doubters" — 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 — How Can I Keep from Singing — arr. A. Bullard

Alanna Parfait, soloist

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation; I hear the clear though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing; it finds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing? What though the tempest loudly roars, I know my Savior liveth; although the darkness binds me close, deep in the night sweet songs He giveth. His inner peace makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing; since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

* **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 738** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee MARYTON

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude** Now Thank We All Our God J.S. Bach

Today in Worship

Worship Leaders: Jonathon Haney, Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Katherine Whisler

Acolyte: Andrew Alford

Director of Music & Organist: Mitch Rorick

Emeritus Director of Music & Organist: Dr. Mark Coffey

Collaborative Pianist: Shiyi Zhu

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

A/V Team: Dania Moreno, John Rayl, Robert Richardson, Elijah West

Welcome Clarke Yoho into the family of God following his profession of faith and baptism last Sunday in worship.

Church Triumphant: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Monica, Michael, Megan, and Douglas Poole and family upon the passing of mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Monica Douglas, who joined the Church Triumphant on November 17, 2026. A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 28 at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow at a location to be determined. Monica asked that everyone wear bright colors to celebrate her life.

Today is the final Sunday in our How Jesus Dealt with Religious Deconstruction sermon series. Our gathering hymn, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise," and sending hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," connect with the Jude 17-25 scriptural passage. As we look to Thanksgiving, a time for expressing gratitude, our thanks to God is expressed in the anthem, "A Simple Thanksgiving," and postlude, "Now Thank We All Our God." We also celebrate Christ the King Sunday today. This feast day, which celebrates Christ as King of all creation, is the final Sunday in the liturgical year. Next Sunday begins Advent, a time of preparation for Christ's birth. Christ the King Sunday is acknowledged in the joyous prelude, "Trumpet Tune in D Major," as well as the sacrament of Holy Communion. We thank the Chancel Choir and Alanna Parfait for leading us in worship today.
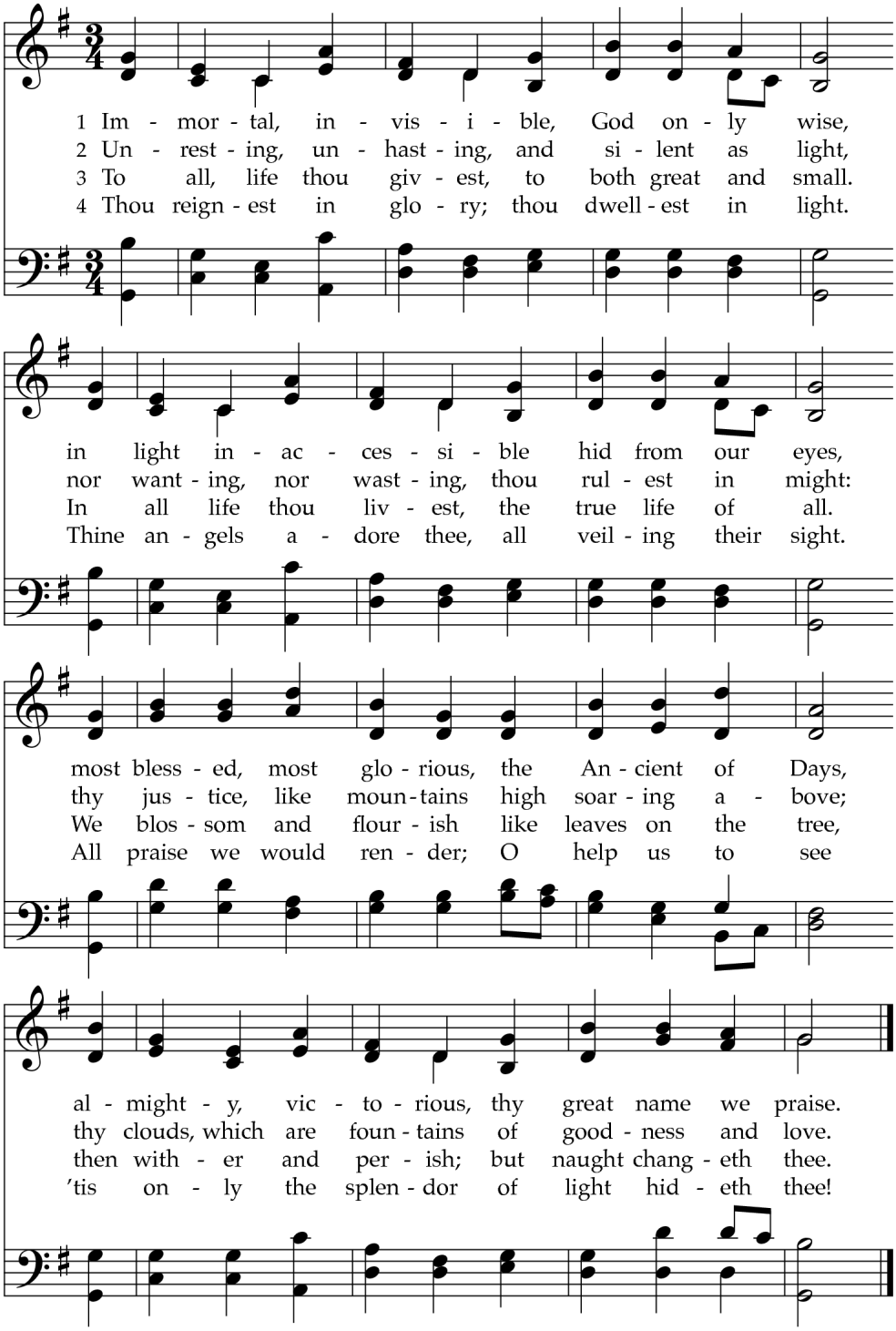
Action for this Week: Consider how you can *"build yourself up in your most holy faith."* Take one action this week to help grow your knowledge of and commitment to God.

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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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. *Caniadau y Cyssegr,* 1839

ST. DENIO
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Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 32:1-4 (NRSV)

[1] Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; let the earth hear the words of my mouth. [2] May my teaching
drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew; like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new
growth. [3] For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God!
[4] The Rock, his work is perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God, without deceit, just and
upright is he;

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading Jude 17-25 (NRSV)
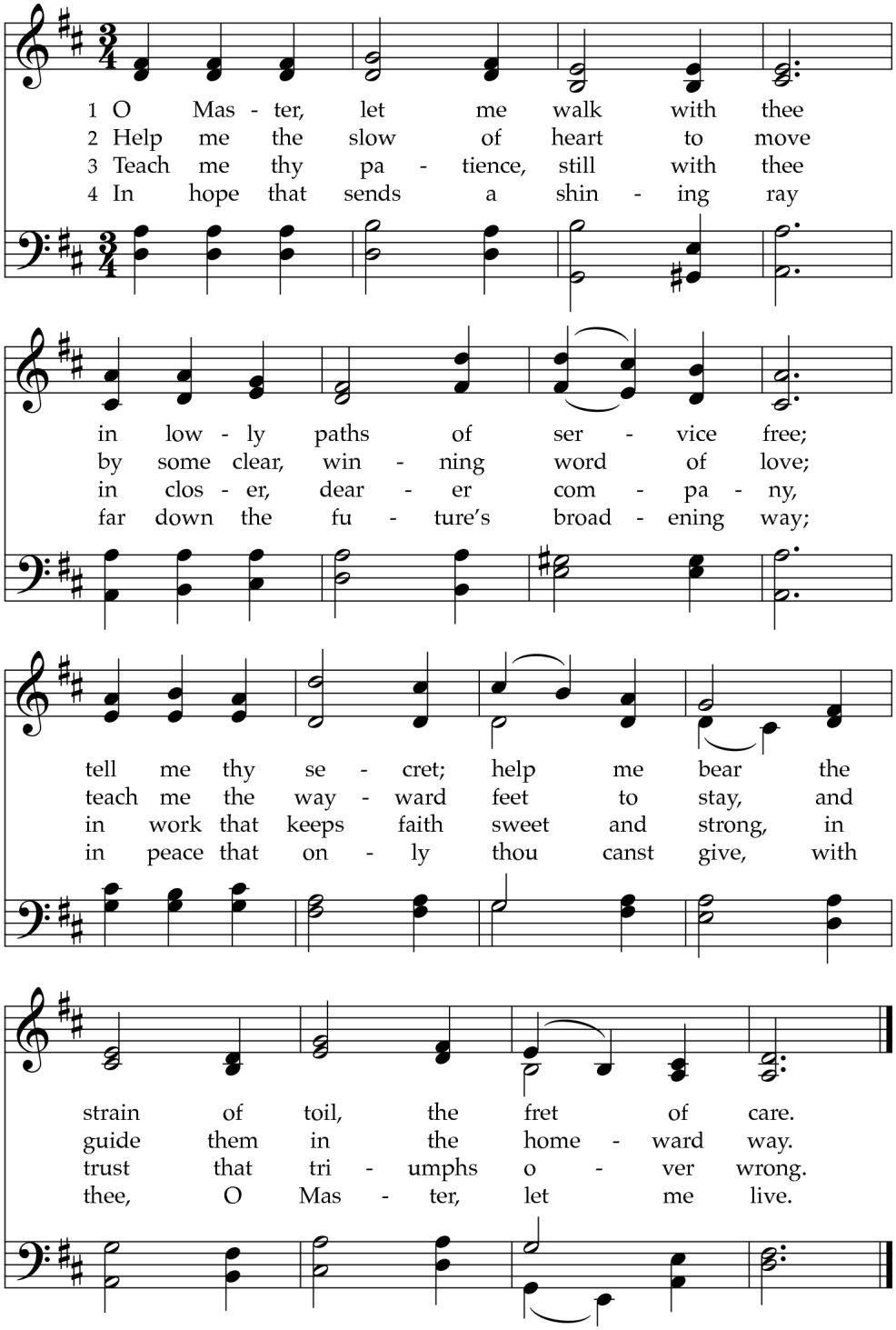
[17] But you, beloved, must remember the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;
[18] for they said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, indulging their own ungodly lusts."
[19] It is these worldly people, devoid of the Spirit, who are causing divisions. [20] But you, beloved,
build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; [21] keep yourselves in the love
of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. [22] And have
mercy on some who are wavering; [23] save others by snatching them out of the fire; and have mercy
on still others with fear, hating even the tunic defiled by their bodies.
[24] Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the
presence of his glory with rejoicing, [25] to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee



In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

TEXT: Washington Gladden, 1879
MUSIC: Henry Percy Smith, 1874

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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 22, 2026 — **Christ the King Sunday**
- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Matthew 5:27-47 - Laurie S. - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Genesis 20 - Jenny C. - Rm 201
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion- Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Kids-4-God
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time
- 12:00 p.m. Pie Day and Homebound Pie Delivery
- 12:00 p.m. Decorating the Church for Advent

Monday, November 23, 2026
- 9:00 a.m. Decorating the Church for Advent

Tuesday, November 24, 2026
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor

Wednesday, November 25, 2026 — **Preschool Closed**
No LOGOS - Happy Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26, 2026 — **Preschool & Church Closed**
Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 27, 2026 — **Preschool & Church Closed**

Saturday, November 28, 2026
- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Monica Douglas

Sunday, November 29, 2026 — **First Sunday of Advent**
- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Advent Workshop - Gordon Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Matthew 6 - Tim Schubert - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Genesis 21 - Rm 201
- 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

Ministry Highlights

Visit our website for more about our church and ministries.



Decorating the Church Begins Today!

Advent is just around the corner. We are looking for volunteers to beautify our church and worship space. Everyone is welcome! Gather today after the 11 a.m. service or tomorrow, Monday, November 23 at 9 a.m. Please RSVP today to Maralyn Foote at 352-318-5975.



Pie Day Today

Sweetie Pie pick-up is today in Gordon Hall following worship. A limited number of extra pies are available as well. Contact Carol Israel at fpcpie@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for supporting the Montreat Worship and Music Conferees! **If you are delivering homebound pies to congregation members, those pies should also be picked up today.*



Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The choirs and congregation will celebrate the Advent season with a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 6, 2026 at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Come sing and hear lessons and carols for Advent and Christmas showing the development of the loving purposes of God as seen through the windows and words of scripture. At 4:30 p.m. the Gainesville Brass Quintet and First Presbyterian Jubilate Ringers present seasonal music. Gather in Gordon Hall following evening Lessons and Carols to enjoy our festival Christmas trees along with hot chocolate and cookies ***There will not be an 8:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 6. Please join us for Nine Lessons and Carols at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.*



Advent Organ Concert

You are invited to this year's Advent Organ Concert on Tuesday, December 15 at 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary with Matt Bickett, organist. Matt is Director of Music at St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Jacksonville Beach and has degrees from Yale University and Oberlin College. Coffee and Montreat pie will be served in Gordon Hall after the concert.



Hope for the Holidays

Help Local Missions share the joy of the season with Family Promise! Look for the Hope for the Holidays Christmas tree in Gordon Hall. Please choose one or more ornaments, purchase and wrap the items, SECURELY ATTACH THE ORNAMENT/TAG, and return by Sunday, December 13. You may also donate gift cards (Walmart, Target, gas, groceries) or write a check to the church to help purchase gifts. Please specify "Hope for the Holidays" on your donation. Thank you for bringing the hope of Christmas to families who are working to find the security of a stable home.



Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27. The preschool will be closed Wednesday through Friday.



Advent Workshop Reservation
https://tinyurl.com/fpcgadventworkshop

Poinsettia Dedications
https://tinyurl.com/fpcgpoinsettias

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