First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville

Service for the Lord's Day • November 15, 2026

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

GATHERING

Good morning, Lord. I welcome the new day, for it is a gift from you. My petty fears are nothing in the face of your love; in the warmth of your wisdom my anxieties melt away. Make me more faithful than I could be on my own, and use me to reflect your light, for there are so many who need to know of your grace. Walk with me, and show me your way, for I would follow you. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE Prière à Notre-Dame from Suite Gothique L. Boëllmann

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God's house shall be a house of prayer.

But at times, we settle for something far less.

Jesus brings healing wherever he goes.

Son of David, save us!

* **HYMN 265** Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun DUKE STREET

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ we pray. 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 Psalm 78:1-4 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord. OT pg. 537

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.) God the Sculptor of the Mountains — A. Husberg

Chancel Choir

God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand, God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land: you are womb of all creation; we are formless; shape us now. God the nuisance of the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea, God the pillar in the darkness, God the beacon of the free: you are fount of all deliverance; we are aimless; lead us now. God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat, God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat: you are host at every table; we are hungry; feed us now. God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth, God the table-turning prophet, God the resurrected truth: you are present every moment; we are searching; meet us now.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.) — Sarah Whitfield

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

* **HYMN 465** What a Friend We Have in Jesus — CONVERSE

GOSPEL READING — Matthew 21:12-22 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord. — NT pg. 23

Thanks be to God.

SERMON How Jesus Dealt with Religious Deconstruction: "Overturning Tables" — Rev. Mark Hults

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11 A.M.) — Clarke Yoho

* **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 If You Only Had Faith — J. Lockward

Kate Vellis, soloist

If you only had faith, just like a little seed of mustard: this is what Jesus has said. You would be able to tell this mountain: Move away! Move away! And then the mountain will move away, will move away, will move away.

* **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 772** Live into Hope TRURO

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude** Introduction - Choral from Suite Gothique L. Boëllmann

Today in Worship

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

Acolyte: Max Conerly

Elder on Duty: Jane Smith

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: Dink Henderson, Dania Moreno, John Rayl, Elijah West

Welcome Clarke Yoho into the family of God following his profession of faith and baptism at 11 a.m. worship.

Church Triumphant: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to her daughters, Marcia and Beth, and their families upon the passing of Joan Penland, who joined the Church Triumphant on October 29, 2026.

Church Triumphant: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Brenda Pickens, David & Kristin Pickens, and Brian, Rose, Andrew, Kate, and Josie Pickens upon the passing of husband, father, and grandfather, Earle Pickens, who joined the Church Triumphant on October 31, 2026.

Today is the Fourth Week in our How Jesus Dealt with Religious Deconstruction sermon series. As we hear about "Overturning Tables" in the sermon, the primary scripture is Matthew 21:12-22. The prelude and postlude are from Suite Gothique of Leon Boëllmann. The first part of Matthew 21:13, "*It is written, 'my house shall be called a house of prayer,'*" was the impetus for choosing Boëllmann's "Prayer" as the prelude. The other hymns relate to the following verses:

*Gathering Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun - Matthew 21:16
*Hymn of the Day: What a Friend We Have in Jesus - Matthew 21:22
*Sending Hymn: Live into Hope - Matthew 21:14

The Chancel Choir Anthem and Offertory Solo are actually hymns from our *Glory to God Hymnal*, GTG #5 and GTG #176. They are likely unfamiliar to most of the congregation, which is why they were chosen to be sung by a smaller group of voices. In the anthem, "God the Sculptor of the Mountains" we hear the words "*God the tableturning prophet,*" which relates to the Matthew passage. "If You Only Had Faith," the offertory solo, connects with Matthew 21:21. We are thankful to the Chancel Choir and Kate Vellis for leading worship today.

Action for this Week: Pray each day for discernment about where God is calling you right now. Trust Him with the answers and respond in obedience.

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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265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
MUSIC: Attr. John Hatton, c. 1793

DUKE STREET
LM

Old Testament Reading Psalm 78:1-4 (NRSV)

[1] Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. [2] I will open
my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, [3] things that we have heard and
known, that our ancestors have told us. [4] We will not hide them from their children; we will tell
to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he
has done.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:12-22 (NRSV)

[12] Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple,
and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. [13] He
said to them, "It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a
den of robbers."
[14] The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. [15] But when the chief
priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in
the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry [16] and said to him, "Do you hear
what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of
infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself'?" [17] He left them, went out of
the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.
[18] In the morning, when he returned to the city, he was hungry. [19] And seeing a fig tree by the side
of the road, he went to it and found nothing at all on it but leaves. Then he said to it, "May no
fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once. [20] When the disciples saw it,
they were amazed, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?" [21] Jesus answered them, "Truly
I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig
tree, but even if you say to this mountain, "Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' it will be done.
[22] Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

TEXT: Joseph Scriven, 1855; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001
MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868
CONVERSE
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JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

772 Live into Hope



This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976 — TRURO
MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778 — LM
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Ministry Highlights

Visit our website for more about our church and ministries.

Thank You for Your Support!

Thank you to all who attended last week's Veterans Day concert. The offering of $1,115 will benefit Gainesville Community Ministry, which provides help and hope to those in crisis. If you were unable to attend but would like to contribute, you use PushPay or place a check in the offering plate payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo "Concert for a Cause." Also thank you to Janine Alexander, Karen Coffey, Mimi Gray, Finn Harrington, Janet Heffner, Carol Israel, Kay Kline, Laura Netardus, Susan Roland, Rose Anna Rutledge, Tim & Mary Lou Schubert, Jane Smith, and Beth Wood for the spaghetti dinner!



Christmas Trees Needed

The music ministry is requesting artificial 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.



Pie Orders Due Today

Place your pie order today to be sure to get your favorites. Orders are due today and all pies should be picked up by next Sunday, November 22. Contact Carol Israel to arrange for picking up your order at fpcpie@gmail.com. The best times are Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon or next Sunday morning in Gordon Hall. Thank you for supporting the Montreat Worship and Music Conferees!



Cello & Piano Concert Today

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.

College Trajectory Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

All college students are invited to the annual Friendsgiving feast here at the church on Tuesday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. Come as you are! All food will be provided. Bring friends!



Men's Bible Study

All men are invited to Bible study on Thursday, November 19 at 4 p.m. in Gordon Hall. We are studying the Minor Prophets, the last 12 books of The Old Testament, and will be looking at the book of Obadiah. Questions? Email Fred Lundy at youngadult@1stpc.org.



Decorating the Church

Advent is just around the corner. We are looking for volunteers to beautify our church and worship space. Everyone is welcome! Gather on Monday, November 23 at 9 a.m. Please call Maralyn Foote at 352-318-5975 to be added to the volunteer list.



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.

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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 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 - Rose Anna R. - 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

Monday, November 16, 2026
10:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study - Ruth - Parlor
10:30 p.m. Preschool Thanksgiving - Gordon Hall

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
10:30 a.m. Preschool Thanksgiving - Gordon Hall
6:00 p.m. Sweetie Pie Production
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
6:00 p.m. Trinity Ringers - Room 215
6:30 p.m. Trajectory Thanksgiving - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
3:30 p.m. LOGOS - *Enter through sanctuary doors or gate on SW 1st Ave*
6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Dinner - Music in the Air Night
6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Room 215
7:15 p.m. Session - Zoom
7:30 p.m. Deacons - Room 217

Thursday, November 19, 2026
4:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - Obadiah - Gordon Hall
6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers - Sanctuary
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Friday, November 20, 2026
9:00 a.m. Sweetie Pie Production

Saturday, November 21, 2026
9:00 a.m. Sweetie Pie Production

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 & College Café
12:00 p.m. Pie Day and Homebound Pie Delivery