

GATHERING

As I rise this day, O God, I give you thanks for breath and life, for the people I will see today, for family, neighbors, and friends, and for those whose ways are challenging to my serenity. Help me to give thanks especially for the people who pull me to new understandings and show me sides of life that I have not known or do not welcome. Urge me to follow you today; in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION (11 A.M.)

Encouragement Sunday

PRELUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

D. Buxtehude

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

There is a spiritual mystery made know through the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

This mystery is that all peoples have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

It was revealed to the apostles and prophets by the Holy Spirit.

And now it is given as a gift to live out in our place and time.

*** HYMN 361**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength. 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 OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 690

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Come, All You People

A. Gondo

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker, come now and worship the Lord.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Scott Stuart

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

*** HYMN 318**

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

NEW TESTAMENT READING
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 3:1-7 (NRSV)
NT pg. 198

SERMON

The Mystery of the Gospel

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

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

C. Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him who was and is and shall be evermore. There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all. Though we be many people diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

* **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 263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

T. Fields

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

CHANCEL CHOIR

CHAPEL USHER: Dan Sutton; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Paul Bennett, Cameron Currie, Maralyn Foote

VIDEO TEAM: Norah Barat, Oliver Dowling, John Rayl; **SOUND:** Dink Henderson

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of Howard Patton by Emily Patton.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Florence and Armin Wagner by Eric A. Wagner

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. You can find a "Three Steps to Membership" card with information about how to join the church in the pew racks. 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.

Prayer of Belief: *Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen.* (If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please let the pastor or elders on duty know.)

Leadership

Rev. Mark Hults
Pastor

Dink Henderson
Treasurer

Session

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Alison Barat	Fleetwood Fleming	Pam Bailey
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Jennifer Clark	Joe Mueller	Andy Greer
Maralyn Foote	Elisa Neale-Tobener	Margaret Lingg
Evelyn Lewis	Earle Pickens	Susannah Peddie
Coleen O'Brien	Geoff Spiegel	Dick Rauber
Dan Sutton	Alexis Vellis	Steve Walker
	Sarah Whitfield	

Diaconate

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Buzz Boyd	Holli Best	Mark Coffey
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Kristin Pickens	Megan Greer	Dean Schoenfeld
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Nick Vellis		

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FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 1/7	177
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$35,061
Received Week of 1/7/24	\$64,302
Weekly Offering	\$11,119
Designated Offerings	\$10,500
Other Revenue	--
Preschool	\$42,683
YTD Budget Requirements	\$981,696
YTD Received	\$926,551
YTD Expenses	\$848,779

O Christ, the Great Foundation 361

1 O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
 2 Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
 4 This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead
 to preach your true salvation in every age and land:
 we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:
 where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.
 pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
 one holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
 there let your church awakening attack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:
 to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.
 by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.
 the final consummation, the glory of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

TEXT: Timothy T'ingfang Lew, 1933, alt.; trans. Mildred A. Wiant, 1966
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864
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AURELIA
 7.6.7.6.D

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSV)

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE CHURCH

In Christ There Is No East or West 318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 3:1-7 (NRSV)

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787
 MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979
 Music Desc. © 1979 GIA Publications, Inc. CORONATION 8.6.8.6.8.6

GLORIFY GOD

Today is Encouragement Sunday. Members of the Congregational Care committee will hand out blank cards and envelopes as you enter the sanctuary. The purpose of the card is to send encouragement to anyone in the congregation. Committee members will be in Gordon Hall after the service to address and mail cards. Additional cards will be available.

Start the new year with service: On Saturday, January 27 from 9 to noon, help is needed to clean and organize the church kitchen. Contact Carol Israel with questions at ceisrael@cox.net.

Thank you to the team of people who came out on Monday to help us put away the Advent and Christmas decorations. We appreciate your time and service!

January is a Great Time to Join a Choir at First Presbyterian Church! There are choirs and handbell groups for a variety of ages. Please contact Mitch Rorick at music@1stpc.org with questions or to find the right group for you.

Concert for a Cause: The Florida State University Singers will present a concert, under the direction of Kevin Fenton, on Sunday, January 21 at 4 p.m. They will be joined by the Gainesville High School Chamber Choir. The free-will offering supports Filter of Hope, whose mission is to provide families living in poverty easy access to clean, safe drinking water by manufacturing and distributing simple, life-saving water filters.

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. ***The nursery is seeking the donation of a pack 'n play for the nursery as well as the following items for a Nursing room: glider, white noise machine, bassinet, and changing table.*

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.

Time for Young Disciples: All children are invited to the front steps for a special lesson during 11 a.m. worship. Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God and all others will return to sit with their families.

Kids-4-God: Children (K-2) 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 to help with this and Sunday School. Please contact Evelyn Lewis at citytr122@gmail.com.

LOGOS: (Ages 3 through high school) Gather this Wednesday, January 17 from 3:30-6:45 p.m. for LOGOS, which includes worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and fellowship for children and youth with \$5 family time dinner at 6 p.m. Our service project this month is collecting donations for Filter of Hope. Email Bev Vloedman, dvloedman@aol.com, with questions.

The Young Adult Ministry is for post-college through empty-nesters. Join us Friday, February 9 for an evening of dinner, encouragement, and equipping for parents and caregivers with special guest Alicia Pfahler, LMHC. To RSVP, contact Fred Lundy.

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.

January 14	1 Corinthians 9	Rick Palmer
January 21	1 Corinthians 10	Don McGarity

MEET HUMAN NEEDS


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

Ushers Needed for February: Ushers greet parishioners, distribute bulletins, and help people to a seat. They also take up a collection at the offering time. Please contact Laura Montgomery in the office by phone or email to fill this need at the 11 a.m. worship service.

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Year-End Contribution Statements will be sent upon request after January 15. Please contact Trudy Bonerba at business@1stpc.org or through the church office and specify if you prefer email or regular mail.

Calling All Cooks! Youth Connection will once again be hosting the Souper Bowl of Caring in Gordon Hall immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, February 11. As a church, we raise funds for Gainesville Community Ministries, which feeds the hungry, and 100% of the profit will go to the agency. Youth Connection hopes to serve over 20 types of soup and in return collect many donations. If you are interested in making a crock pot of soup, please contact Fred Lundy or (352) 378-1527, by Sunday, January 28.

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