

**GATHERING**

*Living God, maker of light, thank you for the gift of this day. Let me be a light in your world so that people will look at me and see the goodness of your creation; in Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

Filter of Hope

**PRELUDE**

Here in This Place

J. Honoré

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the beginning, the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;

**then God said: Let there be light, and God saw that it was good.**

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John. The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove;

**then God said: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

**\* HYMN 401**

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GATHER US IN

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are, not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus' name. 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**

Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

This Is My Beloved Son

K. Nystedt

*He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from a cloud said: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him."*

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)**

Sarah Whitfield

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

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 1:4-11 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## 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

You Have Put on Christ

H. Hughes

*You have put on Christ; in Him you have been baptized. Alleluia!*

## \* 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 482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

## \* BENEDICTION

## \* POSTLUDE

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

J. Dunstable

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart, Sarah Whitfield

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Fleetwood Fleming

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST:** Mitch Rorick

**CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:** Tiffany Fung

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

**VIDEO TEAM:** Norah Barat, Oliver Dowling, John Rayl; **SOUND:** Bruce Brashear

**THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Pauline Hipple by the FitzGerald family.

**JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL** following 11 a.m. worship to meet Linda & Roger Nana, who have a ministry of health consulting in Cameroon. We will be collecting donations through Sunday, January 21 to purchase water filters through Filter of Hope that the Nana's will deliver in early February 2024. The filters, which Scott Stuart and his college students took to Panama during spring break 2023, use gravity to filter dirty water into safe drinking water. More information is available at [lucasnanaconsulting.org](http://lucasnanaconsulting.org) and [filterofhope.org](http://filterofhope.org).

Look for Carol Israel as well to learn about the North Florida Sewing Center's menstrual hygiene ministry for both local and international distribution. We will be providing for the feminine hygiene needs of 200 Cameroonian women to be sent with the water filters. If you have sewing supplies taking up space in your home, the sewing center can use them or pass them on to other ministries. This includes machines, equipment, fabrics (especially cottons and flannels), yarn, and thread. If we can't use it we can find someone who will. Carol will be happy to talk to you about it.

**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.

### Leadership

Rev. Mark Hults  
**Pastor**

Dink Henderson  
**Treasurer**

#### Session

#### Diaconate

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Alison Barat	Fleetwood Fleming	Pam Bailey
Ashley Lentz-Black	Carol Israel	Troy Bleeker
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	

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Buzz Boyd	Holli Best	Mark Coffey
Mimi Carr	Dell Bowman	Mimi Gray
Kristin Pickens	Megan Greer	Dean Schoenfeld
Mary Lou Schubert	Fred Lewis	Jane Smith
Nick Vellis		

### FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 12/24	AM	82
In-Person Attendance 12/24	PM	275
In-Person Attendance 12/31		102
Weekly Budget Requirement		<b>\$35,061</b>
Received Week of 12/31/23		\$70,740
Weekly Offering	\$40,755	
Designated Offerings	\$29,985	
Other Revenue	--	
Preschool	--	
<b>YTD Budget Requirements</b>		<b>\$946,636</b>
YTD Received		\$849,909
YTD Expenses		\$760,572

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**Head Sexton** - Tony Cogdill  
**Sexton** - Margaret Hill

## Here in This Place

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## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 1:4-11 (NRSV)

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Word of the Lord.

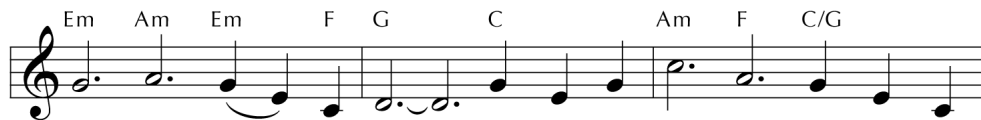
**Thanks be to God.**

BAPTISM

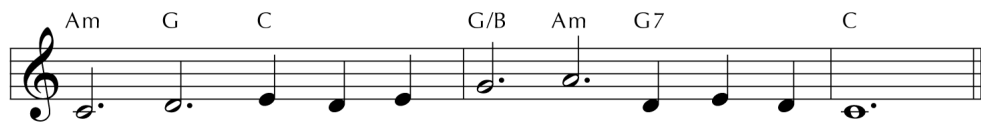
**482 Baptized in Water**



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the  
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

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MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985  
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Music Arr. © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

BUNESSAN  
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## GLORIFY GOD

**Start the new year with service:** Many of you came out to help decorate the church. As the celebrations come to an end, please join us tomorrow, Monday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m. to help take the Christmas decorations down.

Also, on Saturday, January 27 from 9 to noon, help is need to clean and organize the church kitchen. Contact Carol Israel with questions at [ceisrael@cox.net](mailto:ceisrael@cox.net).

**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](mailto: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 Santa Fe Singers and 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.

**January 14 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.

## 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:citytr122@gmail.com).

**LOGOS:** (Ages 3 through high school) Gather on Wednesday, January 10 from 3:30-6:45 p.m. for Bright Morning Star week. LOGOS 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](mailto:dvloedman@aol.com), with questions.

**The Young Adult Ministry** is for post-college through empty-nesters. Save the date - Friday, February 9 - for an evening of dinner, encouragement, and equipping for parents and caregivers with special guest Alicia Pfahler, LMHC. 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](mailto:palbertfoote@gmail.com) with questions.

January 7	1 Corinthians 8	Perry Foote
January 14	1 Corinthians 9	Rick Palmer

## 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 This Month!** 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.

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


**Mark Your Calendar** as Ministries resume this month:

Sunday, January 7 - Chancel Choir, Kids-4-God, and College Café

Tuesday, January 9 - College Trajectory

Wednesday, January 10 - LOGOS, Confirmation Class, Joyful Ringers, and Jubilate Ringers

Thursday, January 12 - Carol Ringers and regular Chancel Choir rehearsal

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