

GATHERING

Lord Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom and enable me to live today for the attainment of paradise, that as far as I am able I may be a sign of God's kingdom. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Kyrie ¹

W.A. Mozart

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for God has called us God's own beloved and called each of us by name.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship. Blessed be the Lord!

*** HYMN 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

CONFESSION AND PARDON ¹

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. 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 ²

Gloria in excelsis ²

W.A. Mozart

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te.

Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to all those of good will. We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee. We give thanks to thee according to thy great glory. Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art the Lord. Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*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.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 725

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Credo in unum Deum ³

W.A. Mozart

Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem coeli et terrae, visibilium omnium, et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum ante omni saecula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum, non factum, consubstantialem patri: per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem descendit de caelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine: Et homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato: passus, et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in caelum: sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria, judicare vivos et mortuos: cujus regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum Dominum, et vivificantem: qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre, et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur: qui locutus est per Prophetas. Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptismum in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

I believe in one God, The Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God. Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made. Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary. And was made man. Crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, he suffered, and was buried. And on the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and he sits at the right hand of the Father. He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; and of his kingdom there will be no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who spoke to us through the Prophets. And I believe in one, holy, catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. I await the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Sarah Whitfield

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:33-43 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 89

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Christ the King

Rev. Mark Hults

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ³

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

Sanctus and Benedictus ⁴

W.A. Mozart

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* 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 ⁴

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 ⁵

(Gluten-Free Bread)

PRAYER

EXTENDING THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION WITH THE DEACONS

We send you out with this bread and cup to share the feast of the risen Lord.

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of one bread.

SENDING

* HYMN 616

Our God Is an Awesome God

AWESOME GOD

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Agnus Dei ⁵

W.A. Mozart

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, dona qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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.

Senior Pastor

Rev. Mark Hults - pastor@1stpc.org

Director of Music and Organist

Mitch Rorick - music@1stpc.org

Director of Young Adult & Family Ministry

Fred Lundy - youngadult@1stpc.org

Preschool Director

Lisa Hershkowitz - preschool@1stpc.org

Business Manager

Trudy Bonerba - business@1stpc.org

Operations and Administrative Associate

Laura Montgomery - assistant@1stpc.org

Communications Specialist

Jenny Chamberlain - communications@1stpc.org

Event Sexton and Music Clerk

Andrew Netardus - events@1stpc.org

Head Sexton - Tony Cogdill

Sexton - Margaret Hill

Property Coordinator

John Rayl - png.1stpc@gmail.com

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Steve Walker, Sarah Whitfield

ELDER ON DUTY: Steve Walker

ACOLYTE: Grace Berger

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Anait Piloyan

CHANCEL CHOIR

CONDUCTORS: Alek Concepción, Rebecca Ruescher

VIOLIN I: Elaina Cook, **VIOLIN II:** Evan Thornton

CELLO: Sean Muller

SOLOISTS: Lynette Pfund, Dr. Zerrin Martin, Dr. Christopher Pfund, Garrett Rosenbloom

8:30 A.M. USHER: Margaret & Howard Lingg; **11 A.M. USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Paul Bennett, Matthew Morse, Carol Turner

A/V TEAM: Dania Moreno, John Rayl

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor of Lorraine Barber for her newest great-grandchild, Theodore "Teddy," from the other great-grandchildren, Sophia, Remi, and Robby.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE CELEBRATES THE REIGN OF CHRIST. Known as Christ the King Sunday, this is the final Sunday in the liturgical year. The first Sunday of the liturgical year, which for 2025 is November 30, begins the season of Advent, a time of preparation for Christ's birth.

At First Presbyterian Church, we draw from the liturgical year (a cycle of seasons in Christianity) for the focus of some Sundays, while other Sundays focus on sermon series. Why follow the liturgical year? It provides a spiritual journey through the central events of the Christian faith, a journey that celebrates the life of Jesus Christ. For example, look at the following liturgical seasons that relate to Christ: *Advent* – preparation for Christ's birth; *Christmas* – celebrating the nativity of Jesus Christ; *Lent* – preparation for Christ's passion, death, and resurrection; *Easter* – a season of celebration for Christ's resurrection.

Knowing about the liturgical year and Christ the King Sunday, which concludes the liturgical year, leads to the music selected for today's service. Our two hymns, "Crown Him with Many Crowns" and "Our God Is an Awesome God," were chosen for relating to the reign of Christ, as well as adoration to God. The other musical elements for worship are from the Missa Brevis in B-Flat, KV 275 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. As the liturgical year has led up to this point, Christ the King Sunday, we thought sharing the Missa Brevis with the congregation would enhance worship on this celebratory day.

First performed in 1777, the Missa Brevis in B-Flat was possibly written for Salzburg Cathedral. While First Presbyterian Church doesn't follow the same worship structure as Salzburg Cathedral, the six movements of the piece do tie to different parts of our worship.

<u>Missa Brevis Movements</u>	<u>Text Connection to Our Worship</u>
Movement I: Kyrie ¹	Confession and Pardon ¹
Movement II: Gloria ²	Act of Praise – Gloria Patri ²
Movement III: Credo ³	Affirmation of Faith ³
Movement IV & V: Sanctus & Benedictus ⁴	Communion – Prayer of Thanksgiving ⁴
Movement VI: Agnus Dei ⁵	Distribution of Communion ⁵

In an effort to keep the overall structure and rhythm of our worship service, we are placing the Missa Brevis movements in our typical music spots – prelude, anthem, offertory, and postlude, even though textually they would fit a bit better if placed differently. For example, we are singing the Kyrie at the prelude spot even though textually it fits after the gathering hymn as part of the Confession and Pardon. However, we hope that you can still see and experience these worship connections. We've also added superscripts that assist in connecting the Missa Brevis Movement (e.g. Kyrie¹) with the Text Connection to Our Worship (e.g. Confession and Pardon¹).

We are thankful to our Soloists, Instrumentalists, and Chancel Choir for their leadership in worship today.

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab-sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll-ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub-lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (NRSV)

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:33-43 (NRSV)

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ADORATION

Our God Is an Awesome God 616

Awesome God

Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove

with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!

This is a contemporary worship song that first gained recognition on Christian radio and later became a popular congregational song. "Awesome" here is not a trivial expression but carries the meaning of "awe-inspiring" and is based on Scripture (e.g. Daniel 9:4).

TEXT: Rich Mullins, 1988, alt.

MUSIC: Rich Mullins, 1988

Text and Music © 1988 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing

AWESOME GOD

Irregular

Reprinted with permission under CCLI #2742913 and #CSPL091568. All rights reserved.



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!



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 7, 2025 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. Service on Sunday, December 7. 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 16 at 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary with Tom Ingui, organist. Tom has degrees from Yale University and Stetson University. His program includes music from Handel's Messiah and Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite, as well as by composers J.S. Bach and Leroy Anderson.



Hope for the Holidays

Help Local Missions share the joy of the season with Family Promise and St. Francis House families! 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, Dec. 14. 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 27 and 28. The preschool will be closed Wednesday through Friday.



Annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

Did you know you can support our church and reduce your tax burden at the same time? If you're 70½ or older, you can make a charitable donation directly from your IRA using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This type of gift counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution but isn't included in your taxable income, making it a smart way to give.

Pick-up a calendar page from the ushers or 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  or MyTV 28.2 for over the air broadcasts

Current Worship video, audio, and archives at 1stpc.org

THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON

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 24 at 9 a.m. Please call Maralyn Foote at 352-318-5975 to be added to the volunteer list.



Buy Your Own Church Yard Sign to spread the word about the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve Worship. Sign options are displayed in the Narthex today or visit www.1stpcmusic.org/signs. A \$25 one-time purchase pays for the printing costs. Choose from one of the two designs: "Organ" or "Choir" (the back is the same for each design). Signs must be paid for before the order is placed. Place a check in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or use Pushpay. ****NEW ORDERS** will have the correct date. If you made a PREVIOUS ORDER, contact Jenny Chamberlain at communications@1stpc.org to receive your "7" sticker so you can change the date and use the sign again this year. Please mark your design choice in the memo line. If you live in a neighborhood with an HOA, please check your neighborhood rules regarding signs.

Christmas Trees Needed

The music ministry is requesting fake 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. If you have questions, please contact Mitch Rorick.





Start off the Season with us at the Advent Workshop

Join us on Sunday, November 30 at 9:30 a.m. in Gordon Hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy pancakes and a great selection of crafts ranging from some of our old favorites to brand new projects. RSVP to the church office at 352-378-1527 or by turning in the slip below by Wednesday, November 26 to guarantee all activities for your family. We look forward to celebrating with you!

I, _____, plan to attend the Advent Workshop on November 30 and would like to reserve _____ gingerbread churches & _____ breakfasts.

Christmas Poinsettias

During the Christmas season our worship spaces will be decorated with poinsettias. Flowers are available to purchase in honor or in memory of a family member or loved one. The poinsettias are \$17 each and can be ordered by filling out the form below to place in the offering plate or mail to the church office by Sunday, December 17. The poinsettias will be available to take home after the Christmas Eve service.

Poinsettias Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

