

GATHERING

God, open my eyes to see the world through your compassion. Open my mind to understand the world through your wisdom. Open my heart to receive the world through your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Shine Your Light

T. Taylor

You are the light of the world. Just like a city that's built on a hill, you are the light of the world. Shine your light. Let others see God's love. Shine your light, that all may praise our God. You are the light of the world. Just like a lamp shining all through the house, you are the light of the world.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

You are the light of the world.

**Would that we might shine our light before others,
 so that they may see your good works
 and give glory to our Father in heaven.**

* HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

CONFESSiON AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling, rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. 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

Isaiah 49:5-6 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

*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.)	This Little Light of Mine <i>Alleluia Choir; Alek Concepción, conductor</i>	Traditional
	<i>This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.</i>	
TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)		Fred Lundy
	<i>(Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God.)</i>	
* HYMN 377	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	HOUSTON
GOSPEL READING		Matthew 5:13-16 (NRSV)
	This is the Word of the Lord.	NT pg. 4
	Thanks be to God.	
SERMON	Engaging Our Culture: Christ Through Culture or A City on a Hill	Rev. Mark Hults
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
	<u>RESPONDING</u>	
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<p>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.</p>	
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	We Walk in the Light <i>We walk in the light. We walk in the light of God!</i>	D. Hoogehout
* DOXOLOGY		Hymn 606
	<i>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.</i>	
* THE LORD'S PRAYER	<p>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.</p>	
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 A.M.)		(Gluten-Free Bread)
	<u>SENDING</u>	
* HYMN 459	O Word of God Incarnate	MUNICH
* BENEDICTION		
* POSTLUDE	This Little Light of Mine <i>Jubilate Ringers; Andrew Netardus, conductor</i>	A. L. Page

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy

ELDER ON DUTY: Greg Dowling

ACOLYTE: Andrew Alford

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

ORGANIST & COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Anait Piloyan

CHANCEL CHOIR

CHAPEL USHER: Tom Chamberlain; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Paul Bennet, Mary Lou Schubert, Stephanie Tyler

A/V TEAM: Owen Best, Dink Henderson, Dania Moreno, Elijah West

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor of John Lingg's 25th birthday and Margaret Lingg's 65th birthday.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of George Singleton from his family.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Linda Singleton, Marsha Wallace, Tom Singleton, Bob Singleton, Steve Lewallen, Hays Lewallen, Amy Lewallen Hartley, and all the family upon the passing of her husband and their father, George Singleton, who joined the Church Triumphant on January 31, 2026.

TODAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY IN A THREE-PART SERIES on Engaging Our Culture:

- 1.25.26 Engaging Our Culture: In the World, but Not of the World
- 2.1.26 Engaging Our Culture: The Picking of the Apostles
- **2.8.26 Engaging Our Culture: Christ Through Culture or A City on a Hill**

Light is an important component in the Isaiah 49:5-6 and Matthew 5:13-16 readings. You will see this illuminated in the prelude, "Shine Your Light;" anthem, "This Little Light of Mine;" offertory, "We Walk in the Light;" and postlude, "This Little Light of Mine." The gathering hymn, "Here in This Place," connects with Matthew 5:13; the hymn of the day, "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light," with the theme of light; and the sending hymn, "O Word of God Incarnate," with Matthew 5:16.

We are thankful to the Alleluia Choir, Chancel Choir, and Jubilate Ringers for their musical leadership today. As they share Christ's light, we are thankful to those participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring following the 11 a.m. service. This is a wonderful way to share Christ's light through raising funds for Gainesville Community Ministry.

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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GATHERING

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

401

D A C G Gm Dm

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,

C G D A C G

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;

Gm Dm C D C Gm D

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.

A C D G A C

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

D G A D A C G

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,

Gm Dm C D C Gm D

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.

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 49:5-6 (NRSV)

⁵ And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—⁶ he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-16 (NRSV)

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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Thanks be to God.

459 O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
 3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

The opening four lines of this hymn celebrate attributes of Christ that are revealed through holy Scripture, which serves as a lantern, a chart, and a compass for the church in seeking to know Christ better. The setting of the tune comes from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.



The Souper Bowl of Caring

Today, our students invite you to join them for lunch! With many different varieties of soup to sample, you can try one or five! Financial and canned good donations for Gainesville Community Ministries will be gladly accepted. Help us help those who minister to the homeless and hungry. Join us in Gordon Hall at noon. No reservation needed.

Youth Super Bowl Party

All middle school and high school students are invited to Pastor Mark's house tonight from 6 p.m. to halftime to enjoy the big game. Please bring your favorite sweet or salty snack/side to share.

1stpc Music Lunch Series - Tuesday, February 10 at 12:15 p.m.

Excellence since 1985, the Gainesville Brass Quintet performs the best in light classics, pop, and swing. Led by founding member and trumpet player Joe Jamerson, the group of fantastic musicians is sure to present an enjoyable concert. Gather in the sanctuary for the concert and bring your own lunch or purchase one for \$5.

Hymn Festival Concert for a Cause - Sunday, February 15

At 4 p.m., join published hymn composer Robert A. Hobby, the Gainesville Brass Quintet, percussion, children's and adult choirs, and handbells for this hymn festival on life's journey. Be renewed by treasured hymns and learn some new favorites as we reflect on the life of faith together. That morning at 9:30 a.m., Bob will present *The "Hobby" of Hymn Writing*. Using his music, folks will have a chance to hear Bob's insights, sing a little bit, and ask questions. Hopefully, your experience of singing hymns will be different with a new awareness of what goes on behind the scenes to create them.

Ash Wednesday

Worship will be held in the sanctuary on February 18 at 6:30 p.m. led by our Confirmation students, Cherub Choir, and Junior Choir. The entire church family is invited to join LOGOS for dinner at 5:45 p.m. The meal cost is \$5 per person/\$3 per preschool-aged child. PLEASE RSVP TODAY to Bev Vloedman at dvloedman@aol.com.

Sunday Fellowship

Do you appreciate getting to know the congregation after worship on Sunday while also enjoying a sweet treat? If so, please consider donating cookies for fellowship time. Sign up on the whiteboard in Gordon Hall on Sundays or contact Carol Israel at ceisrael@cox.net.

Journey with Christ toward Lent

We invite everyone—young and old—to help build a paper chain symbolizing our shared faith journey. Art supplies will be available in Gordon Hall and the chapel. Create a paper strip with a symbol of creation, birth, or beginnings, and add a favorite Bible verse or hymn.

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 **cc** 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 - toraleigh@gmail.com

Kindergarten through 2nd grade children are released from worship for **Kids-4-God** to spend time growing their faith on Sundays during the school year. **Contact:** Evelyn Lewis - cityfr122@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. (see **YA&FM** contact)

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 & lunch and Tuesday Bible study at 7 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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Glorify God
Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
Meet Human Needs



First Presbyterian
Church of Gainesville

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 8, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover Class: Mark 13 - Perry Foote - Library
9:30 a.m. Jubilate Ringers
9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 3:1-20 - Jenny C. - Room 201
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Alleluia Choir - Sanctuary
10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Room 217
12:00 p.m. Souper Bowl of Caring - Gordon Hall

Monday, February 9, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
12:15 p.m. Lunch Series - Gainesville Brass Quintet
4:30 p.m. Property Committee - Parlor
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
7:00 p.m. Trajectory College Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

- 12:00 p.m. Executive Commission
3:30 p.m. LOGOS
6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Time Dinner
6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Deacons - Room 217

Thursday, February 12, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers - Sanctuary
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, February 13, 2026

Saturday, February 14, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Cutie Pie Baking

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of the Lord

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover Class: Mark 14 - Ross Teigen - Library
9:30 a.m. The "Hobby" of Hymn Writing with Robert A. Hobby
9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 3:21-4:13 - Dan Sutton - Room 201
10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
11:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary
11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Room 217
12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall AND Cutie Pie Delivery
12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room
12:15 p.m. Guitar Class - Room 201
2:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
2:45 p.m. Carol, Joyful, & Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Cherub, Junior, & Senior Choirs Rehearsal - Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Hymn Festival featuring Robert A. Hobby



Come Join in the Fun!

Thank you to the many LOGOS volunteers who make the ministry possible each week! We have a spot for you, if you feel called to join us!

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

1 Peter 4:10

2025-2026 Ministry by the numbers

Greeters and Snacks 3:30-4:15: Lorraine Barber, Eleanor Samuels, Carol Turner, Tom Lena

Table setters 3:30-4:15: Ross Teigen, Sarah & Sophia Richardson, Robin Rentz, Marcia & John Eycleshimer

Recreation 3:30-4:15: Breezy Dowling, Kathryn Richardson, Dania Moreno, Christy Penman, Mimi Gray
- Tap Dancing

Nursery Team for Teachers (2 babies and a toddler): Dr. Mark Coffey, Marcia Eycleshimer, Mimi Gray

Team for 3-5 year-old kiddos (Alleluia Choir) 23 children 4:15-5:30: Megan Conerly, Margaret Dowling, Breezy Dowling, Kathryn Richardson, Victoria Bernard, Mary Sharkey, Sydney Moore-Greulich, Alek Concepción- Alleluia Choir director

Team for K-1st grade (Cherub Choir) 16 children: 4:15-4:45 Mitch Rorick - Cherub Choir director, John Eycleshimer, Bob Richardson, Sarah Richardson, Breezy Dowling

4:35-5:15 Dr. Wendy Gunther - Orff Choir director, John Eycleshimer, Sarah Richardson

5:15-6 Bible study: Jessica Berger - Lead Teacher, Mireille de Fretes, Carol Turner, Sarah Richardson, John Eycleshimer

Team for 2nd-5th grade (Junior Choir) 15 children:

4:15-4:45 Dr. Wendy Gunther - Junior Choir director, Ross Teigen

4:45-5/5:15 Dr. Wendy Gunther - Orff Choir director, Sarah Richardson, John Eycleshimer, Lynette Pfund

2nd-3rd grade Bible Study 5:15-6 pm: Eileen Stephens - Lead Teacher, Kaylee Bleeker

4-5th grade Bible study 5-6 pm: Evelyn Lewis - Lead Teacher, Ross Teigen, Breezy Dowling

Team for 6th-12th grade (Senior Choir) 18 youth 4:15-5: Bible study: Katherine Whisler, Jonathon Haney, Fred Lundy

Confirmation: Rev. Mark Hults, Matthew Morse

5-5:30 Orff director: Dr. Wendy Gunther, Graham Gunther

5:30-6 Senior Choir director: Dr. Wendy Gunther, Mitch Rorick

6:30-7 Bell Choir: Kim Ball

Kitchen Krewe - Average dinner attendance 120 children & adults: Bob Richardson, Robert Richardson, Andy Vloedman, Laura Netardus, Mimi Gray

Family Time Program: Evelyn Lewis - Dinner Dean, prepares program theme and activity each week, Mireille de Fretes, Kaylee Bleeker

Cooks - 32 meals for 120: Carol Israel, Kate Vellis, Chris Sylvester & Deborah DesForges, Andy Vloedman, Peggy & David Carr

Clean up Krewe: Margaret Dowling, Tony Codgill, Laura Netardus, Jacob Stephens, Ross Teigen and Zack, Elijah, Silas, & Isaac West (break down tables & chairs)

Thanks to parent participation: providing dessert and washing/folding and returning tablecloths each week. Tutorial on "How to fold a round table cloth," Specialist, Megan Greer

LOGOS Committee: Bev Vloedman, Evelyn Lewis, Megan Conerly, Margaret Dowling, Jessica Berger, Megan Greer, and Mitch Rorick