



Service for the Lord's Day • November 15, 2020
Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs

GATHERING

*Good morning, Lord. This new day 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.
Amen.*

VIRTUAL PRELUDE

The Creation

M. Burrows & B. Hehn

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Who Is the One We Love the Most

C. Schalk

Who is the one we love the most, the one who has our total trust? Something or someone is our God, whose will is willingly obeyed, to whom we give the years we live: let that be you, our God, our Lord! Count ev'ry heartbeat, ev'ry breath, trace ev'ry step from birth to death, track ev'ry second to its source, each drop of blood, each blade of grass, the rising sun, and ev'ry one: let that be you, our God, our Lord! Preserve us from all other gods, all damned, deceitful, loveless frauds; compare them ruthlessly to you, the only One, eternal true Creator of all life and love: You are that One, our God, our Lord! A love no other god has shown, Your Son upon a cross makes known. How shall we worship such a God with more than words and passing nod, if not with whole heart, mind, and soul, like yours for us, our God, our Lord?!

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Clothe yourselves with faith and love;

we are confident in our salvation in Christ Jesus.

The Lord is with us!

Let us worship God.

* **HYMN 772**

Live into Hope

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name 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 OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 15:12-17 (NRSV)

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ANTHEM

Do Not Be Afraid

P. Stopford

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine. When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves. When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames. Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine. When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side. When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes. Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine. You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love. Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Vicki Sumner

(Children will remain seated with their families for the Time for Young Disciples.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 3:1-18 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

Under the Cloak of Our Savior

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.

*** 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.

SENDING*** HYMN 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Blakely Wells Golden

*** BENEDICTION***** POSTLUDE**

Improvisation

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Vicki Sumner

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Dr. Mark Coffey

VIDEO: Troy Bleeker, Parker Lundy, John Rayl

SOUND: Dink Henderson

QUINTET: Lindsey Neumann, Alexis Vellis, soprano; Danielle Alexander, alto; Daemyung Hyun, tenor; Andrew Netardus, baritone

DRUMMING ENSEMBLE: Emmy Barat, Marin Best, Kaylee Bleeker, Zack Conerly, Campbell Johnson, Landon Tillery, Sam Wacha; Mitch Rorick, conductor

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God in memory of my father Willard Pyne Mahler, Army Veteran WWIL, and in honor of my son Daniel Pyne Williams, active duty Air Force, currently serving in Europe, by Cyndie Williams.

CONGRATULATIONS to Elijah Adongo and Andia Akifuma on the baptism of their daughter, Eliana Akinyi Adongo, in worship.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kevin and Alexandra Golden on the baptism of their daughter, Blakely Wells Golden, in worship. Celebrate with her sister Kingsley Golden, grandfather Richard Rentz, grandmother Suzanne Rentz, aunt Jenna Rentz, and family friend Liliana Juvinao.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Marlene Swett and family upon the passing of her husband, Art Swett, who joined the Church Triumphant on November 9, 2020. Art was minister of music at First Lutheran Church, Gainesville. In retirement, he served at First Presbyterian Church substituting as organist for worship during the past five years.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to the family of Ileene Tow who joined the Church Triumphant on October 21, 2020.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to the family of Fred D. Bryant who joined the Church Triumphant on November 9, 2020.

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Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

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
 MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778
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GOSPEL READING

John 15:12-17 (NRSV)

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb



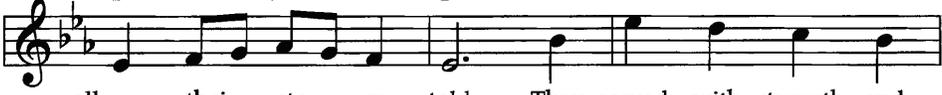
1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 Bb Eb Cm7 Fm Bb



days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 Eb Bb7 Eb Cm



all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F Bb Ab Bb Eb



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb Eb



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1975, alt.
 MUSIC: Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans, 1927
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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 3:1-18 (NRSV)

¹ Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. ² Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³ Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." ⁵ She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do." ⁶ So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. ⁷ When Boaz had eaten and drunk, and he was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came stealthily and uncovered his feet, and lay down. ⁸ At midnight the man was startled, and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! ⁹ He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin." ¹⁰ He said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹ And now, my daughter, do not be afraid, I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman. ¹² But now, though it is true that I am a near kinsman, there is another kinsman more closely related than I. ¹³ Remain this night, and in the morning, if he will act as next-of-kin for you, good; let him do it. If he is not willing to act as next-of-kin for you, then, as the Lord lives, I will act as next-of-kin for you. Lie down until the morning." ¹⁴ So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before one person could recognize another; for he said, "It must not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." ¹⁵ Then he said, "Bring the cloak you are wearing and hold it out." So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley, and put it on her back; then he went into the city. ¹⁶ She came to her mother-in-law, who said, "How did things go with you, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her, ¹⁷ saying, "He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said, 'Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'" ¹⁸ She replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest, but will settle the matter today."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness'. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,
 there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

**Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

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Galmi Hospital - Nutrition Project, Niger
Shalom Presbyterian Church, Estelí, Nicaragua
FIETNIC, Estelí, Nicaragua
Days for Girls International

GLORIFY GOD

On Saturday, November 7, one hundred-sixty Nic-to-Go meals were prepared and enjoyed by members of First Presbyterian Church. Sixty of those meals were delivered to our homebound members. Although these meals were offered as a thank you to the congregation for their continued support for First Presbyterian Church's mission in Nicaragua, over **\$(check with Trudy and I will double check with Mark H and Andy V)** was given as a "Thank You for the Thank You." Our appreciation to chefs Beverly and Andy Vloedman, as well as assistant chefs Kathy Decker and Beth Wood, who prepared the meals and to the elders, deacons, members of the congregational care committee, and members of the congregation who delivered meals to our homebound members.

Reverse Drive-Thru: Next Sunday, November 22, we will be continuing with our canned food drive. You can either bring your donation to our worship service or you can bring it to our drive-thru between the hours of 1:00-3:00 p.m. Meet us on the west side of the large the parking lot by the vans and we will be ready to help. As a reminder for all who participate, please wear a mask to help keep everyone safe.

In November, there will be virtual preludes and postludes by Wednesday's *Connections* ensembles. If you worship via livestream, be sure to start the feed a few minutes early. Otherwise, complete worship service videos can be found on our website or YouTube page.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Children's Worship Guides: Print and Digital versions of our children's worship guides are available for your use as you participate in worship. Links to the digital version can be found in the Weekly Invite emails from the church. We encourage your family to discuss worship together - even if you don't use the guide.

Weekly Dose of Digital Discipleship: Stay connected to the ministries of our church with a Weekly Dose of Digital Discipleship. The goal of this form of discipleship is to create space for our church to refuel and keep our intergenerational church family connected while we are social distancing as an act of loving our neighbors. Questions? Please contact Vicki Sumner at children@1stpc.org.

Connections: Join us on Wednesday as we catch up with church friends, remember what the Jesse Tree is, make the next three ornaments for our own trees, and learn the meaning behind the ornaments we make. This week's leaders include Mr. Mitch, Dr. Coffey, and Ms. Vicki. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Sumner at children@1stpc.org.

College Trajectory Bible Study is meeting on Zoom. For more information, please email Scott Stuart at college@1stpc.org.

Young Adult Ministry: We are meeting regularly via Zoom. For more information on Young Adult Ministry or specifically on these meetings, please email Fred Lundy at youngadult@1stpc.org.

The Gordon Hoover Class is Zooming on Sundays at a new time of 9:00 a.m. Connect by phone or computer. Everyone is welcome! Sunday's lesson is 2 Timothy 2. If you are interested in joining, please contact Perry Foote at palbertfoote@gmail.com.

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Melda Bassett, Ellen Farber, Jayne Fox, Lib Harrer, Emily Hoyer, Frank Maturo, Elizabeth Miller, and Theral Moore. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Trinity Gilkey, Brian Hill, Matt Roland, Emily Snook, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez, Joe Mueller, and Paul Samala. Essential worker: Bill Clark.

You Can Help Us Livestream Worship: The Session voted to purchase equipment to allow the congregation to view the worship service live from home. You are invited to assist with underwriting the expense of the equipment, estimated at \$9,000. Checks made payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo: Live streaming equipment, may be sent to the church office. Your generosity is appreciated.

Online Contributions can be made through your computer or smart phone. Go to 1stpc.org and click the red Pushpay icon. Give to the General Budget or 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 at business@1stpc.org if you have any questions.

FPC Figures for November 8

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$15,577
Pledged and Loosed Offerings	\$
YTD General Budget Requirements	\$
YTD Actual General Budget Receipts	\$

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