

GATHERING

God of glory, I greet you at the dawning of this day. Let my life proclaim Christ Jesus and the good news of the gospel from the rising of the sun to its setting; to the glory of your name. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE For the Beauty of the Earth J. Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love, which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

*** HYMN 189** O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair Deo Gracias

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you, to hide our faces, to hide our sin, yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you, in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops, yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

II Kings 2:1-12 (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 the cloud said: "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him."

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Vicki Sumner

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

* **HYMN 193** Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain Unser Herrscher

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-9 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Thy Kingdom Come

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Gluten-Free Bread)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

* **HYMN 744** Arise, Your Light Is Come! Festal Song

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain P. Manz

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Mark Hults, Scott Stuart, Vicki Sumner

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Dr. Mark Coffey

VIDEO: Parker Lundy, Fred Lundy, Dylan Tillery

SOUND: Dink Henderson

QUINTET: Alanna Parfait, soprano; Megan Sabella, alto; Elijah Adongo, tenor; Colin Hall, Simon Lynch, bass

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Margaret Weech, Shari, and Keith, upon the passing of husband and father Henry "Hank" Weech, Jr., who joined the Church Triumphant on February 7, 2021.

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair 189

Capo 3: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (D) (Em)
 Cm B^b Cm E^b F Gm

1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare,
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place,
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high

(Am) (Dm) (Am) (Em) (Am)
 Cm Fm Cm Gm Cm

of glo - ry that the church shall share,
 how with the three dis - ci - ples there,
 two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,

(G) (Dm) (Em) (G) (Am)
 B^b Fm Gm B^b Cm

which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,
 the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud
 what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 for which in joy - ful strains we raise

(Em) (Dm) (F) (G) (Am)
 Gm Fm A^b B^b Cm

where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.
 who joy in God with per - fect love.
 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This translation of a 15th-century Latin devotional text is set here to a majestic 15th-century tune celebrating the victory of an English king; they combine to evoke the awe and wonder of that moment of revelation the three disciples experienced in Christ's Transfiguration.

TEXT: Latin, 15th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.
 MUSIC: "The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415; harm. *The Hymnal*, 1933

DEO GRACIAS
 LM
 (alternate harmonization, 258)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

II Kings 2:1-12 (NRSV)

¹ Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁴ Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰ He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

Some version of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9/Mark 9:2-9/Luke 9:28-36) is always read on the last Sunday after the Epiphany. In this text that foretaste of Christ's glorification helps to prepare Peter, James, and John for their roles as proclaimers of "God's beloved Son."

TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1991

MUSIC: Joachim Neander, 1680; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863, alt.

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UNSER HERRSCHER

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GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-9 (NRSV)

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
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(this tune in a lower key, 815)

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FPC Weekly Figures

Weekly Budget Requirement		\$34,418
Received Week of 2/7/2021		\$17,833
Weekly Offering	\$6,349	
Designated Offerings	\$2,905	
Other Revenue	\$875	
Preschool	\$7,704	
YTD Budget Requirements		\$1,101,376
YTD Received		\$777,945
YTD Expenses		\$861,210

We have changed the weekly figures printed in the worship guide in an effort to present a more accurate picture of our finances to the congregation.

The top portion of the chart deals with income. Our budget (which runs from July through June) requires \$34,418 of income a week. The second figure shows the total received for the week with a breakdown of where that money come from.

The bottom portion of the chart deals with the year-to-date budget, receipts, and expenses.

Spending is limited to necessities at this time.

When our expenses are greater than our income (as they are this week), we must draw funds from our investment account.

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GLORIFY GOD

The Souper Bowl of Caring: We are thankful our church continues to have reason to celebrate in the midst of a year with countless disappointments and unwanted pivots. Last Sunday, we nearly filled the van with food to donate to Gainesville Community Ministry in our Souper Bowl of Caring Drive-Thru Donation. On top of the food donated, we received \$1,670 as vehicles drove by. We have a lot to be thankful for. If you couldn't make it out on Sunday, you can still donate through the "[Virtual Donation Drive](#) (Food and Financial)." The final total will be counted in the coming weeks and reported to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters and our church congregation. Praise God for a beautiful Sunday and remarkable turn out for a great cause.

Please Pray for the families currently in the Family Promise program. There are four moms and ten children at this time. Thank you for your prayers and for being the hands and feet of Christ by providing meals to these families over the next two weeks. For more details contact [Fred Lundy](#) or [Andreas VanDenend](#).

Love Offering: The Reverend Dr. Eriberto Soto was a Parish Associate here at First Presbyterian Church in 2013-2014. Eddie played a key role in forming the partnership which facilitated the opening of the seminary in Estelí. Following his passing with COVID, we are collecting a love offering for his wife, Marcia. If you would like to contribute, during February place donations in the offering plate, mail checks to the church (Attn: Trudy Bonerba) and note "*Soto Love Offering*" in the memo, or give online with [Pushpay](#) at the church website. Any questions should be directed to the church office.

Ash Wednesday Worship: Wednesday, February 17 at 7 p.m. In-Person and Online. Ash Wednesday worship will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the imposition of ashes. [Online registration](#) February 8 - 15. Seating will be limited and all individuals who attend worship will be asked to complete a short questionnaire. The service will also be streamed on our 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 informed and connected to the ministries of our church through this Sunday morning email which provides weekly devotionals, reflective readings, mission opportunities, and other helpful information for ways to stay connected during this time of social distancing as an act of loving our neighbors. Want to join the email list? Please contact Vicki Sumner at [children@1stpc.org](#).

Connections is on a break for Ash Wednesday. Please join us at the service online or in-person and at *Connections* again next Wednesday. For more about *Connections*, 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: As we prepare our hearts for the Lenten Season and Easter, we will not be meeting this week and encourage you to join us online or in the sanctuary for Ash Wednesday on February 17 at 7:00 p.m. 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! This Sunday is Luke 7. If you are interested in joining, please contact Perry Foote at [palbertfoote@gmail.com](#).

You can retire with dignity. But it won't happen until you take control of your money. Join our virtual Financial Peace University class. Together, we can learn how to make a plan for the future. Visit [fpu.com/1132220](#) to sign up for the class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace. Class starts Wednesday, February 24, 2021. Questions? Contact Mitch Rorick at 614-530-0217 or [music2@1stpc.org](#).

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

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

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