

GATHERING

Dear God, empower me to encourage others for the glory of your name as I go throughout my day. In Jesus' name I ask it. Amen.

VIRTUAL PRELUDE My Shepherd's Amazing Grace K. Dennis
Troy Thomas, director

PRELUDE Morning Has Broken arr. A. Clarke

WORDS OF WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.

Because we keep the Lord ever before us, we shall not be moved.

Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad! Let your spirits rejoice and your bodies rest secure.

For God does not give us up to death but shows us the path of life.

Praise the Lord!

* **HYMN 307** God of Grace and God of Glory Cwm Rhondda

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake. 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

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 42:5-9 (NRSV)

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ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

The Tree of Life

K. Scott

There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom, whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations: Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty. Its name is Jesus; name that says, "Our Savior!" There on its branches see the scars of suffering; see where the tendrils of our human self-hood feed on its life blood. Thorns not his own are tangled in its foliage; our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it. Yet, look it lives! Its grief has not destroyed it, nor fire consumed it. See how its branches reach to us in welcome; hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary! Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow, I will give blessing." This is my ending, this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit. This I have searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy. All heaven is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose Passion offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon. Peoples and nations, take it freely!" Amen, amen! My Master!

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Sarah Hinton

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

* HYMN 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Rest

GOSPEL READING

Mark 5:1-20 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Leader as a Sower

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord

C. Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise His holy Name; from early morn to setting sun, His might on earth proclaim. His laws are just and glad the heart; He makes His mercies known: Ye princes come, ye people, too, and bow before His throne.

* 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.*

* 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

SENDING

* HYMN 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Materna

* BENEDICTION

TOWN HALL MEETING

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Mark Hults, Sarah Hinton, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart

ELDERS ON DUTY: Missy Lentz and Cyndie Williams

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

NONET: Alanna Parfait, Alexis Vellis, soprano; Danielle Alexander, Megan Sabella, alto; Raul Giovannetti, Daemyung Hyun, tenor; Andrew Netardus, baritone; Colin Hall, Simon Lynch, bass

CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

JOYFUL CAROL RINGERS' ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR: Troy Thomas

JOYFUL CAROL RINGERS: Marin Best, Kaylee Bleeker, Tammy Bleeker, Jenny Chamberlain, Larissa Eskin, Mimi Gray, Eli Moore, Andrew Netardus, Bette North, Andrew Osmun, John Rayl, Bob Tucker, Beth Wood

USHERS: Roger Bachmann, Pam Bailey, Maralyn Foote, Matthew Morse, Dick Rauber, Cyndie Williams

VIDEO TEAM: Kaylee Bleeker, Troy Bleeker, John Rayl

SOUND: Frank Counts

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

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.

Prayer of Belief: *Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen.* (If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please let the pastor or elders on duty know.)

Leadership

Rev. Mark Hults
Pastor

Allison VanDenend
Clerk of Session

Dink Henderson
Treasurer

Session

Diaconate

| Class of 2022 | Class of 2023 | Class of 2024 |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Mary Jo Deichler | Pam Bailey | Alison Barat |
| Carol Israel | Todd Best | Ashley Lentz-Black |
| Jed Keesling | Deanna Cook | Jennifer Clark |
| Earle Pickens | Andrew Greer | Maralyn Foote |
| John Rayl | Missy Lentz | George Lebo |
| Tim Schubert | Russell Robinson | Evelyn Lewis |
| Allison VanDenend | Andy Vloedman | Dan Sutton |
| Cyndie Williams | Margaret Weech | |

| Class of 2022 | Class of 2023 | Class of 2024 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Dell Bowman | Jessica Berger | Tammy Bleeker |
| Megan Greer | Perry Foote | Buzz Boyd |
| Fred Lewis | Mimi Gray | Mimi Carr |
| Jane Morris | Dean Schoenfeld | Kristin Pickens |
| Rose Pickens | Jane Smith | Mary Lou Schubert |
| Barbara Probert | Dale Syfert | Nick Vellis |

FPC Weekly Figures

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| In-Person Attendance | 118 |
| Weekly Budget Requirement | \$29,817 |
| Received Week of 11/7/2021 | \$19,604 |
| Weekly Offering | \$3,778 |
| Designated Offerings | \$12,284 |
| Other Revenue | \$321 |
| Preschool | \$3,218 |
| YTD Budget Requirements | \$566,529 |
| YTD Received | \$534,984 |
| YTD Expenses | \$521,195 |

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307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:5-9 (NRSV)

⁵ Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

169 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

1 *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
 sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low thee.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

These stanzas were carved into a hymn from a much longer poem describing a frenzied ritual by an obscure sect in India, but they culminate in a reference to 1 Kings 19:11-12 that celebrates silence (as befits a Quaker poet). This tune was created especially for these words.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 5:1-20 (NRSV)

¹ They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. ² And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. ³ He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; ⁴ for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. ⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; ⁷ and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." ⁸ For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" ⁹ Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." ¹⁰ He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. ¹¹ Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; ¹² and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." ¹³ So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea. ¹⁴ The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵ They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. ¹⁶ Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. ¹⁷ Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. ¹⁸ As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹ But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." ²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

TEXT: Katharine Lee Bates, 1893, alt.
 MUSIC: Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882

MATERNA
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GLORIFY GOD

A Town Hall Meeting will be held after 11 a.m. worship today. The Parking Lot Committee will share details on the offer made on the lot and answer your questions. The meeting will also be live streamed on our YouTube channel. Keep watching after the service ends. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

The Montreat Worship and Music Conference in NC includes Bible study, bells, choir, fellowship, and more. Sign-up to attend Montreat in June TODAY Sunday, November 14. Contact Mitch Rorick to learn more about the conference or to register.

Fall Means Sweetie Pies! The pie order deadline is TODAY Sunday, November 14. Use the pie card in the pews, the form in the October Bugle, or email Carol Israel, ceisrael@cox.net. Pies should be picked-up no later than Sunday, November 21. Please call ahead if you are coming during office hours.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Nursery Coordinator Needed: We are hiring an individual to staff and run the nursery. The paid position is 8-10 hours a week which includes Sunday mornings, weekly planning, and special events. Several volunteers are already committed to serve with the children. Contact Evelyn Lewis with questions at citytr122@gmail.com.

Children's Worship Bags are located in the Narthex, Gordon Hall, and the chapel. Pick one up before the service to help your child participate in worship. After the service, please return all bags to the baskets. We encourage your family to discuss worship together - even if you don't use the guide.

Youth Connection (6th-12th Grade) Join us at the Devil's Millhopper from 3-5 p.m. for a time of exploring, hearing a Bible lesson, and doing a nature scavenger hunt. No meal will be provided this week. Plan to bring a mask and wear shoes for being on trails outdoors. The cost is \$2 per person or \$4 per vehicle of up to 8 people. Contact Vicki Sumner with questions.

Connections meets Wednesdays for 3-year-old - 12th grade students. Our Zoom gatherings begin with greeting one another and answering the question of the week. Each group participates in worship arts (drumming, singing, or xylophone), Bible study (lesson series on Advent), and recreation. We will end each gathering with a prayer. Contact Vicki Sumner with questions.

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| 3's-VPK | 5:45-6:15 | 3 rd -5 th | 3:45-4:15 |
| K-2 nd | 3:15-3:45 | 6 th -12 th | 4:30-5:15 |

College Café: All undergrad and graduate students are invited to lunch on Sundays immediately following the 11 a.m. service. Meet us in the North Courtyard.

College Trajectory Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in North Courtyard. For more information, please email Scott Stuart.

Young Adult & Family Ministry: We have in-person and Zoom gatherings scheduled for the rest of the year along with opportunities to support local missions. Contact Fred Lundy if you would like to be on our email list.

Gordon Hoover Sunday School Now Meets 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 with questions.

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| November 14 | Acts 21 | Betsy Berry |
| November 21 | Acts 22 | Perry Foote |

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

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

We're Hiring! Clean in the Preschool area two nights a week from 5:30-10:00 p.m. Background screening and clean drug test required for employment. If you are interested or know someone who would be, please contact Fred Lundy at youngadult@1stpc.org.

The Preschool is Hiring: Positions are Monday-Friday: Three's assistant 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Toddler room assistant 8-4:30 p.m. Email preschool@1stpc.org with any questions. Must be 18 to apply with required background check and drug screening. 45-hour childcare course required within six months of hire.

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. Questions? Contact Trudy Bonerba.

Our Sunday television broadcast may not air this Sunday, November 14. We are aware the service did not air the last four Sundays. The station was hacked and isn't able to show any local programming. *They are working to resolve the issue.* Please know the service is available on YouTube - search for "First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville" and look for a picture of the church steeple. Please also know the most recent service is on the main page and older services are under the "Videos" tab.

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or MyTV 28.2 for over the air broadcasts



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