

**GATHERING**

*Enlivening God, each morning I am awakened by your goodness nudging the earth to life. I am filled with wonder. Manifest in me the gifts of your Spirit that I may rejoice in you as I delight in serving your world this day. Amen.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling P. Manz

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness.

**Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods.**

It is the Lord our God who brought our ancestors up from the land of Egypt.

**It is the Lord our God who we will serve and obey.**

**\* HYMN 724** O Jesus, I Have Promised Angel's Story

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. 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**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 195

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM (11 A.M.)**

Seek to Serve

L. Pfautsch

*May I live in this world as one who always seeks to serve. May I live as one who knows the love of God. Lord, teach me how to live and how to serve. With my ears may I hear. With my eyes may I see. With my lips may I speak. May your Word be heard through me. Thus as I live each day may love sustain the will to serve. Amen.*

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)**

Vicki Sumner

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

**\* HYMN 175** Seek Ye First Lafferty

OLD TESTAMENT READING  
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Thanks be to God.

Joshua 24:14-28 (NRSV)  
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SERMON

The Renewal of the Covenant

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

I Will Give My Heart to the Lord

M. Patterson

*I will give my heart to the Lord. Ev'ry day I'll learn to love him. I will give my heart to the Lord. I will give my song to the Lord. Ev'ry day I'll learn to praise him. I will give my song to the Lord. I will give my life to the Lord. Ev'ry day I'll learn to serve him. I will give my life to the Lord. I will give him my heart, I will give him my song, I will give my life to the Lord.*

\* 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.**

SENDING

\* HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

Jesus, My Joy, My Heart's Desire

J. S. Bach

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Tim Schubert

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST:** Mitch Rorick

**SEPTET:** Raul Giovannetti, Colin Hall, Lydia King, Simon Lynch, Andrew Netardus, Alanna Parfait, Megan Sabella

**ORFF:** Andrew Netardus

**ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR:** Simon Lynch

**USHERS:** Jenny Chamberlain, Tom Chamberlain, Maralyn Foote, Bill Olinger, Paul Bennett

**VIDEO TEAM:** Kaylee Bleeker, Troy Bleeker, John Rayl

**SOUND:** Bruce Brashear

**CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:** We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Nancy Gilbert, John & Marie, Catherine, and William Gilbert, and Stephen & Michelle, Elizabeth, Adrienne, Tom, and Ben Gilbert upon the passing of Nancy's husband, Carter Gilbert, who joined the Church Triumphant on January 6, 2022.

**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

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	

#### Diaconate

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
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### FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance	87
Weekly Budget Requirement	<b>\$29,817</b>
Received Week of 1/9/2022	\$19,459
Weekly Offering	\$10,031
Designated Offerings	\$1,173
Other Revenue	--
Preschool	\$8,255
YTD Budget Requirements	\$834,885
YTD Received	<b>\$842,649</b>
YTD Expenses	\$722,777

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NRSV)

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Joshua 24:14-28 (NRSV)

<sup>14</sup> "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." <sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup> for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup> and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." <sup>19</sup> But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup> If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." <sup>21</sup> And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" <sup>22</sup> Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." <sup>23</sup> He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." <sup>24</sup> The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." <sup>25</sup> So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. <sup>26</sup> Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the Lord. <sup>27</sup> Joshua said to all the people, "See, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it has heard all the words of the Lord that he spoke to us; therefore it shall be a witness against you, if you deal falsely with your God." <sup>28</sup> So Joshua sent the people away to their inheritances.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

TEXT: John Ernest Bode, 1866, alt.  
 MUSIC: Arthur Henry Mann, 1881

ANGEL'S STORY  
 7.6.7.6.D  
 (alternate tune: NYLAND, 725)

# 175

## Seek Ye First

Descant

lu - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,  
 seek, and you shall find;  
 but by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2-3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.;  
 Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee

MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971

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## 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## GLORIFY GOD

**Year-End Contribution Statements** will be sent upon request after January 15. Please contact Trudy Bonerba at [business@1stpc.org](mailto:business@1stpc.org) or through the church office and specify if you prefer email or regular mail.

**January is a Great Time to Join a Choir** at First Presbyterian Church! There are choirs and handbell groups for a variety of ages. Please contact Mitch Rorick with questions or to find the right group for you.

## MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

**Our Nursery is open on Sundays** from 10:45 a.m. through the end of the 11 a.m. worship service for the little ones in our congregation (6 weeks old through pre-kindergarten children). Please find the sign in cart in the Christian Education building by rooms 109 and 113 to get your young ones settled in. *\*Please note that snacks are not being served at this time.*

**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.

**Children and Youth Sunday School:** Our elementary through high school aged children and youth will not have class this Sunday, due to the holiday weekend. We pray all have a safe weekend and look forward to classes next week. For more information, please refer to the Children and Youth portion of the Weekly Invite or contact Vicki Sumner.

**LOGOS:** The cumulative Omicron disruptions in our community, Preschool, and in the Logos committee left us too light on supervision to safely have an event on January 12 in the parking lot. We regret disappointing any of the children and families who were looking forward to meeting. We appreciate the responses we've received from families as we pray and plan for ways to sustain this intergenerational ministry. Join us in prayer and discernment to glorify God and make disciples.

**Confirmation Class of 2022:** Our confirmation class will not meet this week due to the MLK, Jr. holiday. Enjoy the day and know we look forward to gathering in our Zoom room the following week.

**Young Adult & Family Ministry:** We have in-person and Zoom gatherings scheduled for the new 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:** Meet 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](mailto:palbertfoote@gmail.com) with questions.

January 16	The Holy Trinity	Don McGarity
January 23	Galatians Intro and Ch. 1	Perry Foote

## MEET HUMAN NEEDS

**Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence:** Marilyn Ast, Melda Bassett, Cecilia Caton, 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.

**Online contributions** can be made through your computer or smart phone. Go to [1stpc.org](http://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.

**Nursery Coordinator and Staff:** The Nursery is open and looking for those who are called to serve the littlest in our congregation to sign up to volunteer. We currently have no staff and our nursery is solely run by church members who are sharing their gifts and talents during this season of hiring a Nursery Coordinator and staff. Please contact Vicki Sumner, [children@1stpc.org](mailto:children@1stpc.org), or Evelyn Lewis, [citytr122@gmail.com](mailto:citytr122@gmail.com).

**Urgent Call for Ushers:** Are you willing to lead worship by welcoming members and guests to our doors and collecting the offering during worship? We are in need of ushers on both a regular and substitute basis at both worship services. Please call the church office or email Laura Montgomery if you are willing and able to serve.

**We're Hiring Two Positions** to clean in the Preschool area: one is two nights a week the other is three nights a week, both 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](mailto:youngadult@1stpc.org).

**Annual Souper Bowl of Caring:** Each year our Youth Connection hosts a Souper Bowl of Caring to raise funds and soup cans/non-perishables for Gainesville Community Ministry. The Super Bowl is on Sunday, February 13 this year and our YC is still determining if we will host an event or do something similar to 2020, where we hosted a drive-thru soup donation. More information to follow in the coming weeks. Contact Vicki Sumner with questions.

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