

GATHERING

Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

All who thirst, come to the water.

Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us. Drink deeply of these living waters.

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

* **HYMN 403**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. 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

Genesis 28:10-22 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 25

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Hymn of Praise

M. Wilberg

Awake, arise, and sing! Arise and sing, all praise! O praise him of endless days! Rejoice, resound with joy! Resound with joyous praise! O praise him of endless days! Come ev'ry noble son, ye daughters, ev'ry one, and sing a hymn of praise to him of endless days! O come, ye nations fair, ye chosen ev'rywhere, and rid thyself of ev'ry care. As brides now beautified, strengthened and sanctified, who wait with lamps refreshed and new, with oil pressed in pain, and robes washed clean again, for God restores what prophets knew, and brings the bridegroom quickly to our view: "Eternal are thy mercies, Lord, and truth eternal is thy word. Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more." Then enter in and rest, a ransomed royal guest, to feast upon the bread! And praise the Great "I AM!" Give glory to the Lamb who gathers all of Israel within the tabernacle where he dwells: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Then bear his precious name! Until our lives proclaim "All praise and honor to our King, who our salvation brings with healing in his wings! Praise to God, our Father holy, and his Son for us made lowly! Praise, o praise! Pour forth this hymn of praise: Glory to God! Glory to him of endless days! Amen!

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Vicki Sumner

(Children may come forward with an adult or remain seated with their families for the Time for Young Disciples.)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 1:1-8 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ask

Rev. Scott Stuart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING

RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATES

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

* **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

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

M. Hayes

Alanna Parfait, soprano

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

* **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 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Grace to you. Grace from above. My grace I give to you as a gift of my Love. Peace to you. Peace from above. My peace I give to you as a gift of my Love.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart, Vicki Sumner

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

OCTET: Raul Giovannetti, Colin Hall, Lydia King, Simon Lynch, Andrew Netardus, Alanna Parfait, Megan Sabella, Alexis Vellis

CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

SANCTUARY USHERS: Paul Bennett, Maralyn Foote, Bill Olinger

VIDEO TEAM: Parker Lundy, John Rayl, Dylan Tillery

SOUND: Bruce Brashear

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen by Mort Wolfson.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Sharon and Jim and their family upon the passing of their mother, Lois McGrady, who joined the Church Triumphant on Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

GRADUATION SUNDAY: Today we celebrate our high school and college classes of 2022 during our worship service. Congratulations! We are holding you in prayer and look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for you.

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.

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St. Francis / Arbor House

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be

en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,

waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 28:10-22 (NRSV)

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 1:1-8 (NRSV)

¹ James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. ² My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; ⁴ and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵ If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. ⁶ But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; ^{7,8} for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
 Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

SLANE
 10.10.10.10

Class of 2022

High School

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God give you the grace to not sell yourself short. Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth. And the world is too small for anything but love. May God take your mind and think through it; may God take your lips and speak through them; and may God take your heart and set it on fire. Amen.

College

Jonathon Haney

Simon Lynch

Alanna Parfait

Evan Waxman

Jonathon Haney is graduating from the UF Law School with a Juris Doctor degree. He has currently been accepted into the UF Tax Law program and will continue further studies here in Gainesville.

Simon Lynch is graduating with his bachelor's in music education. He currently applying for teaching positions in and around Syracuse, New York.

Alanna Parfait graduated with a Bachelor of Music Education with a choral emphasis, as well as a Certificate in Vocal Performance. She is currently

taking a gap year in schooling to apply and decide upon a school to pursue a masters in vocal performance. Alanna is also taking this time in between studies to explore other avenues of music such a production and recording.

Evan Waxman graduates with his master's in electrical and computer engineering. Evan has taken a job as a System on Chip Design Engineer at Intel in Portland, Oregon.

Scholarship Recipients

The Scholarship Committee on behalf of the Trustees is pleased to announce the following Scholarship Recipients for 2021-2022:

Howard and Emily Patton Scholarship

Alexis Vellis

William K. Robertson and
Ruth H. Maren Education Scholarships

Dylan Tillery

Hank and Margaret Weech,
John R. Greenman, and
J. Wayne Reitz Scholarships

Elizabeth Osmun

On behalf of the Trustees, the Scholarship Committee would like to thank the donors and the families of the donors for their generous contributions to the Scholarship endowment funds that continue to make it possible for First Presbyterian Church to award scholarships to qualified applicants year after year.

If you would like information on creating or contributing to a scholarship fund, please contact Trudy Bonerba, Office Manager, at business@1stpc.org.

Scholarship Committee members: Geoff Spiegel, Chair, Carol Israel, Brenda Pickens, Louise Rothman, Margaret Weech, Trudy Bonerba, ex officio staff, and Mark Hults, Pastor.

GLORIFY GOD

Summer Choir is scheduled to begin on May 22. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. -10:40 a.m. in the sanctuary immediately preceding worship. Well aware of summer schedules, it is not necessary for members of the summer choir to be present every summer Sunday. The anthems are selected to match the abilities of those in attendance. Please contact Mitch Rorick, music@1stpc.org, if you have questions.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

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 class meets from 9:30-9:50 a.m. and our youth class meets from 10-10:20 a.m. in their Zoom classrooms for their final class of the 2021-2022 academic year today. Please contact Vicki Sumner for more information. We look forward to seeing you today!

Youth Connection: Our sixth through twelfth grade youth will gather this Sunday for their End of the Year Lunch following the 11 a.m. worship service. Meet in the North Courtyard and walk over to 4th Ave Food Park together. No money needed - we are covering the cost! Families can pick up at 2 p.m. outside the Mary Gate. Contact Vicki Sumner for more information.

A Young Adult & Family Ministry Men's Breakfast will be held this Thursday, May 5 from 7:00 to 10:30 a.m. at Bagel Bakery. Contact Fred Lundy if you have any questions. Please know drinks, refreshments, or food will be the responsibility of those joining us. (<https://www.bagelbakerygainesville.com/#4>)

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 with questions.

May 1	Philippians 2	Jed Keesling
May 8	Philippians 3	Tim Schubert

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast, Melda Bassett, Cecilia Caton, Jayne Fox, Kay Koons, Elizabeth Miller, and Theral Moore. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Trinity Gilkey, Matt Gowdy, 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 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 Nursery is Open on Sundays from 10:45 a.m. through the end of the 11 a.m. worship service. Volunteers are desperately needed to care for the littlest ones in our congregation (6 weeks old through pre-kindergarten). If you are able to help in the nursery, please email Jenna Mueller at jro8908@aol.com. Families, please find the sign-in cart in the Christian Education building by rooms 109 and 113 to get your young ones settled in.

Lifting Up Ukraine: To support the PC (USA)'s work with established partner churches and ecumenical programs in Eastern and Central Europe, make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and note "Ukraine" in the memo or donate online by using the red Pushpay icon on our homepage and selecting Ukraine in Giving Type. Visit <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/> for more information or to give directly to Presbyterian Disaster Relief designate gifts to DR000156 or text PDAUKR to 41444.

Montreat 2022: On Saturday, June 18, children, youth, and adults from our church will board a charter bus and a 12-passenger van to travel to Montreat, North Carolina for the 2022 Worship and Music Conference. The theme of this year's conference is *In the Stranger's Guise*. Please become a Noteworthy Sponsor. Beginning April 24, you may visit the Noteworthy Sponsor table in Gordon Hall after worship, place a check in the offering plate with the memo "Montreat Noteworthy Sponsor," or mail a check to the church office. To date we have raised \$10,000 toward our goal of \$25,000.

FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance	157
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$29,817
Received 4/24/2022	\$25,195
Weekly Offering	\$10,867
Designated Offerings	\$1,357
Other Revenue	\$60
Preschool	\$12,910
YTD Budget Requirements	\$1,282,144
YTD Received	\$1,206,296
YTD Expenses	\$1,211,040

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