



Service for the Lord's Day • November 13, 2022
Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs

GATHERING

God of comfort, we give thanks for the dawning of a new day. Even though we have turned from you, you have reached for us. May we draw life-giving water with joy this day, giving thanks for the multitude of gifts and challenges we face, singing praises to the Lord throughout all the earth. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

PRELUDE

Washed Anew

T. Keesecker

Senior Choir; Megan Sabella, assistant conductor

Washed anew with life-giving water, bathed and cleansed, Kyrie eleison! Thirsting for knowledge, thirsting for truth, Jesus, you have set us free. Like gentle rainfall, like morning dew, clear and clean our hearts will be. Cast off all weakness, cast off all sin, with his death we've been reborn. A mighty ocean, a quiet stream, rising, greet a glorious morn. Come sing God's praises, come to the feast, Christ is risen from the grave. A flooding river, a raging sea, trembling, stand among the saved.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy,

from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.

Shout aloud and sing for joy,

as we come to worship the God of all creation!

*** HYMN 483**

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

LIEBSTER JESU

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of peace we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you. 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

Isaiah 60:1-3 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Take Me to the Water

Cherub and Junior Choirs, Alanna Parfait, assistant conductor

Take me to the water. Take me to the water to be baptized. I love Jesus. I love Jesus, yes, I do. He's my Savior. He's my Savior, yes, he is. Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Vicki Sumner

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

* HYMN 482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:21-40 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Birth and Baptism

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

Nunc Dimittis

H. Howells

from Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis

David Pelino, tenor; Shichu Xie, assistant conductor

Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, world without end. Amen.

* 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 A.M.)

(Gluten-Free Bread)

SENDING

* HYMN 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

C. Moglebust

Joyful Carol Ringers; Megan Sabella, assistant conductor

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

ELDER ON DUTY: Alison Barat

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

8:30 ORGANIST: Gavan McVey

8:30 USHERS: Howard & Margaret Lingg; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Pam Bailey, Paul Bennett, Cyndie Williams

VIDEO TEAM: Kaylee Bleeker, Troy Bleeker, Kate Lundy

SOUND: Bruce Brashear

REMEMBER NOVEMBER: This Sunday we celebrate new life during the pandemic. As you enter worship, you may take a carnation in honor of those who were born or baptized.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP in memory of my father Willard Pyne Mahler, Army Veteran WWII, and in honor of my son Daniel Pyne Williams, active duty Air Force, 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.

BIRTHS

Ned Rorick	Clara Mears
Graham Heard	Fleetwood Fleming IV
Griffin & Gabriel Hooper	Lily Lewis
Charlotte Hoechsmanns	Jackson Parnell
Allyson Samala	Jay Jess
Eliana Adongo	Evan Conerly
Maverick Hancock	Rhiannon Eskin
Wade Rutherford	Jesse Tenkorang
Oliver Syfert	Chance Neuhaus
Declan Bishop	Decker Hardin
John Adams	Cora Richardson
Rhett Fosser	Grant Pyche

BAPTISMS

Elise Valentine
Ned Rorick
Garrett (Rhett) Snipes, Jr
Eliana Adongo
Blakely Golden
Cooper Feigum
Madison Miller
Emerson Barat
Fleetwood Fleming IV
Declan Bishop
Rhett Fosser
Jesse Tenkorang

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FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance	173
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$27,463
Received Week of 11/6/2022	\$34,787
Weekly Offering	\$8,635
Designated Offerings	\$3,367
Other Revenue	\$560
Preschool	\$22,225
YTD Budget Requirements	\$521,788
YTD Received	\$511,878
YTD Expenses	\$530,230

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here 483

1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, glad - ly your com -
 2 Your com - mand is clear and plain, and we would o -
 3 This is why we come to you, in our arms this
 4 Gra - cious Head, your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take your

mand o - bey - ing. With this child we now draw near
 bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,
 in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly, here your grace we view.
 lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here your throne;

in re - sponse to your own say - ing that to you it
 heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, born of wa - ter
 Let this child, your mer - cy shar - ing, in your arms be
 Way of life, to heav - en lead it; pre - cious Vine, let

shall be giv - en as a child and heir of heav - en.
 and the Spir - it, and my king - dom thus in - her - it."
 shield - ed ev - er, yours on earth and yours for - ev - er.
 noth - ing sev - er from your side this branch for - ev - er.

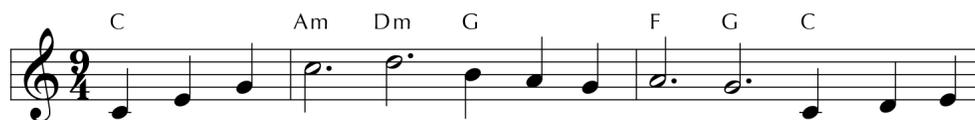
As the similarity of their opening lines suggests (they are identical in German), this text for the baptism of a child was written in imitation of the sermon hymn "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" (no. 395), which is the text usually associated with the tune they share.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

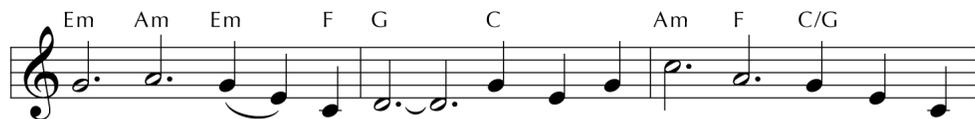
This is the Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

BAPTISM

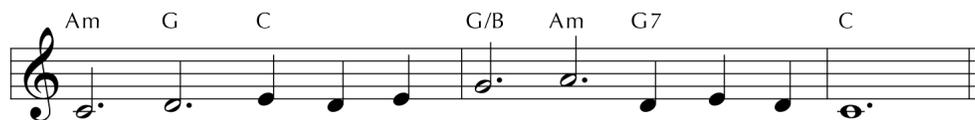
482 Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

TEXT: Michael A. Seward, 1981
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985
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 Music Arr. © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

BUNESSAN
 5.5.8.5.5.9

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:21-40 (NRSV)

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. ²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” ³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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. MATERNA
 MUSIC: Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882 CMD

GLORIFY GOD

Concert for a Cause: The Gainesville Community Band, directed by R. Gary Langford, will present a Veterans Day concert in the sanctuary this afternoon, November 13 at 4 p.m. A punch and cake reception will be held in Gordon Memorial Hall immediately following the concert. A free-will offering will be received to benefit St. Francis House and new or gently used twin sheets may be donated for Vetspace.

The Promised One: We are recommending this Advent devotional from Christianity Today for individuals and families (activities for families included). Contact the church office to buy one of our limited copies for \$5.

Decorating the Sanctuary: Advent is just around the corner. We are looking for volunteers to beautify our church and worship space. Everyone is welcome! Gather on Monday, November 21 at 9 a.m. Please call Marilyn Foote at 352-318-5975 to be added to the volunteer list.

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.

Time for Young Disciples: We invite children to the front steps for a time for young disciples. Children may also remain in their pew. It will be a special time for all of God's children, regardless of where they're seated.

LOGOS: *generations learning and growing together in faith modeled after the early church in Acts 2:42.* Please join us this Wednesday, November 16, at 3:45 p.m. for LOGOS. We will spend time in Bible study, recreation, and worship arts, with the ability to bring home a shared meal. Contact Vicki Sumner with questions or to RSVP for a to-go dinner.

College Café: All college students are invited to join us in the serving room through Gordon Hall for a home-cooked lunch immediately following 11 a.m. worship. Thank you to those who provided today's meal. If you are interested in serving a meal to the students, please contact Scott Stuart.

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.

November 13	Romans 5	Tim Schubert
November 20	Romans 6	Perry Foote

Women's Bible Study meets tomorrow, November 14 at 10:30 a.m. in Gordon Hall. All women of the church are invited to gather for a study based on *The Holy Spirit* by Anne Graham Lotz. For questions, please contact the church office at (352) 378-1527.

The Montreat Worship and Music Conference in NC includes Bible study, bells, choir, fellowship, and more. Sign-up to attend Montreat in June. Early Registration ends soon! Please contact Mitch Rorick to learn more about the conference or to register.

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, 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 smartphone. Go to 1stpc.org and click the red Pushpay icon. 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 jdmueller2009@gmail.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.

Pie Pick-Ups: Please contact Carol Israel to schedule your pie pick-up time by emailing ceisrael@cox.net. If you have not paid for your pies, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and put "pies" on the memo line.

Veterans Drive: In honor of veterans in our community, Congregational Care is sponsoring a drive to collect new and gently used single sheet sets for VETSPACE, a non-profit that is dedicated to helping homeless veterans and their families. More information is available on their website: www.vetspace.org.

Fall Food Drive: Gainesville Community Ministries and St. Francis House help families daily to meet basic needs. Please help us fill their pantry shelves at our Drive Thru Food Collection this afternoon, November 13 from 1 - 3 p.m. in the church parking lot. You may also bring sheets for Vetspace.

Downtown Art Festival Parking: Please plan to park in the church lot for \$5 next Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20 to support our Montreat Youth. Use PushPay to pay online for \$5.50.

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