



**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Romans 5:1-11 (NRSV)

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

NT pg. 155

**SERMON**

Reconciliation Has Its Privileges

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**

Amazing Grace

J. Althouse

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.*

\* **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 215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE**

Postlude in D Minor

J. C. H. Rinck

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Mimi Gray, Mark Hults, Missy Lentz, Evelyn Lewis, Fred Lundy

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Missy Lentz

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

**CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:** Tiffany Fung

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**CHAPEL USHER:** Howard & Margaret Lingg; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Pam Bailey, Joe Mueller

**VIDEO TEAM:** Fred Lundy, John Rayl

**SOUND:** Dink Henderson

**THE ROSE ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT** is given to the glory of God and with joy and thanksgiving to announce the birth of Rylan Marie Reul on March 2, 2023. She is the daughter of Chris & Kayla Reul. Her grandparents are Jim & Deanna Cook.

**CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:** We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Janet Heffner upon the passing of her mother, Ginnie Heffner, who joined the Church Triumphant on March 8, 2023.

**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**

Andy Vloedman  
**Clerk of Session**

Dink Henderson  
**Treasurer**

#### Session

#### Diaconate

<p><b>Class of 2023</b> Pam Bailey Todd Best Deanna Cook Andrew Greer Missy Lentz Russell Robinson Andy Vloedman Margaret Weech</p>	<p><b>Class of 2024</b> Alison Barat Ashley Lentz-Black John Carswell Jennifer Clark Maralyn Foote George Lebo Evelyn Lewis Dan Sutton</p>	<p><b>Class of 2025</b> Fleetwood Fleming Carol Israel Joe Mueller Elisa Neale-Tobener Earle Pickens Geoff Spiegel Alexis Vellis Sarah Whitfield Hinton</p>	<p><b>Class of 2023</b> Jessica Berger Perry Foote Mimi Gray Dean Schoenfeld Jane Smith Dale Syfert</p>	<p><b>Class of 2024</b> Tammy Bleeker Buzz Boyd Mimi Carr Kristin Pickens Mary Lou Schubert Nick Vellis</p>	<p><b>Class of 2025</b> Holli Best Dell Bowman Nancy Carswell Megan Greer Fred Lewis</p>
---	--	---	---	---	--

#### Senior Pastor

Rev. Mark Hults - [pastor@1stpc.org](mailto:pastor@1stpc.org)

#### Director of Music and Organist

Mitch Rorick - [music@1stpc.org](mailto:music@1stpc.org)

#### Director of Young Adult & Family Ministry

Fred Lundy - [youngadult@1stpc.org](mailto:youngadult@1stpc.org)

#### Parish Associate, Director of College Ministry

Rev. Scott Stuart - [college@1stpc.org](mailto:college@1stpc.org)

#### Director of Children's Ministries

Vicki Sumner - [children@1stpc.org](mailto:children@1stpc.org)

#### Preschool Director

Lisa Hershkowitz - [preschool@1stpc.org](mailto:preschool@1stpc.org)

#### Business Manager

Trudy Bonerba - [business@1stpc.org](mailto:business@1stpc.org)

#### Pastor's Assistant

Laura Montgomery - [assistant@1stpc.org](mailto:assistant@1stpc.org)

#### Communications Assistant

Jenny Chamberlain - [communications@1stpc.org](mailto:communications@1stpc.org)

### FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 3/5	167
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$32,313
Received Week of 3/5/2023	<b>\$46,003</b>
Weekly Offering	\$7,190
Designated Offerings	\$2,559
Other Revenue	\$314
Preschool	\$35,940
YTD Budget Requirements	\$1,163,250
YTD Received	<b>\$1,091,757</b>
YTD Expenses	\$1,068,568

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.  
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part Second, 1813

NETTLETON  
 8.7.8.7.D

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 95 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! <sup>2</sup>Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! <sup>3</sup>For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup>In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. <sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. <sup>6</sup>O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! <sup>7</sup>For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice! <sup>8</sup>Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup>when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. <sup>10</sup>For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways." <sup>11</sup>Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**O for a World**

**372**

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,  
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,  
 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.  
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,  
 where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
 where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987  
 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839  
 Text © 1990 Medical Mission Sisters

AZMON  
 CM

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

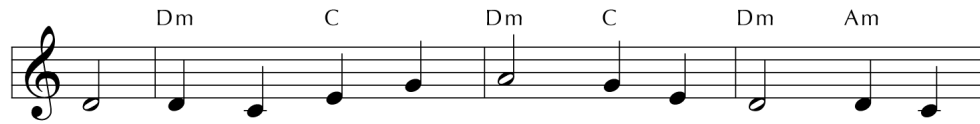
Romans 5:1-11 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous  
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."



## GLORIFY GOD

**40 Days of Caring:** During this Lenten season, we are collecting food for Gainesville Community Ministry, and soft-sided Bibles for the Alachua County Jail. Please bring donations to the bins in the narthex and Gordon Hall. You may also provide gift cards for families at Family Promise and St. Francis House who are transitioning to more permanent housing. Label and place in the offering or bring to the church office.

## MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

**Nursery Care** is available every Sunday from 10:45 a.m. through the end of the 11 a.m. worship service for infants (starting at 6 weeks) and children through pre-k. Families, please find the sign-in cart upstairs in the Christian Education building by room 204.

**Children's Worship Bags** are located in the chapel and narthex. Pick one up before the service to help your child participate in worship and return all bags to the baskets.

**Time for Young Disciples:** We are delighted to invite our children to the front steps for a lesson dedicated to our children. Children are still welcome to remain in their seat. It will be a special time for all of God's children, regardless of where they're seated.

**Children and Youth Ministries at FPC** are taking their Spring Break this week and will resume their full Sunday and Wednesday programmatic ministries beginning next Sunday, March 19.

**Youth Opportunities to Assist in Worship:** Our 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to participate in serving as (in-person) lay readers during our 11 a.m. worship service the second Sunday of each month. If this is something your youth is interested in doing, please contact Vicki Sumner.

**Summer Youth Opportunities** are in the final planning stages! The high school (rising 9<sup>th</sup> through completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade) trip to Fun in the Sun in Hilton Head, SC is July 9-14 and the middle school (rising 6<sup>th</sup> through rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade) trip to The Great Escape in Ocklawaha, FL is July 23-27. Check your latest Youth Connection email or contact Vicki Sumner for more information and to start the registration process.

**College Café:** We invite you to join us for fellowship in Gordon Hall immediately following worship. Next Sunday, all college students are invited to join us in the serving room through Gordon Hall for a home-cooked lunch following 11 a.m. worship. If you are interested in serving a meal, please contact Scott Stuart.

**Multiply Adult Sunday School Class** will be held from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Gordon Hall. The class will look at the Teachings of Jesus with a rotation of teachers, including Fred Lundy, Joe Mueller, and Scott Stuart. Contact Fred for further information.

**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.

March 12	1 Thessalonians 5	Bob Bailey
March 19	2 Thessalonians Introduction and Chapter 1	Perry Foote Tim Schubert


## MEET HUMAN NEEDS

**Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence:** Marilyn Ast, Melda Bassett, Cecilia Caton, Jayne Fox, Kay Koons, and Elizabeth Miller. 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](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.

**College Scholarship Applications** for 2023-2024 are available in the church office. Submit the application, transcripts, and two letters of recommendation by March 19.

**Have you missed some people in worship lately?** Our nursery is extremely grateful to Katrina Alford, Holli Best, Kristin Cook, the Dowling family, Drew & Christine Feigum, Maddye Fleming, Sydney Moore, Sarah Hinton, Evelyn & Fred Lewis, Heather Mears, Joe Mueller, Coleen O'Brien, Jane Smith, John Steinmeyer, Dan & Donna Sutton, Bev & Andy Vloedman, and Cyndie Williams for taking time to minister to the youngest in our church family. Are you feeling called to help nurture our littlest ones? Please reach out to one of the people listed above to hear more about their time volunteering in our nursery, then please contact Jenna Mueller ([jdmueller2009@gmail.com](mailto:jdmueller2009@gmail.com)) once you are ready to sign up to help.

Tune in to Cox Channel 11 **now from 9-10 a.m.**  
for our televised broadcast   
or MyTV 28.2 for over the air broadcasts



Current Worship video and audio  
as well as archives at [1stpc.org](http://1stpc.org)

CCLI License #2742913  
CCLI Streaming License #CSPL091568



Is there something you would like to announce in the  
Bugle or Bulletin? Contact [communications@1stpc.org](mailto:communications@1stpc.org)