



Fourth Sunday in Lent • March 19, 2023

Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs

GATHERING

Good morning, Lord. The day has dawned with the gift of sunlight, and I awaken from sleep into the light and grace of Christ. Thank You for this new day. Stay with me, I pray, shepherding me through all that the day will hold. In praise and anticipation I begin this day; in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE Adagio and Allegro from Sonata in E Minor, Op. 1, No. 2 B. Marcello
Tim Mutschlechner, cello

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as You see!

Once we lived in darkness, but now – as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as You see!

* **HYMN 159** O Sing a Song of Bethlehem KINGSFOLD

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into Your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into Your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into Your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with Your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, and ask Him to transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

KYRIE (HYMN 551) Lord, Have Mercy LAND OF REST
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

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

Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)
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ANTHEM**My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

M. Wilberg

Lafe Arens, assistant conductor

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His Name; in pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake His ways, and leads me for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay; one word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may Thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Vicki Sumner

*(Afterward, children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God.)**** HYMN 834**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

The Anointing of King David

Fred Lundy

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 SOLO**

Come Unto Him All Ye That Labor from Messiah

G.F. Handel

Alanna Parfait, soprano

Come unto him, all ye that labour, come unto him, that are heavy laden, and he will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him; for he is meek and lowly of heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

*** 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 212**

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYRDOM

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

Movement 1 from Horn Concerto No. 1,
Emerson Barat, french horn; Tiffany Fung, piano

R. Strauss

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart, Vicki Sumner

ELDER ON DUTY: Earle Pickens

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

CHANCEL CHOIR

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

ACOLYTE: Grace Berger

VIDEO TEAM: Norah Barat, Marin Best, Owen Best, John Rayl

SOUND: Frank Counts

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of and thanksgiving for my husband, Robert, and my granddaughter, Lane, from Ginny Craig.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of my sister, Maribeth Peachey, by Sara LeMaire.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of Emily Hoyer from Kate, Alexis, and Nick Vellis.

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.)

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EASTER LILIES are available for purchase in honor or in memory of a family member or friend. They will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The lilies are \$15 each and can be ordered by filling out the form below and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church at 106 SW 3rd Street, Gainesville, 32601. You may take your lily home after the 11 a.m. Easter Service. The deadline for orders is this Friday, March 31.

Easter Lilies

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given By:

159 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch - ing there,
 2 O sing a song of Naz - a - reth, of sun - ny days of joy;
 3 O sing a song of Gal - i - lee, of lake and woods and hill,
 4 O sing a song of Cal - va - ry, its glo - ry and dis - may,

and of the news that came to them from an - gels in the air.
 O sing of fra - grant flow - ers' breath, and of the sin - less boy.
 of him who walked up - on the sea and bade its waves be still.
 of him who hung up - on the tree, and took our sins a - way.

The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to - day.
 For now the flowers of Naz - a - reth in ev - ery heart may grow.
 For though, like waves on Gal - i - lee, dark seas of trou - ble roll,
 For he who died on Cal - va - ry is ris - en from the grave,

Of Je - sus' birth and peace on earth the an - gels sing al - way.
 Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.
 when faith has heard the Mas - ter's word, falls peace up - on the soul.
 and Christ, our Lord, by heaven a - dored, is might - y now to save.

This hymn created by a noted Presbyterian hymnal editor and scholar employs place names and sensory images (light, fragrance, wind) to sketch the events of Christ's life. The tune name commemorates the village in Sussex where the arranger first heard the traditional melody.

TEXT: Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1899
 MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

KINGSFOLD
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834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
 2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
 fall; take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.

TEXT: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

MUSIC: George N. Allen, 1844; arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

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PRECIOUS LORD

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GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (NRSV)

¹The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

212 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and
 2 Was it for sins that I have done he
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and
 4 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the

did my Sov - ereign die! Would he de - vote that
 suf - fered on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y!
 shut its glo - ries in, when Christ, the great Re -
 debt of love I owe; here, Lord, I give my -

sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I!
 Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
 deem - er, died for hu - man crea - tures' sin.
 self a - way; 'tis all that I can do.

Much like this author's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this more introspective treatment of Christ's crucifixion calls forth self-sacrifice from the beholder. It is set here to a tune that may well have originated as an 18th-century Scottish folk song.

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.

Flower Arranging: Are you interested in learning how to arrange flowers? Would you be willing to help prepare the sanctuary flowers for Easter worship? Middle school students through adults, contact Maralyn Foote at 352-318-5975.

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.

Sunday School for Children and Youth is today at 9:45 a.m. in the Art Room (upstairs in the Christian Education building - Room 216). Come learn with us! **Confirmation class will resume next Sunday, March 26 at the same time in room 211**

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.

Join us for LOGOS at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesdays where we play, learn worship skills, study the Bible, and enjoy a snack! Families and members of the congregation are welcome to pick up to-go meals at 6 p.m. each week. Contact Bev Vloedman at dvloedman@aol.com or Vicki Sumner.

Summer Youth Opportunities are in the final planning stages! The high school (rising 9th through completed 12th grade) trip to Fun in the Sun in Hilton Head, SC is July 9-14 and the middle school (rising 6th through rising 9th 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: 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. Thank you to those who provided today's meal! 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 with questions.

March 19	2 Thessalonians Introduction and Chapter 1	Perry Foote Tim Schubert
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March 26	2 Thessalonians Chapters 2 & 3	Don McGarity
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UF vs Auburn: Join the Young Adult and Family ministries for a night at the ballgame on Friday, March 31. For more information, contact Fred Lundy.

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 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 due today. Submit the application, transcripts, and two letters of recommendation Sunday, March 19.

Have you missed some people in worship lately? Our nursery volunteers have been giving of their time to minister to the youngest in our church family. Are you also feeling called to help nurture our littlest ones? Please reach out to hear more about volunteering in our nursery by contacting Jenna Mueller (jdmueller2009@gmail.com).

Ushers Needed: Would you like to join the Apr, Aug, Dec team or the May, Sept, Jan team for 11 a.m. worship? Ushers greet parishioners, distribute bulletins, and help people to a seat. They also take up a collection at the offering time. Please contact Laura Montgomery in the office by phone or email.

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