

GATHERING

I give thanks for the gift of life and breath that is mine today in Christ. Make me eager to do good and to resist evil and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference. Allow me to share the hope that is within me in gentleness and reverence of Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry D. Christiansen

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

Let the sound of praise ring out.

Trust in the power and the goodness of our God!

It is in Him that our hope resides.

*** HYMN 14** For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. 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 FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:12-17 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 37:12-13, 35-40

Alanna Parfait, soprano

Each week for our Cry of the Soul sermon series, a Psalm will be sung connected to the theme.

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TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Sarah Whitfield

(Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed to the final Kids-4-God of the semester.)

* **HYMN 815**

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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SERMON

The Cry of the Soul: Contempt

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

Give Me Jesus

M. Hogan

Alanna Parfait, soprano

In the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. You may have all of this world, give me Jesus. Oh, when I comes to die, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, nobody but Jesus, you may have all of this world, give me Jesus.

* **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 Available)

SENDING

- * **HYMN 463** How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION
- * **BENEDICTION**
- * **POSTLUDE** Praeludium in G J.S. Bach

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

ELDER ON DUTY: Joe Mueller

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

ACOLYTE: Shane Sumner

CHAPEL USHER: Dan Sutton; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Paul Bennett, Maralyn Foote, Bill Olinger

VIDEO TEAM: Norah Barat, Marin Best, Owen Best, Oliver Dowling, John Rayl; **SOUND:** Dink Henderson

THE PINK CARNATIONS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of all mothers. As you leave worship today, there are individual flowers available at the exits. Please feel free to take a pink carnation for your mother, even if she is not able to be with you today.

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.

STEWARDSHIP 2023-2024



YOUR PLEDGE

A promise to support FPC with your finances

Pledged funds are used to build the budget

The budget covers expenses from July to June

We will formally return our pledges on Sunday, May 21st. Please submit your pledge in one of three ways: securely online (<https://tinyurl.com/FPCstewardship2023>), by mail (106 SW 3rd St., Gainesville, FL 32601), or by emailing your pledge to our Business Manager, Trudy Bonerba (business@1stpc.org).

Please pray about what God is leading you to give to support the mission and ministries of our church in the coming year.



GENERAL BUDGET OVERVIEW

P parking lot, playground, and sanctuary upkeep

curriculum teacher training Bible studies

GPD security fire alarms smoke detectors

seminaries hospitals schools

care cards the Bugle local ministries

teachers sextons staff

College cafe fellowship events LOGOS meals

worship guides sheet music communion

lights, AC/heat plumbing, ovens, carpet

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Laura Montgomery - assistant@1stpc.org

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Jenny Chamberlain - communications@1stpc.org

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

TEXT: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

DIX
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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:12-17 (NRSV)

¹²Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers." ¹⁴The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry ¹⁶and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself'?" ¹⁷He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
 3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
 4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
 clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
 to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
 truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
 shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
 own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
 fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

This text uses selected stanzas from sixteen four-line English stanzas based on the original German text, which was twice as long. The German hymn was constructed as an acrostic on Martin Luther's translation of Psalm 37:5, and much of the spirit of that psalm is retained here.

TEXT: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. John Wesley, 1737, alt.
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1872

FESTAL SONG
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 (this tune in a higher key, 744)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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463 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
 3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,
 is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;
 What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

TEXT: "K" in John Rippons's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832, alt.

GLORIFY GOD

A Celebration in Honor of Vicki Sumner will be held in Gordon Memorial Hall next Sunday, May 21 following 11 a.m. worship. We hope you will join us as we send off Vicki, Matt, Shane, and Simon with thanks and blessings!

Noteworthy Sponsors: On June 17, children, youth, and adults from our church will travel to Montreat, North Carolina for the 2023 Worship and Music Conference. Please become a Noteworthy Sponsor. Visit the 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. Thank you for your continued support. To date we have raised \$10,137 towards our goal of \$25,000.

Summer Choir will sing Sunday, May 21 and June 4, 11, 18, & 25. Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:40 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. Join us! For more information, contact Mitch Rorick.

At Stellar Vacation Bible School, we will see Jesus as the light of the world and learn how to shine His light to others. VBS will kick-off during worship on Sunday, June 11 and continue Monday, June 12-Thursday, June 15 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Visit Gordon Hall for information about how to serve or support VBS. Questions? Contact Scott Stuart or Deanna Cook.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Nursery Care is available 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, email Jenna Mueller at jdmueller2009@gmail.com. Families, please find the sign-in cart upstairs in the Christian Education building by room 204 to get your young ones settled in.

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.

Kids-4-God is for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade to spend time growing in their faith with Ms. Vicki and a rotation of leaders (in Room 218 in the Christian Education building) immediately following the Time for Young Disciples through the end of 11 a.m. worship. Families will reunite with their children in Gordon Hall. **Today is the last class of the semester. Have a great summer!*

Multiply: Meet in Gordon Hall at 9:45 a.m. as we study the Heidelberg Catechism, considered one of the key confessions of the Reformed Faith while at the same time being a pastoral text to strengthen

believers. Use this link to read the Catechism: <https://tinyurl.com/2p98zxd4> or get a book version in class on Sunday.

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 14 Matthew 5:27-48 Bob Bailey
May 21 Matthew 6:1-15 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 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.

Do you have a favorite hymn? Why does it top your list? This May through July, you will have the opportunity to share your favorite hymn and a personal story about it with us. In August, we'll sing some of those hymns together. Complete the card at one of the boxes outside the sanctuary, respond to our hymn post on the 1stpc Music Facebook page, or submit your answers at www.1stpcmusic.org/hymn. Let's celebrate the hymns of our faith together this summer.

FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance	161
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$32,313
Received Week of 5/7/2023	\$58,489
Weekly Offering	\$18,747
Designated Offerings	\$7,080
Other Revenue	\$135
Preschool	\$32,527
YTD Budget Requirements	\$1,486,375
YTD Received	\$1,356,322
YTD Expenses	\$1,420,051

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