



All Saints Sunday • November 5, 2023

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

GATHERING

You have made the day, O God, to be a sign of your light, showering Earth with clarity and gladness. I thank you for this day, asking only that in all that I do and say, your joy in this world will shine through; in Jesus' name. Amen.

TOLLING OF THE BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

For All the Saints
Carol Ringers

A. Birling

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord will bring forth the descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of His mountains;
His chosen shall inherit this place,
and His servants shall settle in his presence.

* **HYMN 8**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, only you are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous, excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others. We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors but slow to help with their own. We take credit and give blame. In spite of the grace you have shown to us, we are slow to show mercy. Forgive us, O God, and wash us clean, that we may serve you with joy and thanksgiving. 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:1-9 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 695

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Sikhulule

T. Dyani; South Africa (Xhosa)

Cherub Choir & Junior Choir

transc. D. Dargie

Samuel Garner, conductor; Rebecca Ruescher, soloist

Sikhulule, sikhulule, ngenceba yakho nkosi, sikhulule.

Liberate us, Lord. Liberate us, Lord. In your love and mercy set us free.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Sarah Whitfield

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:26-39 (NRSV)

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SERMON

Being a Disciple: Don't Follow Me

Rev. Mark Hults

CELEBRATION OF THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

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

Go Into the World

N. Sleeth

Senior Choir

Go ye into the world and make disciples of all the nations, go ye into the world and I will be with you there! Go ye into the world and take the Gospel to all the people, go ye into the world and I will be with you there! I am the vine, you are the branches, ever the fruit to bear; I am the light, you, the reflection ev'rywhere. Go ye into the world and tell the story to all believers. Go ye into the world and I will be with you there! Go ye now and make disciples of all the nations, go ye now and I will be with you there. Go ye now and take the Gospel to all the people, go ye now and I will be with you there. I am the vine and you the branches, I am the light for you to share so go ye now and tell the story to all believers, go ye now and I will be with you there! Go ye into the world and make disciples of all the lands and I will forever be with you there! Go ye now and take the gospel to all who hear, and I will forever be there! I am the vine, the fruit to bear; I am the light for you to share; go ye now and tell the story both far and near, and I will be there; and I will be with you there!

* 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)

SENDING

* HYMN 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Jubilee!

A. Sherman

Joyful Ringers

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

ELDERS ON DUTY: Maralyn Foote, Susannah Peddie

ACOLYTE: Adeline Greer

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

8:30 A.M. ORGANIST AND CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

CHERUB CHOIR, JUNIOR CHOIR, SENIOR CHOIR, CHORAL SCHOLARS, JOYFUL RINGERS, CAROL RINGERS

CHAPEL USHERS: Howard & Margaret Lingg; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Carol Turner, Cyndie Williams

VIDEO TEAM: Marin Best, Owen Best, John Rayl; **SOUND:** Dink Henderson

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of those who joined the church triumphant in the last year.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Carolyn Whitworth, Lenette Whitworth and family, Ramona Freshwater and family, and Martha, David, Elizabeth, and Andrew Osmun upon the passing of husband, father, and grandfather Ray Moore Whitworth, who joined the Church Triumphant on October 29, 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.)

WE REMEMBER THESE SAINTS

Cher McBride	November 13, 2022	Joan Mendenhall	June 16, 2023
Theral Moore	January 15, 2023	Nancy Spiegel	June 19, 2023
Virginia Heffner	March 8, 2023	Lural Dunlap	August 10, 2023
Hazel Walter	March 15, 2023	Patricia Pepper Gager	September 21, 2023
Ashley Young	March 2023	Aden Sowell	September 26, 2023
Elinor Frost	May 10, 2023	Bob Overton	October 7, 2023
Peg Garlington	May 13, 2023	Glenna Brashear	October 8, 2023
Brian Decker	May 14, 2023	Arnold Peterson	October 14, 2023
Billy Brashear	June 9, 2023	Ray Whitworth	October 29, 2023

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THE TRIUNE GOD

8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

The year after this text was written for a student sailing to America, it was included in the most influential British hymnal of the 19th century. The tune especially composed for it preserves the ancient Roman name of the island where Paul was shipwrecked, now called Malta.

TEXT: William Whiting, 1860, alt.
 MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

MELITA
 8.8.8.8.8.8

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:1-9 (NRSV)

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:26-39 (NRSV)

²⁶Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

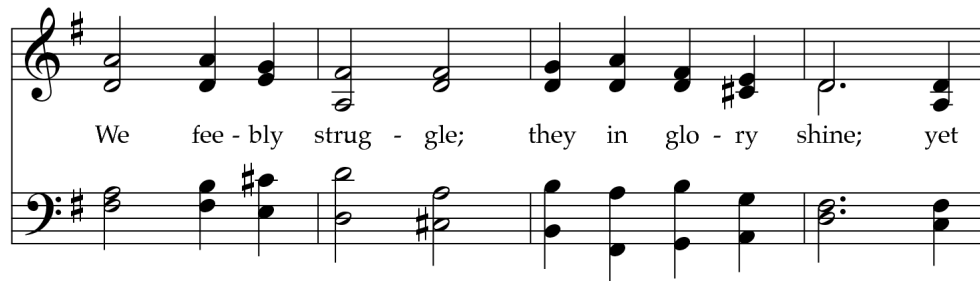


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

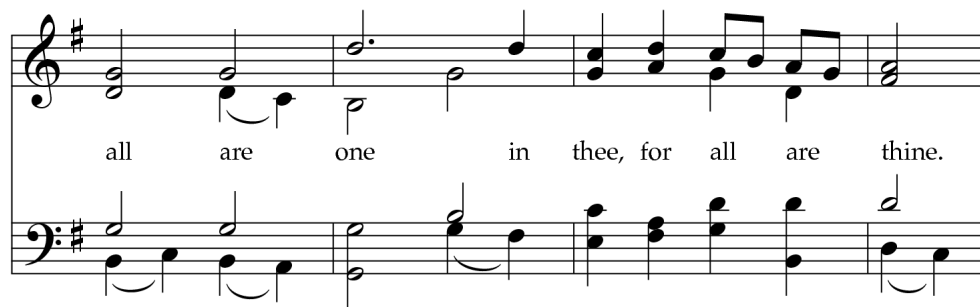
Harmony, stanza 3



3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet



all are one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! *to stanza 4*

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

GLORIFY GOD

Concert for a Cause: The Gainesville Community Band, directed by R. Gary Langford, will present a Veterans Day concert in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 12 at 4 p.m. A free-will offering will be received for veterans outreach in Gainesville and new or gently used twin sheets and blankets may be donated for Vetspace. Stay for a spaghetti dinner in Gordon Memorial Hall immediately following the concert. Dinner is \$5; no charge for veterans.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Nursery Care (6 weeks old through pre-kindergarten) is available on Sundays from 10:45 a.m. through the end of the 11 a.m. worship service. Email Jenna Mueller at jdmueller2009@gmail.com with questions or to sign up. Families, please find the sign-in cart upstairs in the Christian Education building by room 204.

Children and Youth Sunday School for K-12th grade and meets in Room 201 at 9:30 a.m. Come join us!

Time for Young Disciples: All children are invited to the front steps for a special lesson during 11 a.m. worship. Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God and all others will return to sit with their families.

Kids-4-God: Children (K-2) will gather in Room 217 after the Time for Young Disciples to engage with their faith through the end of the service. Families will reunite with their children in Gordon Hall following the worship service. Volunteers are needed to help with this and Sunday School. Please contact Evelyn Lewis at citytr122@gmail.com.

LOGOS: (Ages 3 through high school) Gather on Wednesday, November 8 from 3:30-6:45 p.m. to Celebrate our Veterans, and have worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and fellowship for children and youth with \$5 family time dinner at 6 p.m. Questions? Contact Bev Vloedman, dvloedman@aol.com.

Youth Summer Camps 2024: Mark your calendars now and watch for more information to reserve your spot! The Great Escape (entering 6th-9th) July 16-21 at Southwind in Ocklawaha, FL
Fun in the Son (entering 9th- graduates) June 23-28 in St. Simons Island, GA

Gordon Hoover Sunday School: Meet in the Church Library at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. All are welcome! Email Perry Foote at palbertfoote@gmail.com with questions.

November 5	Matthew 28	Tim Schubert
November 12	Introduction and 1 Corinthians 1	Perry Foote

Multiply meets in Gordon Hall Sundays at 9:45 a.m. This fall Scott, Fred, and Joe will lead us in the study of the Book of Hebrews. As Hebrews makes many references to the Old Testament, our time together will include looking into both the Old and New Testaments.

The Montreat Worship and Music Conference in NC includes Bible study, bells, choir, fellowship, and more. The theme is *Lead Us Homeward*. Sign-up by November 13 to attend Montreat in June. 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 Marjorie Pedrick. 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.

Sweetie Pies are a fundraiser for the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. A variety of pies are available frozen raw and order cards can be found in the pews. Orders are due to Carol or the church office tomorrow, November 6. Contact Carol Israel with questions, to help, or to arrange pick up at ceisrael@cox.net.

Prayer Meeting on Tuesday, November 7 at 6 p.m. in the church parlor.

Do You Like to Paint? Property and Grounds is looking to set up teams to paint our exterior doors on a Saturday. There will be fellowship and a team lunch. Contact John Rayl at jrsupergenius@gmail.com. Dates to be determined once the teams are formed.

Donations Needed for the Church: If you have a TV with an HDMI input (at least 40 inches or larger) or an upright freezer, please contact John Rayl at jrsupergenius@gmail.com.


SERMON SERIES: BEING A DISCIPLE

October 29 - Matthew 16:21-28 - Follow Me

November 5 - Luke 8:26-39 - Don't Follow Me

November 12 - Acts 10 - All Are Welcome

November 19 - Mark 2:13-17 - The Sick

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