

Service for the Lord's Day • November 19, 2023 Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs

GATHERING

I give thanks this day for the gift of Christ and the privilege to follow in his way. This is the greatest life-giving treasure that I am called to steward; may I share this as freely as I have received it from the One who gave himself for the life of the world, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Prelude

Praise to the Lord

Church Yard Signs

arr. V. Charter

HOLY MANNA

* CALL TO WORSHIP

"Follow me," Jesus said to the tax collector.

"Have dinner with me," he says to the sinner.

Those who are well have no need of a physician.

But those who will admit their need find a Savior.

* Нумл 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ we pray. 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

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

Psalm 103:1-13 (NRSV) OT pg. 554

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Lord of the Small

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing, Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, Who girds them with courage and lends them His aid; He pours out His spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, Who heals their afflictions, or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick and never to die. Praise him, O praise Him, all ye who live, Who've been given so much and can so little give, our frail, lisping praise God will never *despise: He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

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

*	Нумл 442	Just as I Am, without One Plea	WOODWORTH
	Gospel Reading		Mark 2:13-17 (NRSV)
	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.		NT pg. 36
	Sermon	Being a Disciple: The Sick	Rev. Mark Hults
	P RAYERS OF THE P EOPLE		

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

Domine Deus Gabriella Pizzi, soprano A. Vivaldi

Hymn 606

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Lord God, Heavenly King, God Almighty Father.

DOXOLOGY

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.)

SENDING

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* BENEDICTION		
* P OSTLUDE	Cantabile	F. Chopin

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(Gluten-Free)

D. Forrest

Sarah Whitfield

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Robert Chamberlain, Fleetwood Fleming, Mark Hults, Bob Lentz, Missy Lentz, Dan Sutton, Sarah Whitfield

ELDER ON DUTY: Fleetwood Fleming

Rev. Mark Hults

ACOLYTE: Parker Mears

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

ORGANIST AND CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

CHANCEL CHOIR

CHAPEL USHERS: Howard & Margaret Lingg; SANCTUARY USHERS: Roger Bachmann, Ken Mears, Matthew Morse, Carol Turner

VIDEO TEAM: Marin Best, Owen Best, John Rayl; SOUND: Bruce Brashear

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Art, by Susan Kluge.

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.

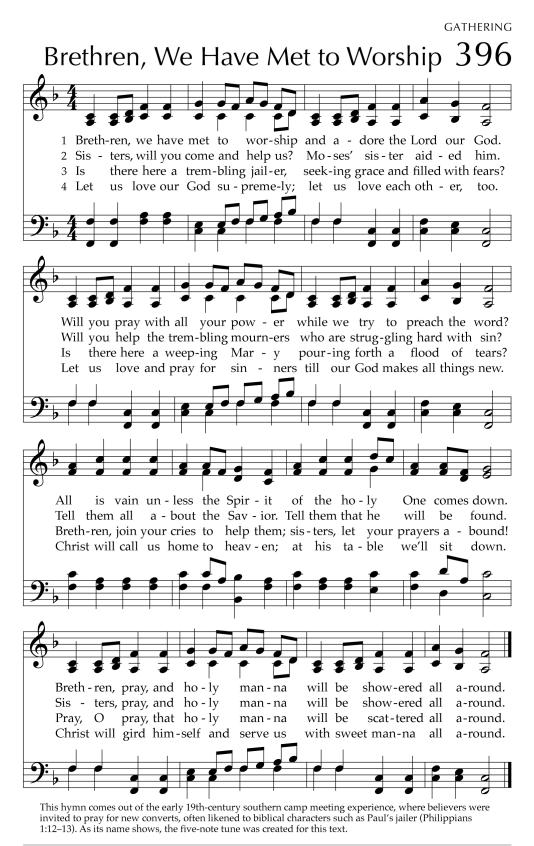
Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen. (If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please let the pastor or elders on duty know.)

Leadership

Pastor			Treasurer		
Session			Diaconate		
Class of 2024 Alison Barat Ashley Lentz-Black Jennifer Clark Maralyn Foote Evelyn Lewis Coleen O'Brien Dan Sutton	Class of 2025 Fleetwood Fleming Carol Israel Joe Mueller Elisa Neale-Tobener Earle Pickens Geoff Spiegel Alexis Vellis Sarah Whitfield	Class of 2026 Pam Bailey Troy Bleeker Andy Greer Margaret Lingg Susannah Peddie Dick Rauber Steve Walker	Class of 2024 Buzz Boyd Mimi Carr Kristin Pickens Mary Lou Schubert Nick Vellis	Class of 2025 Holli Best Dell Bowman Megan Greer Fred Lewis	Class of 2026 Mark Coffey Mimi Gray Dean Schoenfeld Jane Smith

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MUSIC: Columbian Harmony, 1825; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011 Music Harm. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7.D

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 103:1-13 (NRSV)

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. ²Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits – ³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. ¹³As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

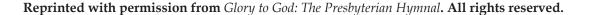
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Thanks be to God.

FORGIVENESS



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GOSPEL READING

Mark 2:13-17 (NRSV)

¹³Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. ¹⁴As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. 15 And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples – for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ADORATION

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GLORIFY GOD

- Thank you to all who attended the Veterans Day Concert. The offering of \$1,783 will benefit veterans' outreach in Gainesville. If you were unable to attend but would like to contribute, you may place a check in the offering plate payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo "Concert for a Cause - Veterans." Also thank you to the Congregational Care committee and Circle 5 for hosting the dinner after the concert.
- **The church office is closed** Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24. Happy Thanksgiving.

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. **The nursery is seeking the donation of a pack 'n play.
- **Children and Youth Sunday School** for K-12th grade and meets in the Art Room on the second floor of the Christian Education building 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 <u>citytr122@gmail.com</u>.
- **LOGOS:** (Ages 3 through high school) *We are on Thanksgiving Break this Wednesday, November 22.* Join us again next week on November 29 from 3:30-6:45 p.m. for LEGO Night. LOGOS includes worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and fellowship for children and youth with \$5 family time dinner at 6 p.m. Questions? Contact Bev Vloedman, <u>dvloedman@aol.com</u>.
- **Save the Date for 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 and *Fun in the Son* (entering 9th- graduates) June 23-28 in St. Simons Island, GA.
- **College Café** will meet again next Sunday, November 26 for lunch following the service. If you are interested in serving an upcoming meal to the students, please contact Scott Stuart.
- **Multiply** meets in <u>the chapel</u> this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for the last class of the semester. 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.

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

November 19	1 Corinthians 2	Don McGarity
November 26	1 Corinthians 3	Richard Palmer

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 <u>1stpc.org</u> 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 Pie pick-up is Today** in Gordon Hall following worship. A limited number of extra pies are available as well. Contact Carol Israel at <u>ceisrael@cox.net</u> to schedule any final pick-ups on Monday or Tuesday.
- **Prayer Meeting** on Tuesday, November 21 at 6 p.m. in the church parlor.
- **Downtown Art Festival Parking:** Please plan to park in the church lot today starting at 12:30 p.m. to support our Montreat Youth. \$5 cash donation or \$5.50 donation by credit card or PushPay.
- **Support our Veterans:** In November, the Congregational Care committee is collecting twin & full sheet sets and blankets for Volunteers of America. VOA houses 12 veterans in 2 residences and administers the VA community program, which provides per diem housing payments for 30 veterans in Gainesville. The items can be dropped off in Gordon Hall.

SERMON SERIES: BEING A DISCIPLE

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

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

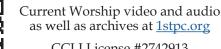
November 12 - Acts 11:1-18 - All Are Welcome

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

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Is there something you would like to announce in the Bugle or Bulletin? Contact <u>communications@1stpc.org</u>

THE HOLIDAY AND ADVENT SEASON

Join us for the Church-wide Advent Workshop on Sunday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m. in Gordon Hall. Everyone is invited to start off the season with us! Enjoy pancakes and a great selection of crafts ranging from some of our old favorites to brand new projects. RSVP to Bev Vloedman (<u>dvloedman@aol.com</u>) or Evelyn Lewis (<u>citytr122@gmail.com</u>) by Wednesday, November 29 to guarantee all activities for your family. Tear off this slip and place it in the offering plate.

I, _____, plan to attend the Advent Workshop on December 3 and would like to

reserve _____ gingerbread churches & breakfasts.

- **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 tomorrow, Monday, November 20 at 9 a.m. Please call Marilyn Foote at 352-318-5975 to be added to the volunteer list.
- Holiday Food Drive: Gainesville Community Ministries is distributing Thanksgiving baskets to more than 80 clients this year. You can help provide a special meal by donating side dish items. Food donations are accepted in the cart in Gordon Hall. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Poinsettias: During the Christmas season our worship spaces will be decorated with poinsettias. The flowers are \$15 each and may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one. Fill out the form below and place in the offering plate or mail it to the church office by Sunday, December 3. The poinsettias will be available to take home after the Christmas Eve service.

Poinsettias Given by: ______ In Honor of: ______ In Memory of: ______

Hope for the Holidays: Help Local Missions share the joy of the season with Family Promise families, including the mother and daughters we hosted this fall. Look for the Hope for the Holidays Christmas tree in Gordon Hall. Please choose one or more ornaments (tags), purchase and wrap the items, SECURELY ATTACH THE TAG, and return by Saturday, December 16. You may also donate gift cards or write a check to the church to help purchase gifts (write *Hope for the Holidays* in the memo). We appreciate everyone bringing the love of God to these families who are working with Family Promise to find the security of a stable home.

Buy Your Own Church Yard Sign to spread the word about *The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* and *Christmas Eve Worship*. Sign options are displayed in Gordon Hall today, in print below, or visit www.1stpcmusic.org/signs. If you live in a neighborhood with an HOA, please check your neighborhood rules regarding signs. A \$45 one-time purchase pays for the printing costs. The church will provide a sticker to change the date every November so that you can use the sign every year. Choose from one of the two designs: "Organ" or "Choir" (the back is the same for each design). Signs must be paid for before the order is placed. Contact the church office to pay by credit card at (352) 378-1527 or visit <u>www.1stpcmusic.org/signs</u> to pay with Pushpay. Please mark your design choice in the memo line.

