

GATHERING

May the first words in my mouth today be the sound of the name of Jesus. Lead me to reflect on his power as I seek to live my day, honoring the One who gave me salvation and a new life. In his powerful name I pray. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE Solemn Procession L. Webber

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

If it had not been for God, we would have fallen prey to those who want to harm us;
we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.

God has broken the snare that took away our freedom.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

*** HYMN 156** Sing of God Made Manifest SALZBURG

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, our strength and savior, you know our great transgressions, our hidden faults, our secret sins. With our hands we grasp at power; with our feet we stumble into evil; with our eyes we look out for ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in your holy way of life and love and peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Psalm 36:5-9 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing R. Hobby

Please join the Chancel Choir in singing Hymn 505 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing.

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

John 2:1-11 (NRSV)

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Water into Wine

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 (11 A.M.)

For the Beauty of the Earth

J. Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love, which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

* **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 662**

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Parting Blessing

J. Jerome Williams

*May the road rise to meet you; may the wind be always at your back; may the sun shine warm upon your face.
May the rain fall soft upon your fields; and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Widmung (Dedication)

R. Schumann/F. Liszt

*As we close the service, please sit for this special postlude.
May this be time to meditate on the words that have been spoken and sung this morning.*

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dr. Tiffany Fung. Tiffany has served as our pianist and organist for three years. This morning is her last Sunday. We are grateful for her musical talents and sweet spirit. Please pray for her as she prepares to move to Canada and seek new employment.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

ELDER ON DUTY: Rachel Coffey, Greg Dowling

ACOLYTE: Annabel Stuart

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

EMERITUS DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Dr. Mark Coffey

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Dr. Tiffany Fung

CHANCEL CHOIR

BRASS: Thomas Chamberlain; **STEEL DRUMS:** Alanna Parfait

CHAPEL USHER: Rose Anna Rutledge; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Young Adult & Family Ministries

A/V TEAM: Marin Best, Owen Best, Frank Counts, John Rayl

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.)

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast, Leon & Jayne Fox, and Carol Hayes-Christiansen. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

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Sing of God Made Manifest 156



1 Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2 Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
 3 Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4 Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,



to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:



ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.



"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth," and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 36:5-9 (NRSV)

⁵Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. ⁶Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. ⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. ⁸They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. ⁹For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

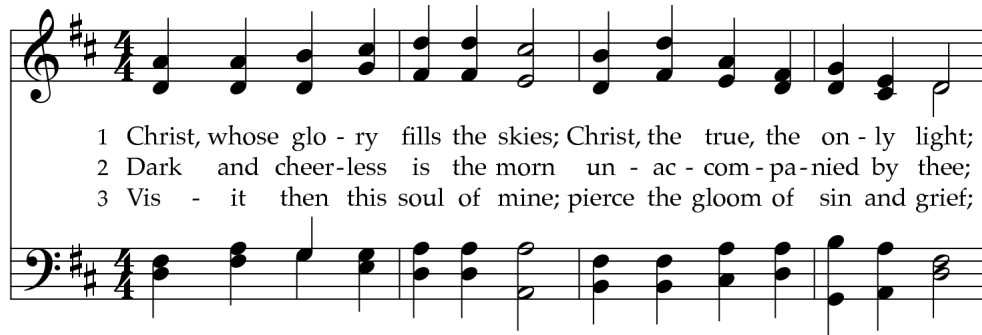
John 2:1-11 (NRSV)

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

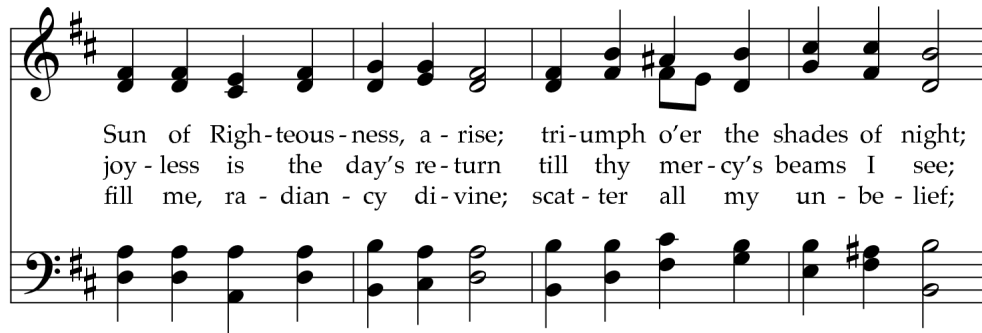
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Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 662



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy - less is the day's re-turn till thy mer - cy's beams I see;
fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1740

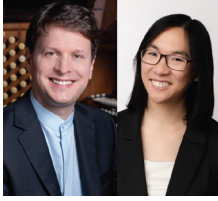
MUSIC: German folk melody; adapt. Johann Werner, 1815; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847

RATISBON

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Ministry Highlights

Visit our growing website for more about our church and ministries.



Concert for a Cause

The University of Florida Symphony Orchestra, directed by Tiffany Lu, is joined by Paul Jacobs, organ chair at The Juilliard School, for a concert this afternoon, September 29 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. GRAMMY Award-winning organist Paul Jacobs will play some solo repertoire, as well as join the UFSO for Camille Saint-Saëns' majestic "Organ Symphony." A free-will offering will be received to benefit Family Promise.



Fall Means Sweetie Pies

A Sweetie Pie is a delicious pie lovingly made by volunteers and is a fundraising event for the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, Pumpkin, Pecan, Mince, Chocolate Cream, and Key Lime pies are available frozen raw. They are made on Friday and Saturday mornings (starting this Friday, October 4) in the church kitchen from 9 a.m. to about 1 p.m. Anyone can help; no experience is necessary. Carol Israel is happy to train you to roll, flute, fill, and bake. Community is built over pie dough in the kitchen. Contact Carol with questions or to help at ceisrael@cox.net.



Search Committee Update - Director of Children & Youth Ministries

We continue to partner with Ministry Architects to find the person who will call FPC Gainesville home. So far in September, they have had four new applicants, which takes the total to twenty-seven. They continue to vet candidates and have directly reached out to specific contacts in FL, AL, GA, and TX. This has resulted in several more interested people. The work continues. Please pray for our committee, Ministry Architects, and those who are considering the position. And please also touch base with friends and contacts who might lead us to the right candidate.



Reframe Your Political Identity

Join our senior pastor, Rev. Mark Hults, for *The After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics*. This free course helps you reorient your heart and mind towards a Christ-centered political identity. Watch the videos and meet in person next Sunday, October 6. Or watch and meet on Zoom Tuesday, October 15 with Mark to discuss the course. If you have any questions about the series, please contact Mark by text, phone, or email. If you are having trouble registering or watching the material, call our office during business hours and we will walk you through it.

Children's worship guides are available at all entrances.

Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 9/22	181
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$38,129
Received Week of 9/22/24	\$11,861
Weekly Offering	\$3,552
Designated Offerings	\$1,594
Other Revenue	--
Preschool	\$6,715
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FPC Fiscal Year: July 2024-June 2025	
YTD Budget Requirements	\$457,546
YTD Received	\$299,537
YTD Expenses	\$338,649

Online Contributions



Visit our website, www.1stpc.org, to make an online donation. Click the GIVE button at the top of the page. You can contribute to the General Budget or use the drop-down menu, change to Other, and specify the designated ministry in the memo section. Text contributions, bill pay through your bank, and electronic funds transfers are also options. Contact Trudy Bonerba.



T-Coil installed in the sanctuary, and Hearing Assist devices are available in the Narthex.

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Ministries

At **First Presbyterian Preschool**, children are fully prepared for school in a caring, Christian environment. Classes are offered 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Early Childhood Accredited.

Our **Children and Youth ministries** provide a multi-generational approach of Christian example as the church family comes alongside parents to lead children to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

Nursery Care during worship for children 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten. Contact: Jenna Mueller - jdmueller2009@gmail.com

Kindergarten through 2nd grade children are released from worship for **Kids-4-God** to spend time growing their faith. After the service, families meet in Gordon Hall. Contact: Evelyn Lewis - citytr122@gmail.com

LOGOS is a mid-week ministry with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and family dinner for students age 3 through high school. Contact Bev Vloedman to RSVP for 6 p.m. dinner at dvloedman@aol.com.

Youth Connection meets for fellowship and food with Bible study and mentoring for students in grades 6-12.

Our **College Ministry** seeks to launch students into a life of pursuing Christ, trusting in Him, and growing with others. Join us for Sunday worship & lunch and Tuesday Bible study. Bring a friend!

Young Adult & Family Ministry (YA&FM) is for marrieds and singles, with or without kids, in grad school or in vocation. We gather for Bible Studies and to get to know each other better and would love the chance to do life with you.

With choirs for ages three and above, our **Music Ministry** welcomes everyone to sing or ring and to dedicate their music to God. Our concert season includes Concerts for a Cause, which support local and global mission partners.

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Glorify God
Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
Meet Human Needs



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 29, 2024

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover Class: James 4 - Jed Keesling - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School: Lament - Rick Smith - Rm 201
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Rm 217
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Connection - Rm 211
- 4:00 p.m. Concert for a Cause: Paul Jacobs & the UFSO

Monday, September 30, 2024

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

- 2:15 p.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Circle 5 Presbyterian Women (PW) Bible Study
Questions? Contact Bev Vloedman - dvloedman@aol.com
- 5:30 p.m. Local Missions - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. College Trajectory Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

- 12:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Bible Study - Zoom
Questions? Contact Betsy Berry - betsypwberry@gmail.com
- 1:30 p.m. Chocolate Lovers PW Bible Study - Parlor
Questions? Contact Betsy Berry - betsypwberry@gmail.com
- 3:45 p.m. LOGOS
- 6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Time - Bible Trivia Night
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Bell Room #215
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom

Thursday, October 3, 2024

- 7:00 a.m. YA & FM Men's Breakfast - Bagel Bakery
- 6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, October 4, 2024

- 7:00 a.m. Youth Connection Breakfast - Bagel Bakery
- 9:00 a.m. Pie Making Begins - Kitchen & Serving Room

Saturday, October 5, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. Pie Making - Kitchen & Serving Room

Sunday, October 6, 2024

(see the back for October 6)

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 6, 2024

World Communion Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Cherub & Junior Choirs - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover Class: James 5 - Tim Schubert - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School: Lament - Rm 201
- 9:40 a.m. Carol Ringers - Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. The After Party Class - Mark Hults - Rm 217
- 10:00 a.m. Choral Scholars
- 10:15 a.m. Senior Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Joyful Ringers & Jubililate Ringers - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Rm 217
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room