



**ANTHEM (11 A.M.)**

**Will You Come and Follow Me**

**T. Trenney**

*Come. "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?" Come. "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me? Come. "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?" "Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?" "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?" Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me. Come.*

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)**

**Scott Stuart**

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

**GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 16:21-28 (NRSV)**

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Being a Disciple: Follow Me**

**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**

**What Shall I Bring to the Lord**

**R. Lau**

*What shall I bring to the Lord when I come to worship him? Shall I bring my best as offering to him? What shall I bring? What shall I bring to the Lord when I come to worship him? Will the Lord require something special from me? Oh, what shall I bring for a King? I could bring riches, power; now is the hour to lift our voices and sing. I could bring wisdom, glory; I could tell the story of Jesus, my King. But hear what the Lord says: Do justice, have mercy, and walk humbly with your God. What shall I bring to the Lord? Walk with God.*

**\* 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 720**

**Jesus Calls Us**

**GALILEE**

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE**

In Thee Is Joy

J. M. Michel

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Alison Barat, Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Susannah Peddie

**ACOLYTE:** Parker Mears

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST:** Mitch Rorick

**CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:** Tiffany Fung

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**CHAPEL USHER:** Tom Chamberlain; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Paul Bennett, Maralyn Foote, Perry Foote

**VIDEO TEAM:** Norah Barat, Oliver Dowling, John Rayl; **SOUND:** Frank Counts

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jason & Jessica Cornman on the baptism of their daughter Keely Ann Cornman in worship this morning. Big sister is Delaney.

**THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Cretora Biggerstaff from family.

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**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

Rev. Mark Hults  
**Pastor**

Dink Henderson  
**Treasurer**

### Session

### Diaconate

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Alison Barat	Fleetwood Fleming	Pam Bailey
Ashley Lentz-Black	Carol Israel	Troy Bleeker
Jennifer Clark	Joe Mueller	Andy Greer
Maralyn Foote	Elisa Neale-Tobener	Margaret Lingg
Evelyn Lewis	Earle Pickens	Susannah Peddie
Coleen O'Brien	Geoff Spiegel	Dick Rauber
Dan Sutton	Alexis Vellis	Steve Walker
	Sarah Whitfield	

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Buzz Boyd	Holli Best	Mark Coffey
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# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852  
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529, alt.

EIN' FESTE BURG  
 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 13:17-22 (NRSV)

<sup>17</sup>When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God thought, "If the people face war, they may change their minds and return to Egypt." <sup>18</sup>So God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt prepared for battle. <sup>19</sup>And Moses took with him the bones of Joseph who had required a solemn oath of the Israelites, saying, "God will surely take notice of you, and then you must carry my bones with you from here." <sup>20</sup>They set out from Succoth, and camped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. <sup>21</sup>The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night. <sup>22</sup>Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 16:21-28 (NRSV)

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Jesus Calls Us

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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

## GLORIFY GOD

**The Annual Montreat Worship and Music Conference Luncheon** is today, October 29 at 12 p.m. in Gordon Hall. Please join us as we share memories of Montreat 2023 and say thank you for your support. A few extra lunches are available for \$10 per person.

**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 spaghetti dinner will be held 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](mailto: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-12<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:citytr122@gmail.com).

**LOGOS:** (Ages 3 through high school) Gather on Wednesday, November 1 from 3:30-6:45 p.m. for All Saints Night with 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](mailto:dvloedman@aol.com).

**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](mailto:palbertfoote@gmail.com) with questions.

October 29	Matthew 27	Ross Teigen
November 5	Matthew 28	Tim Schubert

**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](http://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.

**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. A variety of pies are available frozen raw and order cards can be found in the pews. Pies are made on Friday and Saturday mornings in the church kitchen from 9 a.m. to about 1 p.m. Anyone can help; no experience is necessary. Contact Carol Israel with questions, to help, or to order at [ceisrael@cox.net](mailto:ceisrael@cox.net).

**Prayer Meeting** on Tuesday, November 31 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](mailto: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](mailto:jrsupergenius@gmail.com).

**Daylight Saving Time Ends:** Turn your clocks back next weekend, Sunday, November 5 at 2 a.m.


## 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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