

Service for the Lord's Day • February 9, 2025

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

GATHERING

God, I give you thanks this morning as I watch the beauty of the newborn light, listen to the first stirrings of a new day in nature, ponder the miracle of my own being, and your presence in it all. Increase my strength today. And help me to respond to the needs you set before me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

The Church of Christ in Every Age

L. Afdahl

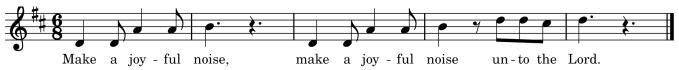
Jubilate Ringers; Andrew Netardus, conductor

INTROIT (11 A.M.)

Make a Joyful Noise

Congregation sings the refrain. Cantors sing the verse. Congregation sings the refrain.

Refrain



Verse

Church: And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come from different backgrounds on various roads to get here.

But we are all here seeking an experience of the holy.

Listen for the promise of God's steadfast love and God's faithfulness.

We are listening for God's call in our lives.

* Hymn 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the universe and Creator of all that is, we admit that we fail to be honest about our lives and in the politics of life. Sometimes we are deceitful; other times we judge ourselves harshly and feel unworthy of your call on our lives. Touch us with your grace and dispel our fear, that we may arise with renewed spirits to serve you, our true Sovereign. 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 8 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OT pg. 492

Alleluia Choir; Alek Concepción, conductor

I've got the joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart; I've got the joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Breezy Dowling and Connor Drake

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

* Hymn 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA St 4 arr. J. Ferguson

Stanza 1-3: Congregation, Stanza 4: Choir Only, Stanza 5: Congregation

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 192

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Make a Joyful Noise: Church (The Church's One Foundation)

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 I Was Glad C. H. H. Parry

Chancel Choir; Rebecca Ruescher, conductor

I was glad, glad when they said unto me, We will go, will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem, our feet shall stand, shall stand in thy gates. Jerusalem is builded as a city, is builded as a city that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall proser that love thee. Peace, peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

* 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 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! DARWALL'S 148TH

* BENEDICTION

* Postlude Fanfare J. Cook

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Breezy Dowling, Connor Drake, BarBee Geiger, Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart

Elder on Duty: BarBee Geiger

ACOLYTE: Addie Greer

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

EMERITUS DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Dr. Mark Coffey

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Anait Piloyan

FLUTE: Austin Smithson

CANTORS: Alek Concepción, Andrew Osmun

ALLELUIA CHOIR, CHANCEL CHOIR, JUBILATE RINGERS

CHAPEL USHER: Tom Chamberlain; SANCTUARY USHERS: College Trajectory

A/V Теам: Dink Henderson, Dania Moreno, Elijah West, John Rayl

The Flowers in Worship are given to the glory of God and in honor of John's 24th birthday by Margaret & Howard Lingg.

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.

Leadersh	ij
----------	----

			-					
Rev. Mark Hults Pastor		Carol Israel Clerk of Session		Dink Henderson Treasurer				
	Session	Session Diaconate				Diaconate		
Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027			
Fleetwood Fleming	Pam Bailey	Rachel Coffey	Holli Best	Mark Coffey	Buzz Boyd			
Carol Israel	Greg Dowling	Colin Conerly	Megan Greer	Mimi Gray	Mimi Carr			
Heather Mears	Perry Foote	BarBee Geiger	Fred Lewis	Dean Schoenfeld	Bob Tucker			
Joe Mueller	Andy Greer	Evelyn Lewis		Jane Smith	Beth Wood			
Elisa Neale-Tobener	Margaret Lingg	Coleen O'Brien						
Geoff Spiegel	Susannah Peddie	Rose Anna Rutledge						
Alexis Vellis	Dick Rauber	Eileen Stephens						
Sarah Whitfield	Steve Walker	Rick Young						

Senior Pastor

Rev. Mark Hults - <u>pastor@1stpc.org</u> **Director of Music and Organist**Mitch Rorick - <u>music@1stpc.org</u>

Director of Young Adult & Family Ministry Fred Lundy - youngadult@1stpc.org

Parish Associate, Director of College Ministry Rev. Scott Stuart - college@1stpc.org

Preschool Director

Lisa Hershkowitz - preschool@1stpc.org

Business Manager

Trudy Bonerba - business@1stpc.org

Operations and Administrative Associate

Laura Montgomery - <u>assistant@1stpc.org</u>

Communications Specialist

Jenny Chamberlain - communications@1stpc.org

Event Sexton and Music Clerk

Andrew Netardus - events@1stpc.org

Head Sexton - Tony Cogdill

Sexton - Margaret Hill

Property Coordinator

John Rayl - png.1stpc@gmail.com

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 8 (NRSV)

¹O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ²Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; ⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? ⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSV)

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Church's One Foundation 32



This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

















Love in Action Needs You!

The fourth *Love in Action* service will be held on April 6 during worship. As in previous years, there will be short scenes with volunteer actors. The few rehearsals will be held on some Sundays after church. The program needs: 1 boy (age 8-11) and 4 men, all willing to memorize a few lines. If you are interested in participating, please contact Vi Asmuth, bobviasm@aol.com.

College Scholarships

Pick up an application form in the church office or by email at business@1stpc.org. Submit the application, transcripts, and two letters of recommendation by Tuesday, March 18.

1stpc Music Lunch Series - Tuesday, February 11 at 12:15 p.m.

Dr. Colleen C. Beucher, new Assistant Professor of Voice at the University of Florida, will present a program of art song by Black American composers, Catalan Art Song, and the aria "Senza mamma" from Puccini's Suor Angelica. Our own Anait Piloyan will join Dr. Beucher on the piano. Bring your own lunch or purchase one for \$5.

Year-End Contribution Statements

Statements will be sent upon request. Please email or call Trudy Bonerba and specify if you prefer email or regular mail.

Celtic Landscapes - Friday, February 21 at 8 p.m.

Join us in the sanctuary for an immersive experience with images and live music. Be surrounded by scenes from Ireland and Great Britain while you listen to professional musicians on harp, bagpipes, and strings, joined by handbells and voices. The concert music spans a century from Danny Boy to You Raise Me Up with other familiar favorites, including music from popular film and video games series.

Make a Joyful Noise

This sermon series highlights aspects of our worship as seen in familiar hymns and scripture: Join us for worship at 8:30 or 11 a.m. The introit/introduction each week strives to communicate the main message of the sermon series through a refrain, the word of the day, and a short passage from the scripture reading.

Next Sunday, we end the series with *Make a Joyful Noise: Adoration Psalm* 121

Pick-up a calendar page from the ushers for all this week's ministry events or print one from the weekly invite email. Children's worship guides are available at all entrances.

Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 2/2		206			
Weekly Budget Requirement		\$38,129			
Received Week of 2/2/25		\$24,951			
Weekly Offering	\$14,039				
Designated Offerings	\$10,752				
Other Revenue	\$160				
Preschool					
FPC Fiscal Year: July 2024-June 2025					
YTD Budget Requirements		\$1,181,994			
YTD Received		\$863,584			
YTD Expenses		\$972,867			

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 available in the Narthex.

Tune in to Cox Channel 11 now from 9-10 a.m. for our televised broadcast cc or MyTV 28.2 for over the air broadcasts

Current Worship video and audio as well as archives at 1stpc.org

CCLI License #2742913 & CCLI Streaming #CSPL091568

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.

Staff

Senior Pastor

REV. MARK HULTS - pastor@1stpc.org

Director of Music and Organist MITCH RORICK - music@1stpc.org

Director of Young Adult & Family Ministry Fred Lundy - youngadult@1stpc.org

Parish Associate, Director of College Ministry REV. SCOTT STUART - college@1stpc.org

Preschool Director

LISA HERSHKOWITZ - preschool@1stpc.org

Business Manager

Trudy Bonerba - business@1stpc.org

Operations and Administrative Associate Laura Montgomery - assistant@1stpc.org

Communications Specialist

Jenny Chamberlain - communications@1stpc.org

Event Sexton and Music Clerk

Andrew Netardus - events@1stpc.org

Property Coordinator

JOHN RÄYL - png.1stpc@gmail.com

Head Sexton Sexton TONY COGDILL Margaret Hill

Glorify God Make Disciples of Jesus Christ Meet Human Needs



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Souper Bowl Sunday

Make a Joyful Noise Sermon Series: Church

8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel

9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: John 20 - Ross Teigen - Library

9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School - Genesis 9 - Room 201

9:30 a.m. Jubilate Ringers - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Alleluia Choir - Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - 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. Souper Bowl of Caring - Gordon Hall

6:00 p.m. Youth Connection Super Bowl Party - The Dowlings

Monday, February 10, 2025

6:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee - Room 217

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

12:15 p.m. Lunch Concert - Dr. Colleen C. Beucher - Sanctuary

2:15 p.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor

4:30 p.m. Property Committee - Parlor

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor

7:00 p.m. College Trajectory Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

10:00 a.m. Trustees - Zoom

3:45 p.m. LOGOS

6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Time - Love & Hearts Night

6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Bell Room 215

7:30 p.m. Deacons - Room 217

Thursday, February 13, 2025

5:30 a.m. YA&FM Men's Breakfast - Starbucks

6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, February 14, 2025

5:00 p.m. Carr Farm Camp out

Saturday, February 15, 2025

10:30 a.m. Carr Farm Picnic

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Make a Joyful Noise Sermon Series: Adoration

8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel

9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: John 21 - Don McGarity - Library

9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School - Genesis 10 - Room 201

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Rm 217

12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room

106 SW 3rd Street Gainesville, Florida 32601 · 352-378-1527 · 1stpc.org