

GATHERING

Lord Most High, guard my way and guide my steps this day, that I may serve you faithfully and trust in your salvation. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Montreat Luncheon

PRELUDE

God Is My Shepherd

A. Dvořák

Payton Francis, alto

God is my shepherd, I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows, He leadeth me where quiet waters flow! My fainting soul doth He restore, and guideth me in the ways of peace to glorify His name. And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear, for Thou art by me still; Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed!

Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.

We give glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the Lord,
who makes and sustains all things.

*** HYMN 720**

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin. We want you to do whatever we ask of you, but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us. We want to sit beside you in your glory, but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering. We want to be first in your great kingdom, but we are among the last to serve the least. Forgive us. Pour out your mercy upon us and wash us clean in your saving grace. All this we ask in your holy name. 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 23 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 501

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) **Twenty-Third Psalm - An Interpretation** F. Waterman
Rivers Rentz, speaker; Ava Neary, mezzo soprano

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Psalm 23:6

All around me deep inside me, my creator sings His song, and its music is the beauty of this world where I belong. With the sun he lifts my eyes up to behold His righteousness. On the wind He sends me comfort, with the rain He sends me rest, though the clouds of sorrow gather, and the night falls all too soon. Hope of morning fills my dwelling, and my fears can find no room. Surely goodness is not fleeting, surely mercy is not dust, I will go into forever on His rising wing of trust.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.) Evelyn Lewis
(Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God.)

* **HYMN 802** **The King of Love My Shepherd Is** ST. COLUMBA

GOSPEL READING John 10:19-30 (NRSV)
This is the Word of the Lord. NT pg. 104
Thanks be to God.

SERMON **A Shepherd to the Sheep, And Other Things** 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.) **The Lord Is My Shepherd** H. Goodall
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me, you will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

* **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 547** Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS
* **BENEDICTION**
* **POSTLUDE** Praeludium in Bb Major J.S. Bach

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Evelyn Lewis, Fred Lundy, Rose Anna Rutledge, Scott Stuart

ELDER ON DUTY: Evelyn Lewis

ACOLYTE: Linden Greer

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Anait Piloyan

CHANCEL CHOIR

CHAPEL USHER: Tom Chamberlain; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** College Trajectory

A/V TEAM: Owen Best, Kaylee Bleeker, Christabella de Fretes, Dania Moreno, John Rayl, Elijah West

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of Margaret Weech by her friends and neighbors at Oak Hammock.

THE PEACE LILIES IN CHURCH this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Brittany Robinson.

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.

Leadership

Rev. Mark Hults
Pastor

Carol Israel
Clerk of Session

Dink Henderson
Treasurer

Session

Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Fleetwood Fleming	Pam Bailey
Carol Israel	Greg Dowling
Joe Mueller	Andy Greer
Elisa Neale-Tobener	Margaret Lingg
Geoff Spiegel	Susannah Peddie
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Class of 2026
Mark Coffey
Mimi Gray
Dean Schoenfeld
Jane Smith

Class of 2027
Buzz Boyd
Mimi Carr
Bob Tucker
Beth Wood

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.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852
 MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1887

GALILEE
 8.7.8.7

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23 (NRSV)

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and O what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

GOSPEL READING

John 10:19-30 (NRSV)

¹⁹Again the Jews were divided because of these words. ²⁰Many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is out of his mind. Why listen to him?" ²¹Others were saying, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?" ²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

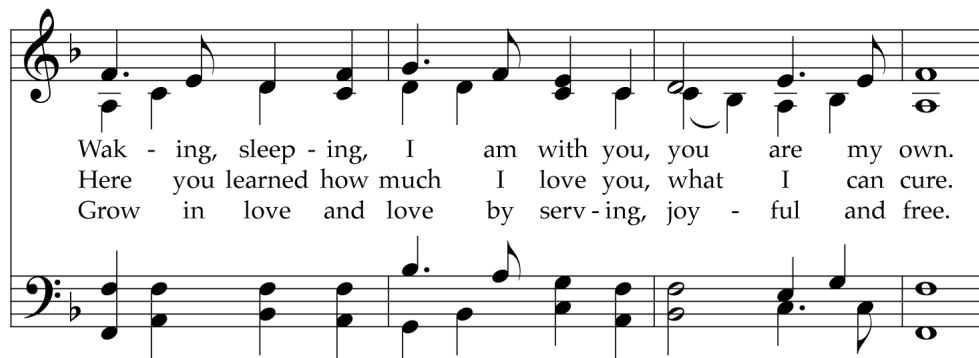
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Thanks be to God.

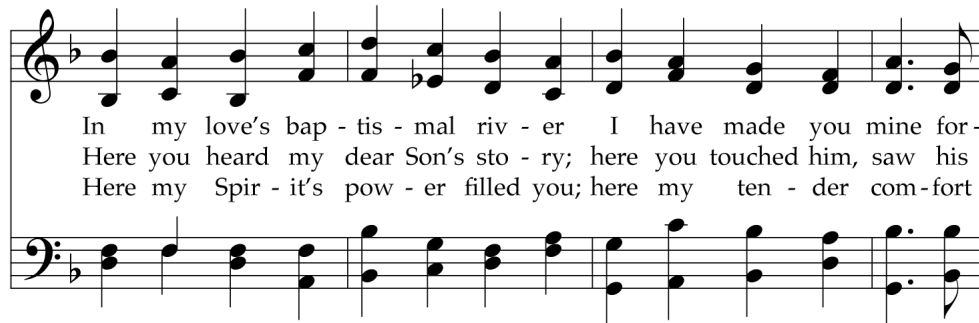
Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



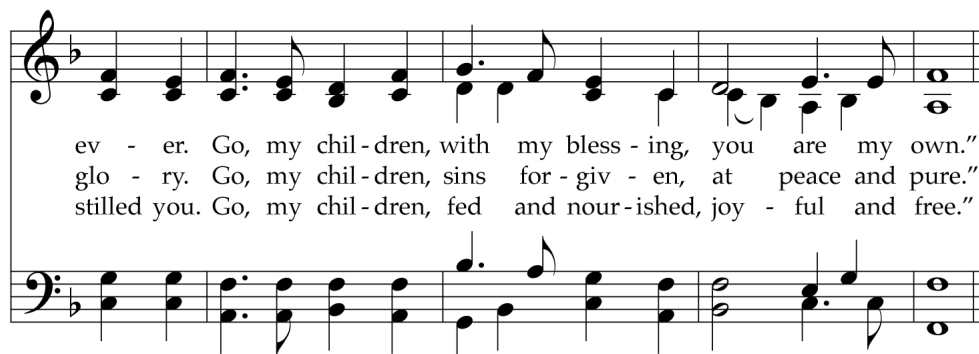
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

Ministry Highlights

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



All About Giving Locally

Gather on Sunday, November 10, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Gordon Hall to learn more about the local ministries we support and how you can join in the efforts. The Christian Education Committee is hosting this informal event of table talk and fellowship. A light breakfast will be served and all are welcome! If you have any questions, email Evelyn Lewis, Chair of the Christian Education Committee, at citytr122@gmail.com.



Clothed in Love

The Montreat Worship and Music Conference

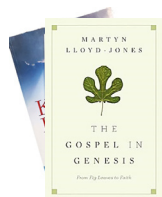
Travel with us this summer to NC for Bible study, bells, choir, fellowship, and more at the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. The theme is *Clothed in Love*. Sign up by November 11 to attend Montreat in June. Contact Mitch Rorick at music@1stpc.org to learn more about the conference or to register.

Join us next Sunday, October 27 at 12 p.m. in Gordon Hall for the Montreat Luncheon. RSVP to (352) 378-1527 or communications@1stpc.org. Cost is \$10 per person or a maximum \$35 per family. And don't forget about pies! Ordering is open and pie making is every Friday and Saturday at 9 a.m.



Preschool Fall Festival

The preschool is looking for volunteers to help at the Fall Festival on Thursday, October 31. Arrive at 9:15 a.m. to run games and give out prizes. Celebrate with our families at this fun event. Contact Lisa Hershkowitz at preschool@1stpc.org with questions or to volunteer.



Sunday School | Bible Study | Discipleship Class

The Multiply Class is studying the first book of the Bible, Genesis, Chapters 1-11, led by Scott Stuart and Fred Lundy in Room 201 of the 2nd Floor of the Education Building. In this book of "origins," we will explore the beginnings of the world, the human race, sin and sacrifice, reconciliation and redemption. For more information, contact Fred Lundy at youngadult@1stpc.org.



Thank you, FPC!

Presbyterian Women (PW) delivered another pound of aluminum tab tops to Ronald McDonald House where they are saving up the proceeds for elevator repairs. See? When we add a thing we usually throw away to collections from other churches & civic groups in Gainesville, together we can change the world.

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.

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.

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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 dvoloedman@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

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Glorify God
Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
Meet Human Needs



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 20, 2024

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: John 7 - Rick Palmer - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School: Genesis - 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

Monday, October 21, 2024

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

- 2:15 p.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. College Trajectory Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

- 3:45 p.m. LOGOS
- 6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Time - Pirate Night
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Bell Room 215
- 7:15 p.m. Session - In Person - Rm 201

Thursday, October 24, 2024

- 6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, October 25, 2024

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

Saturday, October 26, 2024

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

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: John 8:1-30 - Bob Bailey - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School: Genesis - 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. Montreat Luncheon - Gordon Hall
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room