

GATHERING

Life-giving God, awaken me to your threefold presence in the world this day, that I may share your love with others, as freely as you have done for us in Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Adagio for Strings

S. Barber; arr. W. Strickland

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, Abiding Spirit.

Glory to God forever!

Jesus said the way to see God's dream for the world is to be born from above by the Spirit.

May we receive God's Spirit this day, be made whole, and dwell more deeply in God's love.

* **HYMN 612**

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. 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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 167

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

E. Grieg; arr. B. Ellingboe

Love consecrates the humblest act and haloes mercy's deeds; it sheds a benediction sweet and hallows human needs.

When in the shadow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet of his disciples, he gave us a sign of love complete.

Loves serves and willing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true has freely done for one and all, let us now gladly do!

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Sarah Whitfield

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

* **HYMN 300**

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 20:30-42 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 265

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ordained Relationships: David and Jonathan

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.)

We Are the Body of Christ

J. Cortez; arr. J. Honoré

We are the body of Christ. We've answered "yes" to the call of the Lord. We are the body of Christ. We come to bring the Good News to the world. God is revealed when we love one another. Bringing the light of God's mercy to others. Putting a stop to all discrimination; all are invited to feast in the banquet. Stopping abuse and relieving the hungry, serving each other we build up the kingdom.

* **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 8**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

P. Manz

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

ACOLYTE: Adeline Greer

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

SUMMER CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

SUMMER CHOIR

CHAPEL USHER: Dan Sutton; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Paul Bennett, Maralyn Foote, Perry Foote, Carol Turner

A/V TEAM: Marin Best, Owen Best, Dink Henderson, John Rayl

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of Rev. Robert C. Asmuth by his wife, Vi Asmuth, and his children, John, Paul, and Cindi.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to the family of Esther Gunning, who joined the Church Triumphant on February 20, 2024.

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.



2024-2025 PLEDGE UPDATE AS OF 5/19/2024

It is our hope that everyone in our congregation will pledge this year.



\$515,600
in pledged funds



98
pledges



\$850,000
pledge goal

Thank you! Every gift makes a difference.

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We Praise You, O God 612

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring,
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (NRSV)

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 20:30-42 (NRSV)

³⁰Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan. He said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame, and to the shame of your mother's nakedness? ³¹For as long as the son of Jesse lives upon the earth, neither you nor your kingdom shall be established. Now send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die." ³²Then Jonathan answered his father Saul, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?" ³³But Saul threw his spear at him to strike him; so Jonathan knew that it was the decision of his father to put David to death. ³⁴Jonathan rose from the table in fierce anger and ate no food on the second day of the month, for he was grieved for David, and because his father had disgraced him.

³⁵In the morning Jonathan went out into the field to the appointment with David, and with him was a little boy. ³⁶He said to the boy, "Run and find the arrows that I shoot." As the boy ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. ³⁷When the boy came to the place where Jonathan's arrow had fallen, Jonathan called after the boy and said, "Is the arrow not beyond you?" ³⁸Jonathan called after the boy, "Hurry, be quick, do not linger." So Jonathan's boy gathered up the arrows and came to his master. ³⁹But the boy knew nothing; only Jonathan and David knew the arrangement. ⁴⁰Jonathan gave his weapons to the boy and said to him, "Go and carry them to the city." ⁴¹As soon as the boy had gone, David rose from beside the stone heap and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. He bowed three times, and they kissed each other, and wept with each other; David wept the more. ⁴²Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, since both of us have sworn in the name of the Lord, saying, 'The Lord shall be between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants, forever.'" He got up and left; and Jonathan went into the city.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

The year after this text was written for a student sailing to America, it was included in the most influential British hymnal of the 19th century. The tune especially composed for it preserves the ancient Roman name of the island where Paul was shipwrecked, now called Malta.

GLORIFY GOD

Summer Choir will sing June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30. Guest conductors include Mark Coffey, Deborah DesForges, and Russell Robinson. Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:40 a.m. in the sanctuary immediately preceding worship. It is not necessary for members of the summer choir to be present every summer Sunday. The anthems are selected to match the abilities of those in attendance. Join us! For more information, contact Mitch Rorick.

The church office and preschool will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

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.

Children's Worship Guides are located in the narthex, and Gordon Hall. Pick one up before the service to help your child participate in worship and return the bags to the baskets after the service.

Last Kids-4-God this semester: Children (K through 2nd) will gather in Room 217 after the Time for Young Disciples to engage with their faith through the end of the service. Families will meet in Gordon Hall following worship. Volunteers are needed for the fall. Contact Evelyn Lewis at citytr122@gmail.com.

Multiply Sunday Class: Meet in room 201 on the second floor of the Education Wing at 9:30 a.m. as we begin a study of the book of 1 Samuel.

Gordon Hoover Sunday School: Meet in the Church Library at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Enter through the Mary Gate or the sanctuary. All are welcome! Email Perry Foote at palbertfoote@gmail.com with questions.

May 26 2 Corinthians 10 Don McGarity
June 2 2 Corinthians 11 Ross Teigen

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Andy Adams-Smith, Marilyn Ast, Jayne Fox, Carol Hayes-Christiansen, 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.

Noteworthy Sponsors: On June 15, children, youth, and adults from our church will travel to Montreat, North Carolina for the 2024 Worship and Music Conference. Please become a Noteworthy Sponsor. Place a check in the offering plate with the memo, "Montreat Noteworthy Sponsor," or mail a check to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

Presbyterian Women (PW) is collecting tab tops for Ronald McDonald House, who uses the proceeds to

supply snacks and personal necessities for families staying there while their sick children are being treated at Shands Children's Hospital. To participate, collect aluminum tab tops and drop them into the PW plastic hopper on the counter in the narthex.


GCM Pantry Need: As you are able, please bring canned goods to donate to Gainesville Community Ministry. Their stock is low as the summer begins. Donations may be dropped in the metal carts in the narthex and Gordon Hall or brought directly to GCM (238 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601).

Do you enjoy eating cookies after worship? Do you enjoy baking cookies? If your answer is "yes," please join the team of cookie makers (or buyers) providing for sweets and fellowship after worship. Your cookies can be baked or bought in advance and held in the church freezers or brought to church by 10:30 on Sunday morning. If you would like to join in, let the church office know dates and dozens you'll provide. Most Sundays we offer 3-4 batches of 4 dozen cookies. Thanks! The team of 3-4th grade girls is eager to serve the cookies after worship.

Chocolate Lovers' PW Circle invites all women of the church to join its year-end excursion to Camp Montgomery on Wednesday, June 5, when our circle gathers at 1:30 p.m. on the rocking chair porch for a couple of hours to review the year's Bible study and eat some ice cream. You do not have to be a member of any circle to enjoy this time of fellowship with us. RSVP to the church office (352) 378-1527 by June 2.

FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 5/19/24	162
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$35,061
Received Week of 5/19/24	\$33,554
Weekly Offering	\$9,341
Designated Offerings	\$11,813
Other Revenue	\$135
Preschool	\$12,265
<u>FPC Fiscal Year: July 2023-June 2024</u>	
YTD Budget Requirements	\$1,647,847
YTD Received	\$1,554,778
YTD Expenses	\$1,462,359

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