

**GATHERING**

*Enlivening God, each morning I am awakened by your goodness nudging the earth to life. I am filled with wonder. How precious is your steadfast love! Display in me the gifts of your Spirit that I may rejoice in you as I delight in serving your world. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**MOMENT FOR MINISTRY**

Encouragement Sunday - Janet Heffner

**PRELUDE**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

R. Hobby

**INTROIT**

Make a Joyful Noise

*Make a Joyful Noise: Jesus. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

How precious is the steadfast love of God.

**All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.**

Christ is the fountain of life.

**In Christ we learn what it is to be a friend.**

**\* HYMN 263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. 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**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 (NRSV)

OT pg. 551

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

Ubi Caritas Deus Ibi Est  
Andrew Netardus, cantor

J. Gelineau

*Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.  
Where there is charity, selfless love, where there is charity, God is truly there.*

*God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that all who believe in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through Him.*

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

Andy Vloedman

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

\* **HYMN 465**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

**GOSPEL READING**

John 15:9-17 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Make a Joyful Noise:  
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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**

O Love

E. Hagenberg

*O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O Joy that seeks me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.*

\* **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 188**

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

T. Fields

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Mark Hults, Matt Mitchell, Dick Rauber, Scott Stuart, Andy Vloedman

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Dick Rauber

**ACOLYTE:** Travis Fosser

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

**COLLABORATIVE PIANIST:** Anait Piloyan

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

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

**A/V TEAM:** Owen Best, Alex Conerly, Zack Conerly, Dink Henderson, John Rayl

**ENCOURAGEMENT SUNDAY:** Send a note to a congregation member to let them know they are loved. Members of the Congregational Care committee will hand out blank cards as you enter the sanctuary and will be in Gordon Hall after the service to address and mail cards.

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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.)

**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   | Class of 2027      |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Fleetwood Fleming   | Pam Bailey      | Rachel Coffey      |
| Carol Israel        | Greg Dowling    | Colin Conerly      |
| Heather Mears       | Perry Foote     | BarBee Geiger      |
| Joe Mueller         | Andy Greer      | Evelyn Lewis       |
| Elisa Neale-Tobener | Margaret Ling   | Coleen O'Brien     |
| Geoff Spiegel       | Susannah Peddie | Rose Anna Rutledge |
| Alexis Vellis       | Dick Rauber     | Eileen Stephens    |
| Sarah Whitfield     | Steve Walker    | Rick Young         |

#### Diaconate

| Class of 2025 | Class of 2026   | Class of 2027 |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Holli Best    | Mark Coffey     | Buzz Boyd     |
| Megan Greer   | Mimi Gray       | Mimi Carr     |
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# 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Descant*

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,  
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball  
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787  
 MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979  
 Music Desc. © 1979 GIA Publications, Inc. CORONATION 8.6.8.6.8.6

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 98 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. <sup>2</sup>The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. <sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. <sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. <sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. <sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. <sup>8</sup>Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy <sup>9</sup>at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

John 15:9-17 (NRSV)

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER

# 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?

What a priv-i-lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

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## Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
 2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.  
 tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.



## Ministry Highlights

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



### Concert for a Cause

Thank you to all who attended last week's Human Trafficking concert. The offering of \$1,805 will benefit Anew Gainesville. If you were unable to attend, you can watch the concert at <https://tinyurl.com/htffanew>. If you would like to contribute, you may give using PushPay or place a check in the offering plate payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo "Concert for a Cause - Anew." Also thank you to the reception team!



### LOGOS help wanted:

Do you love God, love children, and have a talent to share? Recreation time with the kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> grade LOGOS kids from 3:45-4:15 pm on Wednesdays could use your help. If you feel called by God to get to know the next generation of faithful Presbyterians, we have a place for you. Please talk with anyone on the LOGOS committee: Bev Vloedman, Evelyn Lewis, Margaret Dowling, Jessica Berger, Megan Conerly, and Megan Greer - or call the church office and we will be happy to tell you more.



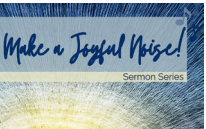
### Year-End Contribution Statements

Statements will be sent upon request after January 15. Please email or call Trudy Bonerba and specify if you prefer email or regular mail.



### January is a Great Time to Join a Choir at First Presbyterian Church!

There are choirs and handbell groups for a variety of ages. Please contact Mitch Rorick with questions or to find the right group for you.



### 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.

Next Sunday: *Make a Joyful Noise: Grace* Ephesians 2:1-10



### Calling All Cooks

College Trajectory is looking for a few good cooks to make a crockpot of soup for Sunday, February 9. We will be hosting Souper Bowl of Caring to raise funds for Gainesville Community Ministry in Gordon Hall immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. Our students hope to serve over 20 types of soup and in return collect many donations. Sign-up to make soup by contacting Scott Stuart by Thursday, February 6.

*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 1/12                   | 172                |
| Weekly Budget Requirement                   | <b>\$38,129</b>    |
| Received Week of 1/12/25                    | \$13,555           |
| Weekly Offering                             | \$11,146           |
| Designated Offerings                        | \$2,409            |
| Other Revenue                               | --                 |
| Preschool                                   | ---                |
| <b>FPC Fiscal Year: July 2024-June 2025</b> |                    |
| YTD Budget Requirements                     | <b>\$1,067,608</b> |
| YTD Received                                | \$756,554          |
| YTD Expenses                                | \$836,310          |


## Online Contributions



Visit our website, [www.1stpc.org](http://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.



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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](mailto:jdmueller2009@gmail.com)

Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, January 19, 2025

### Encouragement Sunday

*Make a Joyful Noise Sermon Series: Jesus*

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: John 17 - Don McGarity - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School - Genesis 6 - Room 201
- 10:00 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. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room

### Monday, January 20, 2025

### Preschool & Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, January 21, 2025

- 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, January 22, 2025

- 12:00 p.m. Executive Commission - Zoom
- 3:45 p.m. LOGOS
- 6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Time
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Bell Room 215
- 6:45 p.m. Singles Bible Study

### Thursday, January 23, 2025

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

### Friday, January 24, 2025

### Saturday, January 25, 2025

### Sunday, January 26, 2025

*Make a Joyful Noise Sermon Series: Grace*

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: John 18 - Bob Bailey - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School - Genesis 7 - Room 201
- 10:00 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. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Connection - Room 211