

GATHERING

God of life, as we prepare for worship today, help us not to take lightly the highly charged message we proclaim. Help us sense the power, beauty, and mission of your Spirit. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE (11 A.M.) Prelude in G major, BWV 884 J.S. Bach

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Greer James Sneed

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day when the Spirit came.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

And again I say –

Rejoice!

*** HYMN 280** Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us EBENEZER

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Come, Holy Spirit! Rain upon our dry and dusty lives. Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits. Kindle within us the fire of your love to burn away our apathy. With your warmth bend our rigidity and guide our wandering feet. 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 133 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 575

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) Rise Up, O Church of God! D. Hall

Don McGarity, conductor

Rise up! Rise up, O Church of God! Have done with lesser things; give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings. Rise up, O Church of God! His kingdom tarries long; bring in the day of unity and end the night of wrong. Rise up, O Church of God! The world for you doth wait, her strength unequal to her task, rise up, and make her great! Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod; as brothers of the Son of Man, rise up, O Church of God!

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Sarah Whitfield

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 15:36-41 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 135

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ordained Relationships: Barnabas and Paul

Rev. Scott Stuart

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.)

Wherever He Leads I'll Go

B.B. McKinney;
arr. D. McGarity

"Take up thy cross and follow me," I heard my Master say, "I gave my life to ransom thee, surrender your all today." Wherever He leads I'll go. I'll follow my Christ Who loves me so wherever He leads, I'll go. It may be thru the shadows dim, or o'er the stormy sea, I take my cross and follow Him wherever He leadeth me.

* 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.*

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Gluten-Free Bread)

PRAYER

SENDING

* HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Etude in A-flat major, Op. 25, No. 1

F. Chopin

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Scott Stuart, Sarah Whitfield

ELDER ON DUTY: Coleen O'Brien

ACOLYTE: Rivers Rentz

ORGANIST & ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

MEN'S CHOIR

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

A/V TEAM: Marin Best, Owen Best, Kaylee Bleeker, John Rayl

CONGRATULATIONS TO AUSTIN & ASHLEY SNEED on the baptism of their son, Greer James Sneed, at the 11 a.m. worship service today. Grandparents are Susan Holmes, George Holmes, and George & Julie Sneed.

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.)



2024-2025

PLEDGE UPDATE

AS OF 5/12/2024

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



\$503,000

in pledged funds



90

pledges



\$850,000

pledge goal

Thank you! Every gift makes a difference.

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280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 133 (NRSV)

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! ²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. ³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 15:36-41 (NRSV)

³⁶After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Come, let us return and visit the believers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." ³⁷Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. ³⁸But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. ³⁹The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. ⁴⁰But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers commending him to the grace of the Lord. ⁴¹He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



we re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-que-ers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870
 Text © 1981 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

BEECHER
 8.7.8.7.D
 (alternate tune: EBENEZER)

FOCUS ON STEWARDSHIP

We as Presbyterians should regard stewardship as a way of life; a basic understanding that all we have comes from the hand of God and all we have been able to accomplish is through His grace. It is life-changing to look at the world this way. We realize God has entrusted us with a sacred privilege to be His agents here on Earth. In this respect it's much different than other giving. What we at First Presbyterian hope is that you'll find pledging an enriching spiritual exercise.

Most of us have to view pledging itself as a budgeting task. As such, pledging does require some thought, some reflection, and some faith. This is the enriching spiritual exercise part. Our regular offering is a surrendering of our will to God's will, exchanging our plans for His plans. It's a way that we open our hearts to the Lord to act in us and change us for the better. It's a means for us to overcome greed and pride.

Still, the question is how much should we give? Let us look at Scripture and encourage ourselves with verses from 2nd Corinthians, chapter 9, starting in verse 6:

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: ‘He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.’ Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” (2 Cor 9:6-11 NIV 1984)

These verses cover our attitude, the purpose for our giving, and reminds us who our Provider is. It's a great place to start and to finish. We pray that this pledge campaign is a time of real blessing for you.

Faithfully yours,
Stewardship Committee

GLORIFY GOD

Summer Choir will sing Sunday, May 26 and June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30. Guest conductors in June 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.

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.

Kids-4-God: 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. Contact Evelyn Lewis at citytr122@gmail.com.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Multiply Class will not meet this week. We plan to start a study of 1 Samuel when we meet again (in [room 201](#) at [9:30 a.m.](#))

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 19	2 Corinthians 9	Jed Keesling
May 26	2 Corinthians 10	Don McGarity

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: 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): Ronald McDonald House uses proceeds from donated tab tops to supply snacks and personal necessities for families staying there while their sick children are being treated at Shands Children's Hospital. This is an easy ministry for anyone

to join in to let the families know we care for them. Just 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.

Lost & Found: We have a few towels from the lake day at Montgomery if you are missing yours. Contact the church office or pick them up in the back hall.

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 5/12/24	157
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$35,061
Received Week of 5/12/24	\$69,363
Weekly Offering	\$4,794
Designated Offerings	\$42,760
Other Revenue	\$1,500
<u>Preschool</u>	<u>\$20,309</u>
<u>FPC Fiscal Year: July 2023-June 2024</u>	
YTD Budget Requirements	\$1,612,787
YTD Received	\$1,510,222
YTD Expenses	\$1,430,979

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