



## STEWARDSHIP 2021

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN | GAINESVILLE, GA

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Stewardship Dedication Sunday October 10, 2021 11 AM

#### PREPARATION

##### A Prayer of Preparation

*We gather here acknowledging that you alone are holy, O God; you alone are good. As we worship you corporately today, help us to let go of the worldly goods and leave lesser things behind so that we may be ready to enter your holy realm on that day when the first are last and the last are first; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

Welcome

Rev. Lee Koontz

Prelude

On "Nun Danket Alle Gott"

Emma Lou Diemer

#### ADORATION

##### \* Call to Worship (Psalm 22:3-5)

Leader: God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**People: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.**

Leader: To you they cried, and they were saved;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

**People God, you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!**

##### \* Hymn 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

##### Time with Our Children

*Children (ages three through second graders) may participate in Children's Church in the Sunshine Lodge in the Children's Wing.*

The 11 am service is streamed live at [www.fpcga.org](http://www.fpcga.org) and later is available on our website. Sunday sermons are also broadcast on WDUN AM 550 each Sunday following the 8:30 am news.

## CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

**God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior...**

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Celebration of Forgiveness      *Glory to the Father*      John Weaver  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading      Psalm 22:1-15  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem      *Awake, My Heart, With Gladness*      Jane Marshall  
Awake, my heart, and render to God—thy sure defender, thy maker, thy preserver—  
a song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with thee beside me—  
beginning, middle, ending—will all be upward tending. My heart shall be thy dwelling,  
with joy and gladness swelling; thy word my nurture; given to bring me on toward heaven.

New Testament Reading      Mark 10:17-31  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon      *Gracious Possibilities*      Rev. Shon Peppers

Moment of Reflection on God's Word

\* Doxology 607      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      OLD HUNDREDTH  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

## RESPONSE

\* Affirmation of Faith, *The Apostles' Creed* Rev. Dr. Margaret Turney-Ayer  
**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; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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.**

Prayers of the People, concluding with *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.**

Call to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn 643 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*You are invited to bring your Commitment Card  
forward to place in the basket provided.*

## SENDING FORTH

\* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music *Marche Triomphale on "Nun Danket Alle Gott"* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

\* Please stand as you are able.

Assisting with worship today are Benji Stegner, Choir Director / organist;  
Chancel Choir.

### Our Staff

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## Welcome, guests!

Your presence is a wonderful blessing to this church family! If you would like to know more about the church or would like to ask for prayer, please speak with one of the pastors following the service. We would love the opportunity to get to know you and minister to you!



5:45 PM SUPPER (\$8 Adult • \$5 Kid • \$20 Family)

6:20 PM CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES & MUSIC

6:30 PM ADULT PROGRAM

### OCTOBER 13

**MENU:** Grilled herbed chicken, green beans, macaroni and cheese

**PROGRAM:** Rusty Ligon  
*What's Happening in the City of Gainesville, Part 1*

### OCTOBER 20

**MENU:** Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, Sicilian blend vegetables

**PROGRAM:** Angela Sheppard  
*What's Happening in the City of Gainesville, Part 2*

## YOUTH HALLOWEEN BASH

Party at the Koontzes'  
3783 Hardy Road

**Sunday, October 24** 5:30-7:30 pm

Fireside games & spooky stories

Costumes encouraged

Bring a friend and  
be ready for  
Halloween fun!



Shoebboxes are available to take home and fill by **November 12.**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

*Commitment Sunday*

8:45am Morning Light Worship, SH

9:15am Chancel Ringers

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Worship

6:00pm Youth Group

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:00am Prayer Group, Prayer Room

11:00am PEO (Jody Sanders), Parlor

12:00pm Gentle Yoga, Gym

12:00pm Ladies Bible Study, Lake House

1:00pm Stephen Ministry Leaders, CR

**3:00pm Evangelism Meeting, CR\***

6:30pm Lakeshore Square Dance Class

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

**11:00am WMC 2022 Cmte, CR\***

**5:00pm Adult Ministry, CR\***

5:30pm Ladies AA, Lakehouse

**6:30pm Congregational Care, M303\***

**6:30pm Fellowship Ministry, Cabin 4\***

**6:30pm Outreach Ministry, CR\***

**7:15pm The Diaconate, M303\***

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

5:45pm WOW Supper

6:20pm Children's WOW Music & Activities

6:30pm Adult WOW Program

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:30am Yoga, Gym

11:00am Lanier Women's Group (Sharon Burke), SH

**5:00pm Youth Ministry Team, Youth Room\***

5:30pm *Be the Bridge* Study, Lakehouse

**6:00pm Children's Ministry Team, Cabin 3\***

7:00pm Bernice Cox Book Club, Prayer Room

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:00am Confirmation Class Quilt Creation

6:30pm Lakeshore Squares, Gym

\*Committee Meeting; SH-Swetenburg Hall

### Pastor on call

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 770-718-8584.

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## 2022 DECLARATION OF FAITHFUL COMMITMENT

With God's help, I intend to grow in my commitment to God at FPC with this gift.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ *CIRCLE ONE:* per week | per month | per quarter

for a total annual pledge of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring/send your Estimate of Giving card on/or before **Sunday, October 10.**

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## *Ways to Give*

*There are several secure ways to give:*

- With a personal check in the offering on Sundays or by mail
- Cell phone text FPCGIVE to 502-650-9147. Follow prompts to enroll.
- With a check or credit card charge through the church's website...<http://fpcga.org/welcome/give/>
- Stocks can be transferred through Vanguard or Wells Fargo...

**Wells Fargo Advisors**, our account is #2762-1278 and our DTC is #0141.

**Vanguard**, our account is #1192-7216 and DTC is #0062.

Please email Debbie, church administrator, before transferring stock ([dholcombe@fpcga.org](mailto:dholcombe@fpcga.org)).