

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Presbyterian Church
Tallahassee, Florida
Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 25, 2026, 11:00 AM



GATHERING

Ringing of the Zimbelstern

Voluntary

Diapason Movement

John Keeble

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Glenn Hodges

Call to Worship

In the sea of life's daily stress and strife, in the struggle to keep our heads above the waves,
Jesus calls us from the shore: "Follow me, and be fishers of people!"

God gathers us into new boats built with room for friend and stranger.

"Follow me, and use your gifts with purpose. Follow me, and build abundant life."

We will be weavers of community, architects of justice, gardeners of peace.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Christ, our Messiah,
you call us to fish for people,
but we are hesitant to leave our boats.
We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard,
believing they make us secure.
We are afraid to put our trust in you,
afraid to follow, afraid we will fail.
Forgive us.
Transform our fear into faithfulness,
and enable us to walk with you,
that we may be part of your work in the world.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Just as Jesus called the disciples, so Christ calls us. Forgiven of our sin and freed to serve,
let us answer Christ's call. **Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us.**

Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response — Hymn 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

**Asterisks invite you to rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in bold.*

*The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Tiger Davis

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 9:1–4

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 841

God Is My Strong Salvation (Psalm 27)

WEDLOCK

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH

Gospel

Matthew 4:12–23

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Sermon

Rev. Glenn Hodges

*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

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 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.

Prayers of the People

...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
...your beloved Child, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

EUCARIST

Call to Offering

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Anthem

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as
Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my
servant too.
We are pilgrims on a journey; We're together on
this road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and
bear the load.

The Servant Song

I will hold the Christlight for you in the
nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the
peace you long to hear.
I will weep when you are weeping, when you
laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've
seen this journey through.

Richard Gillard, arr. Tom Fettke

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall
find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of
Christ's love and agony.
Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be
as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you
be my servant too.

*Presentation Hymn 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn 170

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

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*Blessing and Charge

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the blessing of the Lord forever. **Alleluia!**

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: Follow me. **Amen.**

Voluntary

Alla breve in D Major, BWV 589

J. S. Bach

IN WORSHIP TODAY

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations — We offer prayers for healing for Juana Maria Diaz (mother of Ruben Diaz), Bob Rackleff, Rich Peyton, Brant Copeland, Martha Kutter, Joyce Crawford, Bev Breedlove, Tara Reynolds, Sandra Sherrard, and Martha Snowden. We offer prayers for strength and mercy for Evanna (sister of Wayne Friedemann), Patricia McCoy Delancey, and Thaddeus Gillon. We pray for the staff and volunteers of Second Harvest of the Big Bend as well as those of all our mission partners. We pray for victims of gun violence in our community and our country. We pray for the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba, Pastor Izett Samá Hernández, and Pastor Alison Infante. We pray for peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and around the world. We also pray for those in military service, including Brian Guisao, Ross Yeilding, David DelRossi, and Owen Elzie.

“Kingdom” or “Kindom” in the Lord’s Prayer? Kingdoms were the dominant community structure when our Scriptures were written. Some find it meaningful to think about other Biblical metaphors to convey the ethos of care and genuine kin-ships about which Jesus taught and preached. Please pray as you choose.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are welcome in this service as full members of God's family. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in the basket by the door to the Narthex. Childcare for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building. Please note that during worship the Education Building is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each ground floor aisle of the sanctuary.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T-telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

Large Print Versions of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

Visitors: We are glad you are here this morning! If you have questions about our congregation or membership, please let us know by using the friendship registers or speaking to one of the greeters so we can connect you with the right people. We welcome new members after worship on the second Sunday of each month. Please join us after worship today for lunch and a celebration of our talented musicians! Don't worry if you didn't bring lunch; there will be food to share!

CHECK-IN



Let us know you came
to Worship today!



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463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

God Is My Strong Salvation 841

(Psalm 27)

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (G)
Fm Cm Fm Cm Fm Cm A♭



1 God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear?
2 Place on the Lord re - li - ance; my soul, with cour-age wait;

(Em) (Bm) (D) (G) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm E♭ A♭ Cm Fm Cm Fm



In per - il and temp - ta - tion my light, my help, is near.
God's truth be thine af - fi - ance, when faint and des - o - late.

(Bm) (G) (D) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (G)
Cm A♭ E♭ Fm Cm Fm Cm A♭



Though hosts en - camp a - round me, firm to the fight I stand;
God's might thy heart shall strength-en; God's love thy joy in - crease;

(Em) (Bm) (D) (G) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm E♭ A♭ Cm Fm Cm Fm



what ter - ror can con - found me, with God at my right hand?
mer - cy thy days shall length - en; the Lord will give thee peace.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Preserving the author's intention, his abbreviated paraphrase of Psalm 27 appears here in two eight-line stanzas, the first containing general affirmations and the second assurances to his fainting soul. This sense of resolution is strengthened by the sturdy shape note tune.

Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten-tions cease.
4 Let us for - give each oth-er's faults as we our own con - fess,
5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
As mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.
our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.



This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

D A D



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

You Walk along Our Shoreline 170

1 You walk a - long our shore-line where land meets un-known sea.
 2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo- ple of the earth.
 3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;

We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
 we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.

And if you still will fol-low through storm and wave and shoal,
 We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
 You call us, Lord, to gath-er God's daugh-ters and God's sons,

then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
 our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
 to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

Based on Jesus' calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18-22 / Mark 1:16-20 / Luke 5:4-11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.