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# Welcome *to* Faith Presbyterian Church

Our mission is to participate in the ongoing ministry of Christ to the community of Gainesville.

**New?** We are glad that you are worshipping with us this Sunday. Visit our website *faithgainesville.org* to learn more about us. Feel free to contact us at [faith@faithgainesville.org](mailto:faith@faithgainesville.org) to meet with the pastor or learn about other opportunities to get involved. Scan the QR code to help us get to know you better and to get connected at Faith.



## Our Worship: Interacting with God

*We believe Christ is uniquely present with us when we gather for worship. Our service is not a performance, but a meeting with the living God. As He reveals himself and we respond in the very pattern of the gospel message. In worship, we do more than just hear the gospel; we participate in it!*

*This worship pattern is found throughout the Bible when God's people meet Him (Deut. 5, 2 Chron. 5-7, Is. 6, Eph. 1-6 and Rev. 4-5). The following is a brief outline of the pattern.*

### **Entering the Gospel Story**

Gathering Song

Announcements

### **I. God Calls Us to Worship Him**

God's character rediscovered in prayer and song—Revelation 4:1-2, 6-8

### **II. We Confess Our Sin**

Human character confessed—Revelation 5:1-5

### **III. God Responds with Grace in Word and Sacrament**

God's grace assured—Revelation 5:6-9

### **IV. We Renew Our Commitment and Loyalty to Christ Our King**

Exalting Christ and Receiving his Benediction Blessing—Revelation 5:10-13

\*Please stand, but feel free to sit when needed.

\*Children ages 4 - 2nd grade will be dismissed before the pastoral prayer (see pg. 8).

Entering *the* Gospel Story**\*GATHERING SONG****Indescribable**

Laura Story

From the high-est of heights to the depths of the sea,  
Who has told ev-'ry light - ning bolt where it should go

cre - a - tion's re - veal - ing your ma - jes - ty. From the col - ors of  
or seen heav - en - ly store-hous - es la - den with snow? Who i - mag - ined the

Fall to the fra - grance of Spring, ev - 'ry crea - ture u - ni - que in the song that it  
sun and gives source to its light yet con - ceals it to bring us the cool - ness of

sings. All ex - claim - ing: In - de - scrib - a - ble, un - con - tain - a - ble; you placed the stars in the  
night? None can fath - om.

sky, and you know them by - name. You are a - maz - ing God; - - - All pow - er - ful  
In - com - para - ble,

un - tam - a - ble. Awe - struck, we fall to our knees as we hum - bly pro - claim  
un - change - a - ble; You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same.

you are a - maz - ing God. God.

You are a - maz - ing God.

You are a - maz - ing, God.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **I. God Calls Us to Worship Him**

#### **\*GOD'S CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Romans 12:1–2*

Leader: I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

#### **\*CALLING ON GOD AND PRAISING HIM**

## \*Songs of Faith & Praise

### God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

Words by David Clowney

Music by Ludwig van Beethoven



1. God, all nat - ure sings thy glo - ry, and thy works pro -  
2. Clear - er still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast  
3. But our sins have spoiled thine im - age; na - ture, con - science  
4. God of glo - ry, po - wer, mer - cy, all cre - a - tion



claim thy might; or - dered vast - ness in the heav - ens,  
made for thee; ru - ler of cre - a - tion's glo - ry,  
on - ly serve as un - ceas - ing, grim re - mind - ers  
prais - es thee; we, thy crea - tures, would a - dore thee



or - dered course of day and night; beau - ty in the  
im - age of thy maj - es - ty. Mus - ic, art, the  
of the wrath which we de - serve. Yet thy grace and  
now and through e - ter - ni - ty. Saved to mag - ni -



chang - ing sea - sons, beau - ty in the storm - ing sea; all the chang - ing  
fruit - ful gar - den, all the la - bor of his days, are the call - ing  
sav - ing mer - cy in thy Word of truth re - vealed claim the praise of  
fy thy good - ness, grant us strength to do thy will; with our acts as



moods of na - ture praise the change - less Trin - i - ty.  
of his mak - er to the har - vest feast of praise.  
all who know thee, in the blood of Je - sus sealed.  
with our voic - es thy com - mand - ments to ful - fill.

# No, Not Despairingly

Words: Horatius Bonar  
Music: Joseph Shields



No, not des - pair - ing - ly I come to you.  
Ah! My in - iq - ui - ty crim - son has been.  
Lord, I con - fess to you sad - ly my sin.  
Then all is peace and light this soul with - in.



No, not dis - trust - ing - ly I bow to you. Sin has gone ov - er me.  
In - fi nite, in - fin - ite sin up - on sin. Sin of not lov - ing you,  
All I am tell I you all I have been. Purge now my sin a - way.  
And I will walk with you, the loved un - seen. Lean - ing on you, my God.



Yet is this still my plea: Je - sus has died.  
Sin of not trust - ing you. In - fi - nite sin,  
Wash now my soul this day. Lord, make me clean.  
Guid-ed a - long the road, No - thing be - tween.



Je - sus has died. Faith - ful and just are you, for - giv - ing all.  
In - fi - nite sin.  
Lord, make me clean.  
no - thing be - tween.



Lov - ing and kind are you, when poor ones call. Lord, let the cleans - ing blood,



blood of the Lamb of God, Pass o'er my soul. Pass o'er my soul.

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## **II. We Confess Our Sin**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you. You call us, but we do not follow. You command, but we do not obey. You bless us, but we do not thank you. Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others. You forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us. You love us, but we do not love our neighbors. Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own. You identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor, but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them or share in their suffering. You suffered and died for the sake of all, but we do not give up our comfortable lives. Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

*A time of silent confession*

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*1 John 1:7-9*

The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

# \*Song of Faith and Praise

## Build My Life

Brett Younker, Karl Martin,  
Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman  
and Pat Barrett

$\text{♩} = 70$

1. Wor - thy of ev - 'ry song — we could ev - er sing.  
2. Je - sus the name a - bove — ev - 'ry oth - er name.

3  
Wor - thy of all the praise — we could ev - er bring.  
Je - sus the on - ly one — who could ev - er save.

5  
Wor - thy of ev - 'ry breath — we could ev - er breathe. We live for You.  
Wor - thy of ev - 'ry breath — we could ev - er breathe. We live for You.

7 1. 2.  
We live for You.

11  $\text{§}$   
Ho - ly there is no one like You, there is none be - side You. O - pen up my

14  
eyes in won - der and show me who You are and fill me with Your heart and

17 D.C.  
lead me in Your love to those a - round me. **Fine**

23  
I will build my life up - on your love; it is a firm foun - da - tion. I will put my

28 D.S. al Fine  
trust in you a - lone, and I will not be sha - ken. —

+At this time children in K4 through 2nd grade are dismissed for Children's Church.



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Instrumental meditation

*Ecclesiastes 4:4-12*

## PRAYING FOR HIS KINGDOM AND OUR NEEDS

Max Isastia

### III. God Responds with Grace in Word and Sacrament

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Galatians 6:1-10*

Sermon

*You are Called to be a Deacon, Part 3*

Kevin Nelson

## SERMON PASSAGE

<sup>6</sup> Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup> But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup> For each will have to bear his own load.

<sup>6</sup> Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**Takeaway:** Paul calls the church a family and families are messy. Whenever we take responsibility for others, we open ourselves to hurt and frustration and temptation. Yet, when the community is walking in the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit is life-giving to all who participate. What fears do you have in getting involved in the lives of others? What is keeping you from allowing others into your life?

**Sermon Reflection Questions:**

- What is the good news of this passage? How does it bring hope to our brokenness and struggles?
- What are we led to believe from this passage? What doctrines, convictions, beliefs are strengthened from this passage?
- When and where do you struggle the most with the issue(s) this sermon raised?
- If you were to incorporate the teaching from this sermon and its related Scriptures into your own life, how would your life be different next week? next year?

# Invitation *to* the Lord's Supper

## Giving His Tithes *and* Offerings



give online here

+During the collection children will return from Children's Church.

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

*Trinity Hymnal #731*

**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**

### **PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH**

*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 Spirit, 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 is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic† Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

†That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

## Celebrating *the* Lord's Supper

We serve wine in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the outer rim for those who, out of conscience or reasons of health, do not partake of wine.

## IV. We Renew Our Commitment and Loyalty to Christ Our King

### \*SONG OF RESPONSE

#### Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

*Bourne, Hicks*

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,  
First begotten from the dead,  
You alone, our strong Defender,  
Now lift up Your people's head.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Jesus, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we,  
Here in loving reverence bow;  
Here for faith's discernment pray we,  
Lest we fail to know You now.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are here, we ask not how,  
You are here, we ask not how.

*[Chorus]:*

*Behold the Lamb of God  
Who takes ours sins away  
Risen, ascended, glorified  
We worship you, we worship you!  
You reign on high, in never ending day  
Risen, ascended, glorified  
We worship you, we worship you!*

Paschal Lamb, Your offering finished  
Once for all when You were slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall forevermore remain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Cleansing us from every stain.  
Cleansing us from every stain.

*Chorus*

Bridge (2x):

Life imparting heavenly Manna,  
Smitten Rock with streaming side,  
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship You, the Lamb Who died.

*Chorus*

## **\*BENEDICTION**

*Hebrews 13:20-21*

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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# GETTING CONNECTED

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Youth & Club4Five:** TODAY 4pm-6pm

**Men's Breakfast** January 27—an informal breakfast for fellowship and encouragement.

**College Hang-Out:** Sat. Feb. 3 at 6pm

College students, welcome back! On Saturday night, February 3rd at 6pm we will be having a fire with s'mores & hot dogs at the Carlin's. Mark your calendar so you can plan to attend!

**Deacon Nominations:** We are in a season of nominations for the office of deacon and role of deacon assistant. We encourage you to be in prayer as you consider members to nominate. Please return completed nomination forms to the basket in the hallway.

### Interested in Church Membership?

Contact Pastor Kevin to start the conversation: [kevin@faithgainesville.org](mailto:kevin@faithgainesville.org).

**Save the Date: Galentine's Gathering,** Friday, February 2, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Michelle Carter, 3829 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville. All ladies are invited to come and share a fun & relaxing evening of fellowship, a hot chocolate bar & other snacks! Please view the invitation & respond with this QR code:



## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

**Children's Church** is available for ages K4 through 2nd grade. Children will be dismissed after the song following the "Assurance of Forgiveness" and will return after the sermon.

**Sunday School:** All Classes 9am.

### Community Groups:

- Northwest (High Springs, Alachua) meets Thursday, contact [cord@faithgainesville.org](mailto:cord@faithgainesville.org)
- Northeast meets Saturday, contact [chadzwolcott@gmail.com](mailto:chadzwolcott@gmail.com)
- Central #1 (Suburban Heights, Millhopper) meets Tuesday, contact [jeremylscheer@gmail.com](mailto:jeremylscheer@gmail.com)
- Central #2 meets Sunday, contact [jeremiahkumpf@gmail.com](mailto:jeremiahkumpf@gmail.com)
- Southwest meets Wednesday, contact [massimoisastia@yahoo.com](mailto:massimoisastia@yahoo.com)

### Youth Group & Club4Five: Next Meeting - TODAY

**GradPro:** A graduate student and young professionals community, meets every month on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday at 7 pm. For more information, join our WhatsApp group with the QR code. Questions or comments? Please contact Jeremiah Kumpf: ([jeremiah@faithgainesville.org](mailto:jeremiah@faithgainesville.org)).



**Empty Nesters:** A great time of Bible-Teaching, Christian fellowship, discipleship, and prayer awaits you every Wednesday from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. We hope you'll join us as we explore together the Book of *Deuteronomy* and its implications for our church and our lives. For more info, contact facilitator Bill Lawrence [wmlawrence@cox.net](mailto:wmlawrence@cox.net) or 352-317-7970.

**Women's Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, January 23, 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Teaching Center. Child-care is provided. We are using the book *Entrusted to be Invested*, a study of 1 Timothy by Susan Hunt & Karen Hodge. Co-leaders are Christie Nelson & Betty Brady. If you have questions, please speak to one of these ladies. For women who cannot make the weekday study, Christie Nelson leads a women's group on Sundays at 9 a.m. The Women's Newsletter with current information is available on the church website ([tinyurl.com/5n7vmv2k](http://tinyurl.com/5n7vmv2k)). You can also receive information by joining our Women's Ministry WhatsApp group chat. Scan the QR code to join.



**Gainesville Community Ministries:** drop off nonperishable goods in the basket in the foyer.



### Prayer Requests & Faith Friday Emails

Our office sends weekly emails with prayer requests, updates, and announcements regarding everything going on in the life of our church. If you would like to be added to either of these email lists, check out our websites "Get Connected" page or scan the QR Code to sign up.

### Having Trouble Hearing Our Service?

See a greeter prior to worship to borrow a hearing device.

**Last Week's Tithes/Offerings: \$8,060.53**  
**This Year's Average Tithes/Offerings: \$10,092.61**  
**Last Week's Attendance: 125**

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