

# 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 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

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand, but feel free to sit when needed.

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

# Entering the Gospel Story

# \*GATHERING SONG

#### 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Myrin, Redman

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me.
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

#### Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing. Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

#### Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing. The end draws near and my time has come. Still my soul will sing Your praise unending. Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Chorus.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.
Worship Your holy name.
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# I. God Calls Us to Worship Him

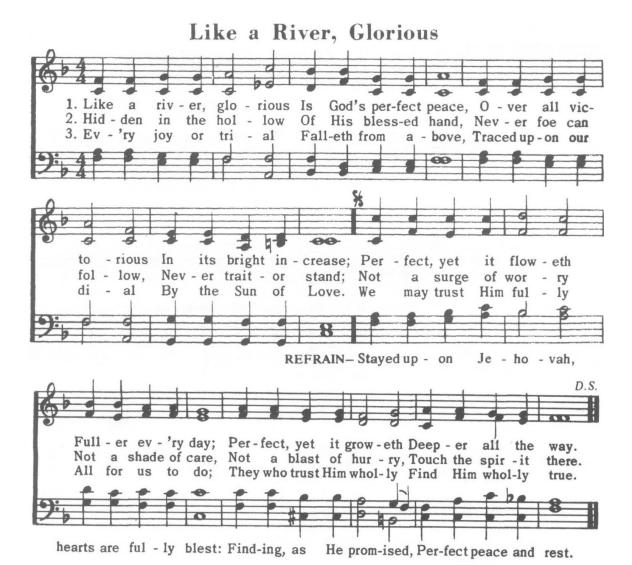
#### \*GOD'S CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 12:28-29

Leader: Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

# \*CALLING ON GOD AND PRAISING HIM

# \*Songs of Faith & Praise



# Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Words by Charles Wesley Music by Greg Thompson



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## II. We Confess Our Sin

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

A time of silent confession

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Isaiah 53:5a, 6

He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

# \*Song of Faith and Praise

# Great Is thy Faithfulness



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

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Instrumental meditation

#### PRAYING FOR HIS KINGDOM AND OUR NEEDS

**Chad Wolcott** 

# III. God Responds with Grace in Word and Sacrament

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 1:1-20

Sermon The Heart of Revival Kevin Nelson

#### **SERMON PASSAGE**

**1** The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD has spoken:
 "Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me.
 The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand."

<sup>4</sup> Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the LORD, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly estranged.

Why will you still be struck down?
 Why will you continue to rebel?

 The whole head is sick,
 and the whole heart faint.
 From the sole of the foot even to the head,
 there is no soundness in it,

but bruises and sores and raw wounds; they are not pressed out or bound up or softened with oil

<sup>7</sup> Your country lies desolate; your cities are burned with fire; in your very presence foreigners devour your land; it is desolate, as overthrown by foreigners.
<sup>8</sup> And the daughter of Zion is left like a booth in a vineyard, like a lodge in a cucumber field, like a besieged city.

<sup>9</sup> If the LORD of hosts had not left us a few survivors, we should have been like Sodom, and become like Gomorrah.

Hear the word of the LORD,
 you rulers of Sodom!
 Give ear to the teaching of our God,
 you people of Gomorrah!

- 11 "What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD;
- I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts;
- I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.
- "When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts?
- <sup>13</sup> Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—

I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.

<sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me;

I am weary of bearing them.

When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,

I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

learn to do good;

seek justice,

correct oppression;

bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

<sup>18</sup> "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:

though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson,

they shall become like wool.

<sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

<sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

**Takeaway:** God's people are living a double-life. They are keeping up all the signs of religious faithfulness, but their lives are wicked. And, they will suffer the consequences. The people's wickedness, however, is not the focus of this prophecy. Instead, Isaiah shows us God's brokenhearted grief. The passage ends with the hope of revival, but will the people even want it? Do you see your need for revival? Do you want it?

## **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

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+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.

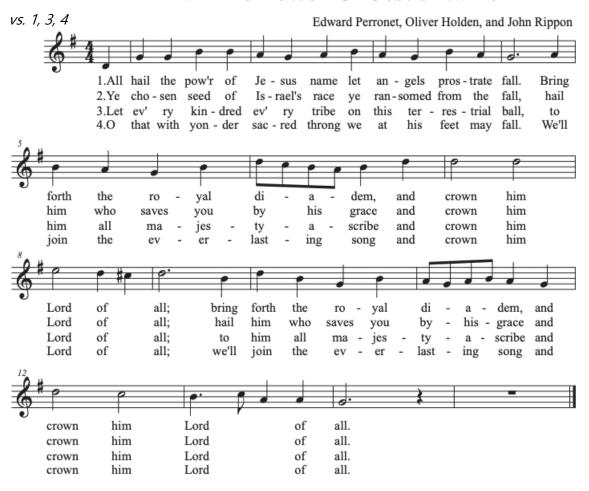
†That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

# 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

# All Hail the Power Of Jesus Name



\*BENEDICTION 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# **GETTING CONNECTED**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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.

**Galentine's Gathering -** Friday, February 2, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Michelle Carter, 3829 NW 36th Street. All ladies are invited to come for a relaxing evening of fellowship, a hot chocolate bar & other snacks. If you haven't sent your RSVP yet, please do so with the QR code. Also, if you would like to help by providing an appetizer or dessert, please sign up here: <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/55eewfrf">tinyurl.com/55eewfrf</a>



Church Retreat: Save the Date, March 1-2

#### Missions

- **Short-Term Mission Trip:** Faith Presbyterian Church is partnering with Missions Mullins on June 2-8 in South Carolina this summer. Mission Mullins is a service project designed to reach out to those who are hurting in order to share Christ's love through simple acts of service and expressions of Christian love. *Please email* (missions@faithgainesville.org), or text Patrick Lubitsky (352) 377-0982 communicating your desire to attend.
- The Missions Team welcomes you to an Open House at the Lawrence's home after church on Feb. 4 in Suburban Heights to meet the Cobb Family. The Cobb family is one of the families FPC supports that work with MTW. Learn about how the Cobb's get to participate in the redeeming work of Jesus Christ in parts of Europe and North Africa. 5003 NW 16th Pl, Gnv. FL 32605 | Noon 3:00 pm | RSVP: 352-246-3672 for lunch (Noon—1:30 pm) | Drinks and cookies for all (1:30 3:00 pm)

**2023 Giving Statements** were emailed last week. If you did not receive yours or if you would like a physical copy, contact our admin at: faith@faithgainesville.org.

#### 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 <u>cord@faithgainesville.org</u>
- Northeast meets Saturday, contact <u>chadzwolcott@gmail.com</u>
- Central #1 (Suburban Heights, Millhopper) meets Tuesday, contact <u>jeremylscheer@gmail.com</u>
- Central #2 meets Sunday, contact <a href="mailto:ieremiahkumpf@gmail.com">ieremiahkumpf@gmail.com</a>
- Southwest meets Wednesday, contact <u>massimoisastia@yahoo.com</u>

Youth Group & Club4Five: Next Meeting - Feb. 4

**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).



**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 <u>wmlawrence@cox.net</u> or 352-317-7970.

**Women's Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, February 13 & 27, 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Teaching Center. Childcare 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). 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: \$6,607.26
This Year's Average Tithes/Offerings: \$9,920.69
Last Week's Attendance: 176

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