

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
11:00 am April 14, 2024

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

PRAYER (TO BE PRAYED SILENTLY UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY)  
**From Ephesians 4:2- 4: Father, please help us to walk in a manner worthy of You and Your call to us. Give us a spirit of humility, gentleness and patience that we may show tolerance for one another in love. Help us to be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Amen.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

PNC SHARING

INTROIT *"Shine on Us"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to give thanks to you, O Lord,  
**People: With all our heart!**  
Leader: We will sing your praises before all creation,  
**People: And rejoice in your steadfast love!**  
Leader: You have created us O Lord, and made us for yourself,  
**People: In you we become everything you have made us to be!**  
**All: AMEN.**

\*HYMN *"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"* No. 228  
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in body and Spirit: Lord, have mercy.  
**All: Lord, have mercy.**  
Minister: Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Minister: Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 623(Red Hymnal)  
**"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, Amen."**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

ANTHEM *"Come to the Father"*

SCRIPTURE Revelation 5: 11-14

\*HYMN *"Jesus Shall Reign"* No. 231  
(Red Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE John 21: 15-19

Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Dr. Robert R. Lutz, Ph.D.  
Move It Over

\*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.**





Dianna Sandonato has been asked by the Mission Committee to serve as the liaison to the FUMC Food Pantry Outreach. Help is needed.

**Ways to help:**

- Weekly “Grab and Go” - assist children over summer break.
- Help keep the blessing box full at FUMC (please see item list below)

*Please sign up if you are available for any or all of these. Contact Dianna Sandonato for more information.*

List of Items for the Blessing Box

**Food:**

- Protein/Energy/Cereal bars (out of the box)
- SELF opening cans or Pouches of Meats/Tuna Fish/Chicken/Fruit/Vegetables Etc...
- Dry Milk or shelf safe milk
- Individual boxes or Packages of Cereal/Nuts/Trail mix/Crackers/Bread sticks (with or without cheese)
- Peanut butter in plastic jars/Jelly/Nutella etc.
- Any shelf safe food items that do not require refrigeration/can openers/or heat source to be able to be eaten.

**Personal Items:**

- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste(small)
- Bath Wipes (that do not need rinsing)
- Comb or Brush
- Wrapped plastic silverware
- Small Kleenex Pouches
- Travel size Mouth wash/Deodorant
- Any item that can be used to help a homeless person who may not have the resources to clean themselves properly.



**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service. Glory be to God!

**Leading Worship:** Rev. Dr. Robert R. Lutz, Ph.D., Minister; Steve Brown, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director

**Notes & Announcements**



**The Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God by Betty Culbreath in memory of her husband, Eric.

- **Session Meeting** Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm
- **Ushers** for April 21<sup>st</sup>: Bobby Harper, Jim Culbreath, Martha Davis, Mike Perrine, Nancy Bell
- **Liturgist** for April 21<sup>st</sup>: Cheryl Gregory
- **FPC website** [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)
- Send **prayer requests** to [prayer@firstpresperry.org](mailto:prayer@firstpresperry.org) or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf

**Session Committee leaders**

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Michael McMillan, Chuck Eckel

Christian Education-Martha Davis

Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregation Care-Nancy Bell

Finance-Chuck Eckel, Jim Culbreath

Mission/Outreach-Cindy Brown

Worship/Music-Marilyn Culpepper, Zachary Wiggins

# In Memoriam

## Margie Crosby Powers

With love and sympathy, First Presbyterian Church of Perry acknowledges the death of Margie Crosby Powers, former member and longtime servant of Christ.

Born in Oxford, Colorado, Margie died on March 22, 2024, at the age of 103 in St. Augustine where she had lived the last 25 years of her life with daughter Sara Kay (Powers) Cooper.

Margie and Doug were married in 1946; he died 39 years later, in 1985. They were parents of: Jay Powers, now deceased; Sue Powers Freedman, also deceased; Toley Powers (Debby) of Dark Island; and Sara Kay Powers Cooper of St. Augustine.

In Perry, Margie and Doug are fondly remembered as owners of Western Auto on the downtown square where many new Christmas bicycles and other special occasion gifts originated.

Daughter Sara Kay remembers well their connection to First Presbyterian. “Mother and Daddy were both on the pulpit committee, looking for new ministers for the church.” She also recalls that her father taught Sunday School and her Mother was active in the morning circle, also helping with Family Night Suppers at the church. “I think Mother did the books for Rooms To Grow Pre-School, too. I know she was on the committee for the new sanctuary because she told us the strong feelings people had about its relocation and design.”

While some memories fade with the years, Sara Kay said, “I do remember she loved First Presbyterian Church. Most of the closest friends she and Daddy had were members of the congregation.”

She also recalls, “It was a fun church to grow up in; we were lucky. We had lots of young and fun ministers who made it enjoyable for the young people.”

With grateful hearts, members of First Presbyterian Church extend their sympathy to the Powers family, also expressing gratitude for the service extended by their parents.

## Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

*Our session*  
*FPC Families*  
*Carusos*  
*Our knees, hips and backs*  
*Patricia*  
*Polly*  
*Harpers tests*  
*Culpeppers*  
*Speas family*  
*Sandi H and Rita B*  
*Rita's friends*  
*Rita's travels*  
*Joann's upcoming surgery*  
*Answered prayers*  
*Guardian Angels*  
*Marsha Taylor's Niece and Uncle*

<p>Pastor Nominating Committee members: Emaley Gentry, Jamie Poppell, Juanita Ratliff, Randy Speas, and Shona Whiddon</p>
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