FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348 12th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 am August 20, 2023

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Turn us, O God,

People: away from the world's temptations and

distractions.

Leader: Return us, O God,

People: to the quiet calm of your presence.

Leader: Restore us, O God,

People: to the path you call us to follow.

Leader: Orient us, O God,

People: to the hope of all that is possible through

you.

*Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 65 (Purple Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we, who benefit from your grace, do not emulate you and your ways. We are quick to condemn, exaggerate, critique and act mercilessly. We confess the ways we demean and dehumanize others. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 43:1)

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Sweet Beulah Land"

(Kristie Harper & Juanita Ratliff)

Words and music by Squire Parsons Arr. by Camp Kirkland

SCRIPTURE Genesis 45:1-15

SCRIPTURE Matthew 15:10-28

SERMON I'd Rather Be A Dog Rev. Larry Green

*HYMN "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" No. 182

(Purple Hymnal)

*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'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, for ever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

No. 624 (Red Hymnal)

"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."

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me!"

No 188

(Purple Hymnal)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*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. Larry Green, Minister; Rachel Poppell, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Martha Davis, Chuck Eckel
Christian Education-Martha Davis
Clerk-Cindy Brown
Congregation Care-Nancy Bell
Fellowship-Sandi Hilgendorf
Finance-Chuck Eckel
Mission/Outreach-Marne Helberg, Rachel Poppell
Worship/Music-Marilyn Culpepper



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PERRY, FLORIDA

Notes & Announcements

- Worship Committee meeting Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:00 pm
- **Revelation study** Wednesday, August 23rd, and 30th at 4:30 pm
- Perry Caregiver Support Group Thursday, August 24th at 10:30 am
- Ushers for August 27th: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Betty Culbreath, Tuckie Maultsby, Rachel Poppell
- **Liturgist** for August 27th: Marilyn Culpepper
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org

Sunday school classes will start at 9:30 each Sunday.



Kristie will lead the **Children's class** in Room 4. She will be teaching them to be good disciples. They will also study the books of the Bible.

The Foundations class meets in the Parlor. They will be studying the book of James.

The **Sojourner's class** meets in Room 8. They will study the parables of Jesus.

Please join us for small group fellowship and Bible study.

Serving Communion to Homebound



Starting September 3, we begin a new ministry: serving communion to the homebound. If anyone desires to be served at home or knows of anyone who desires this, contact an elder and enlist their Holy Communion help. The elements will be available immediately

after the worship service at which communion is served (first Sundays of the month). Disposable containers will be available for the serving elders to place the consecrated elements into.

A Prayer Walk

September 10, 2023



Join us for a prayer walk following Worship. Praying for the PNC's quest for a new pastor. More details to follow. Please contact Marne Helberg for more information.

Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

Jeanne H, good test results, ptl *John*, praise and thanks for friends prayers Jim and Margie Sandonato's, always Pat Zastrow, continued recovery Miss Patricia, and family Seecharan family Our PNC all travelers Friend Marji, Hilgendorf's up north friend Warren H, procedure 8/30 Judy Neal Continued for Noelle Jenkins McGarity family Nora, Warren H cousin Family of Sherry Fletcher Glenn Knowles