FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 am October 29, 2023 REFORMATION SUNDAY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace"

G. Shearing

PRAYER Dear God, help us to keep our eyes on you, so that we can follow your promptings and respond to your call. Help us to see when another soul around us needs to be encouraged. Help us to be faithful to carry one another's burdens, remembering that we're all in this life together.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

SESSION SHARING Sandi Hilgendorf

INTROIT "For the Troubles and the Sufferings"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to us even now O Lord of Life,

People: And fill this place with your presence!

Leader: We praise your name and rejoice in your love,

People: We stand in utter amazement of who you

are!

Leader: Everyone who calls upon you will find fulfillment,

People: They will rejoice forever, because you are

God!

Leader: Rejoice and give thanks! *All: Halleluiah! Amen!*

*Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" No. 26

(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you were sent to heal the contrite heart:

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners: Christ, have

mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are seated at the right hand of the

Father to intercede for us: 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 "Holy Is the Lord"

Words and Music by Frank Hernandez Arr. By Jimmy Owens

SCRIPTURE Psalm 95: 1-7a, 96

*HYMN "Amazing Grace" No. 202

(Red Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE Romans 3:19-28

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

SERMON Justified For What? Dr. Don McGarity

*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.

*Hymn "Jesus, Remember Me" No. 227 "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (sung twice) (Purple Hymnal)

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, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Doxology

No. 624 (Red Hymnal)

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

It is amazing, O God, that you should depend on our gifts to build the kingdom of your Son Jesus. How much you must value us to invest such trust in our family of faith. May our giving finally bring much honor and glory to you. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

"God Will Take Care of You"

No. 47 (Red Hymnal)

*BENEDICTION

Minister: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Minister: May Almighty God bless you the Father, the Son

and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Minister: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

No. 628 (Red Hymnal)

"Threefold Amen"
Amen. Amen. A-men.

*Postlude

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

H. Walcha

*Those who are able, please stand.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PERRY, FLORIDA

Military Retirement Celebration



SUNDAY, October 29th at 12:30pm

Please plan to join us in Memorial Hall for a covered-dish lunch

In celebration of Pastor James Taylor's retirement from service to our Country through the Air National Guard (most recently)

Church is providing the main course So please bring your favorite side-dish or dessert 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: Dr. Don McGarity, Minister; Zach Wiggins, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Dr. Mark Coffey, Guest Organist

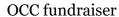
Notes & Announcements



The flowers this morning are given by Nancy and Bob Bell to the Glory of God and in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary.

"ALL SAINTS SUNDAY" will be observed next Sunday as we remember with joy all the saints of our congregation who have left the Church Militant and joined the Church Triumphant.

- **Ushers** for November 5th: Steve Brown, Cheryl Gregory, Cindy Brown, Steve Caruso
- Liturgist for November 5th: Jamie Poppell
- FPC website <u>www.firstpresperry.org</u>





Crafts made by FPC family and friends will be available at Fellowship suppers through Wednesday, November 1st. Donations only and for every 10.00 raised will cover the cost of shipping a shoe box. Also, be on the lookout for raffle tickets!



Stewardship Dedication is Sunday, Nov 12. Please consider your many blessings as you bring your time and talent checklist and pledge cards to offer during worship. Pledge cards should be enclosed in the red, confidentiality envelope as only the financial secretary is allowed to view your financial pledge. We hope you recognize the joy of this Christian fellowship, called First Presbyterian Church.

There will be a Congregational meeting on November 5th following worship for the purpose of electing Jim Culbreath, Michael McMillan, Joey Ratliff, and Zachary Wiggins as elders to the Session; and electing Warren Hilgendorf as trustee.

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

Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

Cindy Brown Glenn & JoAnn Knowles Sandonatos Rawls Patricia S.Seecharan, new job interview Warren Hilgendorf, on going PNCJenkins, Sheena and family McGarity family Soup for Soul ministry Our government Christine Lutz, on going **Poppells** Travelers FPC families Depressed and addicted Praise for answered prayers Amen

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