ALL SAINTS DAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PERRY, FL

P-PASTOR, L-LITURGIST, **BOLD-ALL**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS/SESSION SHARING

We stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(BASED ON PSALM 124)*

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

In life and in death

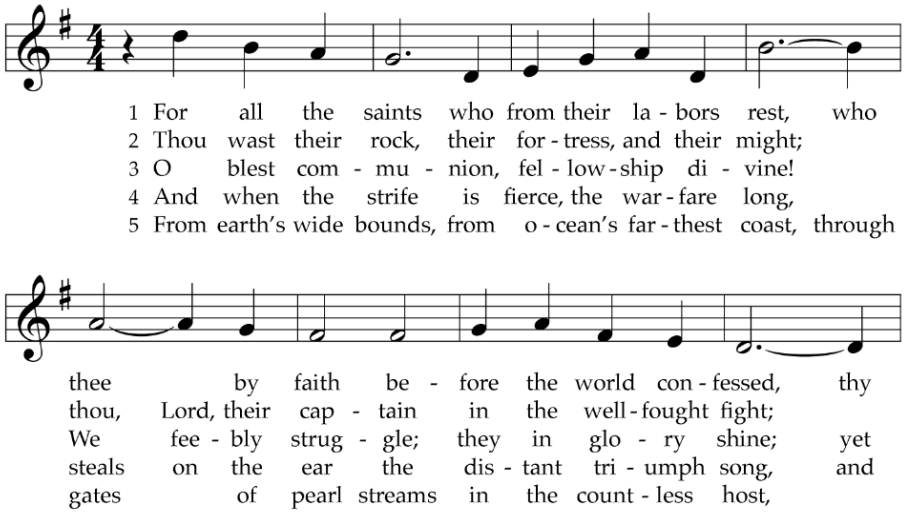
We belong to God.

Baptized into Christ's death

We live unto Him.

Come, let us Worship God!

GATHERING HYMN **For All the Saints** **GTG 326**



CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

(*brief silence for reflection*)

O Lord, **you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.**

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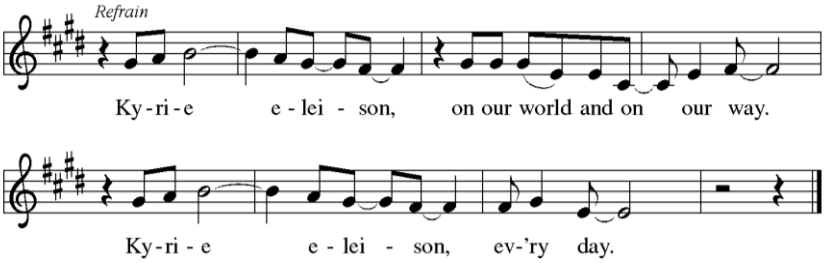


P By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. I declare to you, in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

GLORIA *(omitted)*

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

L Together, we remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah to Paul and Phoebe: **Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God: **Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime: **Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon: **Those close in our heart, we remember you.**

We lift to you, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with you forever. As we read these names, we pause after every name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

(As a name is called, family members/friends may light a candle for their beloved)

Mary Lou Bennett 11/25/2025; Judy Neal 10/31/25; Margie Rawls 03/17/26

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift many more names in our hearts. **Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P We pray: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

L We pray: **Holy Spirit, illumine for us this Word, that the message of the Gospel may come to us in power. Amen.**

We sit.

FIRST READING **Revelation 7:9-17**

L **9** After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before
the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their
hands. **10** They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" **11** And all the angels stood
around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and
they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, **12** singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and
power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." **13** Then one of the
elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have
they come from?" **14** I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he
said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have
washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. **15** For
this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night
within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat; 17for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their
shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will
wipe away every tear from their eyes.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *(used as Call to Worship)*

SECOND READING **1 John 3:1-3**

1See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of
God; and that is what we are. The world does not know us because it did not
know him. 2Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet
been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like

him, for we will see him as he is. 3And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(omitted)*

GOSPEL **Matthew 5:1-12**

P The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew the 5th chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. 2And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4"Blessed
are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5"Blessed are the meek, for
they will inherit the earth. 6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled. 7"Blessed are the merciful, for they will
receive mercy. 8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11"Blessed are you when people revile you
and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way
they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON **Pr. J. David Bryant**

SERMON **"All Shall be Well"** **Pr. J. David Bryant**

We rise.

SERMON HYMN **Borning Cry** **GTG 488**

THE NICENE CREED

L Let us profess the faith, saying: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the + resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We stand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let every tongue give praise to God and pray for all in every danger and need.

L *(brief silence)* For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the clergy, the laity, and for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations, particularly leaders in the United States, and all in authority, for peace and justice, and for an end to war. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For travelers, for the sick, the refugees, and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison and for their victims, for the dying, for those on our prayer list and those we name before you now. *(pause)* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms and wildfires; for doctors, nurses, and hospital staff, and for all aid workers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who rest in Christ, especially Mary Lou, Judy, Margie, and for all the beloved who rest in your mercy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed are you, O God, for you are holy, gracious, and good, the hope of all the faithful. Empower the meek and encourage the poor. Comfort those who mourn and fill humble hearts with gladness. Give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, peace to the peacemakers, mercy to the merciful, and honor to the despised. Sustain your saints in ministry, until, at last, they see their reward: the joy of eternal life with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

L The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

INTERLUDE

EUCHARIST

We sit.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

L Freely you have received, freely give. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

We stand.

DOXOLOGY *(Sung)*

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

L Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

P Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

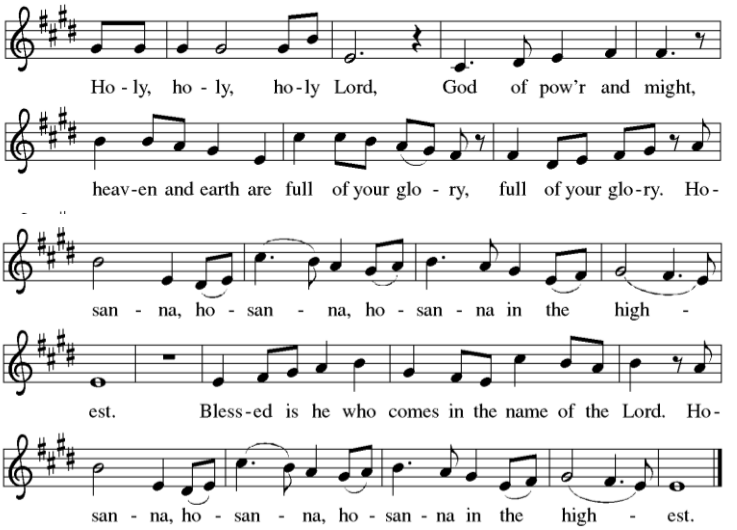
GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so with church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:



You are indeed holy, gracious, and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence, which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation, and peace.

On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all the people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering his command, to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we proclaim:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send now, we pray your Holy Spirit, that this bread and wine might be for us, the ☩ Body and Blood of your Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ; and grant that by this token of your love, the fullness of all your promises may come to us and your whole creation. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

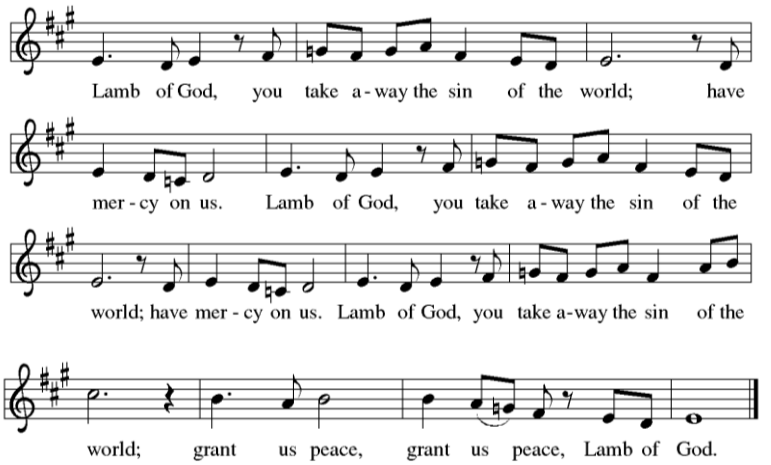
P As Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

We sit.

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

P Come for all is now ready.

Gluten-free options are available. Please ask Pr. Bryant as you approach the chancel.

COMMUNION SOLO *"I Will Rise"* *Chris Tomlin*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L We pray: Give ear, O God, to those whom you have nourished with this holy food: and as by the cross of your Son, you have restored us to life, bring us we pray, to the glory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

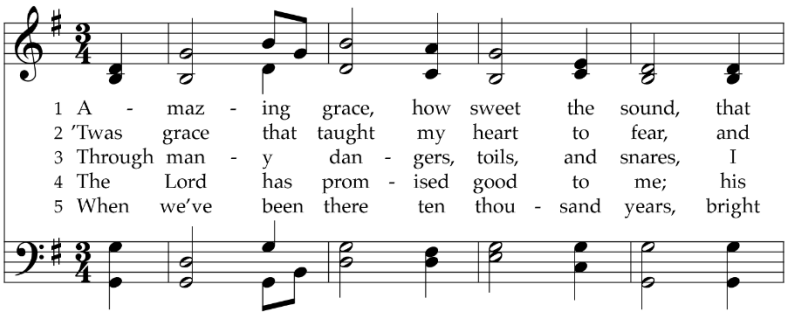
SENDING

We stand.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

P The blessing of the ☩ holy, triune God, who was and is and is to come—first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega— be with you now and always. **Amen!**

SENDING HYMN **Amazing Grace** **GTG 649**



DISMISSAL

L Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Leading Worship: *Rev. John David Bryant, Minister; Sandi Hilgendorf, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director*

2026 Session Members

Clerk of Session	Juanita Ratliff
Admin	Bobby Harper
Fellowship	Paul Wiggins
Christian Education	Jamie Poppell
Care	Martha Davis
Mission-Outreach	Dianna Sandonato
Finance	Stan Whiddon
Worship	Zach Wiggins

Notes & Announcements

- **Christmas Program Choir Practice**, Saturday, November 7th, 2026, 9 am – 11 am
- **Ushers** for November 8th, 2026; Warren Gregory, Paul Wiggins, Marcy Fletcher
- **Liturgist** for November 8th, 2026; Steve Brown
- **Communion Servers** for November 8th, 2026; Steve and Cindy Brown
- FPC **website** www.firstpresperry.org
- Send **prayer requests** to office@firstpresperry.org or contact Martha Davis, via text @ 850-838-5354

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FPC Prayer List

Together, we pray for:

HOMEBOUND

Ron Poppell, Alice Farrell, Polly Kincaid, Gretchen Tanner

Lift Up in Prayer

Lori Jones Cousins, in the hospital; donna sprigle, cancer; pattie lovett (pastor bryant's cousin), cancer; Betty Ann Gregory (Michael Gregory's wife), Health Isses; Peggy Eckel, brother-in-law, Louis Bushy, passing and recovery after surgery; Terry Rettig (Marne Helberg's brother), cancer; Kayleen Hill, car accident; Cindy Lawrence, Recovering from surgery; Christie Manning (Harriet Bryant's friend), in hospital Betty Culbreath, recovering from surgery; Christine Lutz, health issues; Sally MacNeill and family, Health issues; Marcy Fletcher, recovering after surgery; Andi Ransom (D Murphy's sister), cancer; Warren Hilgendorf, health issues; Susan Lincoln, Ill; Cheryl Gregory, Ill, Debra Mims, foot injury; Family of Rufus and Sue Slaughter, at their passing; Randy Speas, mother, Rita, passing; Mike Knowles, recovering after knee surgery; Nominating committee seeking God's leading for new class elders; Kay Aikens (Marcy Fletcher's friend), more testing; Dominic, (Leah Metzger's nephew), bacterial infection

Soup Ministry

Prayers for Unity

Almighty God, give strength to the weary, courage to the discouraged, heal the sick, comfort the dying, protect travelers, free the unjustly imprisoned, and save the world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear those who call on you in trouble, that they may find your help. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**