

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

22nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. October 24, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 34)

Leader: I will praise the Lord at all times: my mouth will continually praise him.

People: I will boast in the Lord; let the oppressed hear and rejoice!

Leader: Magnify the Lord with me!

People: Let's praise his name together!

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word
Just to rest upon his promise and to know, thus saith the Lord

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him. How I've proved him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, O for grace to trust him more

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust his cleansing blood
And in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee Precious Jesus, Savior, friend
And I know that thou art with me Wilt be with me to the end

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are so blessed that you have loved us with your unconditional love, but we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts. You call, but we have not listened. We have walked away from neighbors in need, being more focused on our own concerns. We have failed to recognize and speak out against injustice, prejudice, dishonesty and greed. We have let our fears and doubts guide our actions, rather than trusting you to lead the way to healing and reconciliation.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SPECIAL MUSIC "Sweet Beulah Land"
Words and music by Squire Parsons
Arr. Camp Kirkland

PSALTER READING Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:46-52

SERMON "Persistent Faith" Rev. Linda Pitts

*HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness" No. 39

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God,
all creatures here below; praise God above, ye
heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*HYMN "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" No. 353

*CHARGE AND 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. Linda Pitts; Alex Lutz, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Marne Helberg, Elder of the Month.

Announcements

Called Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, October 31, 2021, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to vote regarding requesting the presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between First Presbyterian Church of Perry and Reverend Natasha Sudderth-Davis.

Session Meeting Monday, October 18th 6pm

Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays 7 pm

Beginning October 31, 2021, Sunday school will start at 9:45 am and the Worship service will start at 11:00 am

Chili Cook-Off Wednesday, November 3rd 5:45 pm

Operation Christmas Child Please return your OCC shoe boxes by November 7th

Monday Morning Yoga 10 am

Art and Fellowship Wednesdays 10am in Fellowship Hall

Prayer Meeting Thursdays 9:30 am in the church office

Ushers for Oct 31st: Bob Helberg, Nancy Bell, Marne Helberg, Cathy Wiggins, Zachary Wiggins



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*Prayers Of and For The People
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Heather, Helberg's daughter

Judy Neal

Ervin Young

Glenn Knowles

Melissa Everett-recovering

Tom Fletcher-recovering well

Lynn Williams -cardiac recovery

Dianna Sandonato – healing

Rita, Randy Speas' mother

Richard Ziegler, back in VA hospital for re-evaluation

Praises- Ruth Harvey's surgery, 95 % successful

New addition to MacNeill family

Continued prayers for Travis Harvey

Flora Jean Brown- improving well

Annie Hilgendorf -job search

Pastor Natasha and family (Kona & Gracie too)

Rev. Lutz, Alex Lutz' father

Families suffering loss

Our church, leaders, members, and visitors

Community Churches and Our Outreach to Perry

Our Session members

Our Country

Our Government