

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Reformation Sunday  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 a.m. October 31, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Our Lord is in This Place"  
Words and music by Mary McDonald

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146)

One: Praise the LORD!

**All: We will praise the LORD as long as we live and sing praises to our God through all of life.**

One: Happy are those whose help and hope are in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth.

**All: The LORD sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.**

One: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down and loves the righteous.

**All: The LORD watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.**

One: The LORD will reign forever, our God for all generations.

**All: Praise the LORD!**

OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" No. 395

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Martin Luther 1483-1546)

**Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you. Amen.**

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 "Revelation Song"  
Words and Music by Jennie Lee Riddle  
Arr. by Richard Kingsmore

SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 1:1-18

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:28-34

SERMON "Ordinary People" Rev. Joyce Lieberman

\*HYMN "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 286

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 Scots Confession 3.01)

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.**

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                      “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”                      No. 275

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

“Go in the Grace of the Lord”

Words and music by James Barnard

\*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. Joyce Lieberman; Bob Bell, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Marne Helberg, Elder of the Month.

### **Announcements**

**Called Congregational Meeting** has been scheduled for today, 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.

**Worship Committee** meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Chili Cook-Off** Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:45 pm

**Operation Christmas Child** shoe box packing Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 9 am

**Operation Christmas Child** Please return your OCC shoe boxes by November 7<sup>th</sup>

**Choir** Rehearsals Wednesdays 7 pm

**Monday Morning Yoga** 10 am

**Art and Fellowship** Wednesdays 10 am in Fellowship Hall

**Prayer Meeting** Thursdays 9:30 am in the church office

**Ushers for Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>:** Steve Brown, David Culpepper, Cindy Brown, Jeanne Raulerson



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*Prayers Of and For The People  
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*All in care facilities*

*Ernestine Sparkman- surgery recovery*

*Alan and Sheena Jenkins Traveling to TN*

*FPC Congregational meeting 10/31*

*Jeanne Hilgendorf- Eye procedure Nov. 2nd*

*Warren Gregory-recovering*

*Heather, Helberg's daughter*

*Judy Neal*

*Ervin Young*

*Glenn Knowles- heart treatment*

*Melissa Everett-recovering*

*Lynn Williams -cardiac care*

*Dianna Sandonato – healing*

*Rita, Randy Speas' mother*

*Richard Ziegler, in VA hospital for re-evaluation*

*Praises- Ruth Harvey's- healing*

*Continued prayers for Travis Harper*

*Pastor Natasha and family (Kona & Gracie too)*

*Rev. Lutz, Alex Lutz' father*

*Families suffering loss*

*Community Churches and Our Outreach to Perry*

*Our Country*

*Our government*