

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
11:00 am January 15, 2023

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

SESSION SHARING Marilyn Culpepper

INTROIT *"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on John 1)

Leader: To all searching for grace and truth,

People: Come and see!

Leader: To all searching for meaning and purpose,

People: Come and see!

Leader: To all searching for abundant life,

People: Come and see!

Leader: Let us worship God together

*HYMN *"God of Our Life"* No. 686

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

We confess that we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us...

...for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate,

...for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs,

...for the times we have hoarded our abundance,

...for the times we have turned away from your children in need.

For the many ways we fail to follow Jesus, forgive us. Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed.

Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Your Great Name"* By Natalie Grant

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 49:1-7

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:29-42

SERMON The Frustrated Servant Rev. Larry Green

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, forever. Amen.

*HYMN *"Your Only Son"* No. 518

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 *“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”* No. 721

*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; Bob Bell, Liturgist;
Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director.



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PERRY, FLORIDA**

Notes & Announcements



The Flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by Dianna Sandonato in honor of Janice Musgrove and Sheena Jenkins with Love and Prayers.

- Office closed, January 16th
- **Ushers** for January 22nd: Jeanne Hilgendof, David Culpepper, Warren Hilgendorf, Jeanne Raulerson
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org

Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

*Juanita, healing
Request from Stephen S., Nida Josh Juggersah, very sick!
Sandonato family
Churches needing pastors
Nursing home ministries
Volunteers needed for our many ministries here
Caruso family
Elvena, Ben, Patricia, Alice
Thanks be to God for visitors to our church
SS and Bible study teachers
Employees of West Fraser
Our friend, Betty Tucker, ill
Judy Neal*

Session Sharing

January 15, 2023

Your new Session met Saturday, Jan. 7 and Sunday, Jan. 8. We are committed to open communication and transparency. Each Sunday the Session will be sharing information on the Session's work and the work of committees so that you will be better informed about what is going on in our church. In the bulletin this is referred to as "Session Sharing."

We made plans that will make us a more effective Session and more effective committees. We re-organized into seven committees. Those committees and moderators are:

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Martha Davis

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

These committees will be organizing over the next few weeks. If you are interested in participating with them, please let the moderator know. We do need help from each of you so that we all work together to meet our Mission (which we hope is your mission, too): **Our Mission is to build the kingdom of Christ; growing in faith and love through prayer and Biblical study.**

Also, within the next few weeks, we will call for an annual Congregation meeting in order to share financial information with you.