

**EPIPHANY 2C**  
**January 19, 2025**



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**PERRY, FL**

## GATHERING

P -LAY LEADER PAUL WIGGINS, L- LITURGIST, **BOLD -ALL**

**PRAYER** (TO BE PRAYED SILENTLY UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY)

We pray: **Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**PRELUDE** “*He Leadeth Me*” William B. Bradbury Arr. by Don Wyrzten

**INTROIT** “*Set My Soul Afire*”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS/SESSION SHARING**

*We stand.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L I am with you, says the Lord. **Do not fear.**  
I have called you by name. **Do not fear.**  
You are mine. **Do not be afraid.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P We pray: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken **GTG 81**

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,

God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(silence for reflection)*

**Gracious God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, we are forgiven. In the Spirit, we are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, let us live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

## GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of musical notation for 'GLORIA PATRI'. It consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the'.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with 'Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with 'gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth and final system of musical notation. The vocal line concludes with 'world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' The piano accompaniment ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final chord.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

L We pray: Lord, through your Word always make us alert, and by your Word strengthen us to stand before the Son of Man. Amen.

*We sit.*

## FIRST READING

## Isaiah 62:1-5

L 1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. 2 The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. 3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. 4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. 5 For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

## PSALM

## Psalm 36:5-10

*(we say responsively by whole verse)*

L <sup>5</sup> Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and  
animals alike, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take  
refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**<sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them  
drink from the river of your delights.**

<sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup> **O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

L 1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

*We Stand.*

**GOSPEL John 2:1-11**

P The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” 4 And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” 5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

**Lay Leader Paul Wiggins**

*We stand.*

**SERMON HYMN**

**There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy GTG 435**



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness  
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,  
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's  
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.  
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

L Let us confess the faith of our baptism, saying: **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.**

*We sit or stand.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

L *(brief silence)* God of suffering service, grant to your church faithful leaders who have the hearts of servants, and who will gently lead your people into love for you and service to their neighbors. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

God of gentle justice, raise up righteous leaders in every nation who will govern with truth and guide their people with fairness and equity. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

God of tender compassion, hear the cries of all who suffer and who are contending with sickness and disease especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud upon our lips or silently

within our hearts. (*pause*) Lay upon them your gentle hand of healing. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

God of all goodness, guide the work of our congregation, that a pervasive unity of purpose would guide all discernments, ministries, and missions. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

God of comforting hope, tend to those who are grieving, that their mourning may be tempered with joy. Bring us at length, with all our blessed dead, to the joy of your heavenly realm. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

P Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of humanity and all creation. By water and word, you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

L As Christ has taught us, so we boldly 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.**

## **THE PEACE**

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

*We sit.*

## OFFERTORY

L With gladness, let us present the offering of our life and labor to the Lord.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Walk in the Spirit of Love”*

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

P The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless us with joy, anoint us with compassion, and send us in love. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**We Are One in the Spirit**

**GTG 300**



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

## DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** "Spirit of the Living God" Daniel Iverson Arr. by Fred Bock

**Leading Worship:** Elder Paul Wiggins, Minister; Dianna Sandonato, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director

## Notes & Announcements

- **Church Office** closed January 20<sup>th</sup>
- **Mission Outreach** committee meeting January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 pm
- **Ushers** for January 26th: David Culpepper, Jeanne Hilgendorf, Warren Hilgendorf, Marilyn Culpepper, Dianna Sandonato
- **Liturgist** for January 26th: Shona Whiddon
- **FPC website** [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)
- Send **prayer requests** to [prayer@firstpresperry.org](mailto:prayer@firstpresperry.org) or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf

Are you passionate about making a difference in our community? We invite you to join our Mission/Outreach Committee, where you can help us expand our impact and bring positive change to those in need. Whether you're interested in organizing service projects, or simply offering your time and talents, your involvement can make a lasting difference. This is a wonderful opportunity to work alongside like-minded individuals who share a commitment to serving others. Together, we can reach new heights in fulfilling our mission of compassion and service. Join us today and be part of something meaningful! Contact: Jamie Poppell 850-843-8836 Next Meeting 1/22/25 @ 5:15pm.

Sincerely,  
Jamie Poppell

## FPC PRAYER LIST

TOGETHER, WE PRAY FOR:

CHUCK ECKEL

SANDI HILGENDORF

TEACHERS

MARGIE RAWLS

BLUE CREEK CHURCH

PRESBY BIBLE STUDIES AND

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUPPER TEAMS

JOHN DAVID & HARRIET BRYANT

THE HOMELESS

HELBERG & MARNE'S SISTER

CULBREATH'S

CHERYL RICKETSON, REHAB

RITA BENOIT, OPTIONS

RON POPPELL, ONGOING

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR CHURCH.

### Session Committee leaders

Administration-Bobby Harper, Michael McMillan

Christian Education-Martha Davis

Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregational Care-Nancy Bell

Fellowship-Juanita Ratliff

Finance-Cindy Brown

Mission/Outreach-Jamie Poppell

Worship/Music-Marilyn Culpepper, Zachary Wiggins