

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**11:00 am January 28, 2024**

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

PRAYER (TO BE PRAYED SILENTLY UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY)

**From Ephesians 4:2- 4: Father, please help us to walk in a manner worthy of You and Your call to us. Give us a spirit of humility, gentleness and patience that we may show tolerance for one another in love. Help us to be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Amen.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PNC SHARING

Jamie Poppell

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

INTROIT

*"Nothing Can Trouble"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 1:1-6)

Leader: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**People: *but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.***

Leader: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

**People: *The wicked are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away.***

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**People: *for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish***

\*HYMN

*"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"* No. 278  
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Most merciful God:

**People: *We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

\*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, Amen."***

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

ANTHEM

*"Midnight Cry"*

Words and Music By Greg Day and Chuck Day  
Arranged by Tom Fettke

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

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Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Robert R. Lutz, Ph.D.  
*"The Way We Are"*

\*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,**



**Prayers Of and For The People  
First Presbyterian Church**

*Wolfkill's daughter in law  
Sandra Allen's daughter in law*

*Marsha Taylor and family*

*Denise Kepler*

*Eckel's cousin, Kristie diagnosed with cancer*

*Polly Kincaid*

*Juanita's friend*

*Storm and life loss*

*Janice's brother, Larry*

*New church roof*

*Gretchen Tanner*

*Marne Helberg, eyes*

*Judy Neal*

*Teachers*

*Our local community*

*Cancer fighters*

*JoAnne Knowles*

*Helberg's daughter, Cindy*

*James, Lori Smalls brother*

*Caruso's*

*Homebound members*

*Travelers*

*PNC*

*Poppell's*

*Carrie*

*Israel*

*Unspoken Come Lord Jesus, Amen*

Pastor Nominating Committee members: Emaley Gentry,  
Jamie Poppell, Juanita Ratliff, Randy Speas, and Shona  
Whiddon

**Notes & Announcements**



**The Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God by Bob and Marne Helberg. In honor of Heather Ruiz and Gina Helberg

- **Ushers** for February 4<sup>th</sup>: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Betty Culbreath, Zack Wiggins, and Stan Whiddon
- FPC website [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)



**Lent**

**February 14, 2024 through March 30, 2024**

*For us, Lent is a season of reflection on our own deep needs for God's redemption, as well as contemplation of the mystery of God's salvation in Jesus Christ. Lent is not just a time to give up something, but principally to give ourselves up to God anew as disciples of Jesus Christ.*

*Sundays are not counted in the forty days before Easter that comprise the season of Lent. The reason is that Sunday is always the Lord's Day, the day of Resurrection, a "little Easter", and therefore a day of rejoicing, quite in contrast with the penitential mood of Lent. So, while we reckon the Sundays in Lent, they are not of Lent.*

**Session Committee leaders**

Administration-Michael McMillan Joey Ratliff, Chuck Eckel

Christian Education-Martha Davis

Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregation Care-Nancy Bell

Fellowship- Jim Culbreath

Finance-Chuck Eckel

Mission/Outreach- Cindy Brown

Worship/Music- Zach Wiggins, Marilyn Culpepper