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

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

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

SCRIPTURE 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, 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.

*HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be"
(Vs. 1,2,3,6)

No. 379 (Red Hymnal)

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

No. 624 (Red Hymnal)

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN

"If You Will Only Let God Guide You" No. 600 (Red Hymnal)

*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. Dr. Robert R. Lutz, Ph.D., Minister; Bob Helberg, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PERRY, FLORIDA

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 4th: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Betty Culbreath, Zack Wiggins, and Stan Whiddon
- FPC website 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

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Fellowship- Jim Culbreath

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Worship/Music- Zach Wiggins, Marilyn Culpepper