

**EPIPHANY 5C**  
**February 9, 2025**



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

# GATHERING

P -PASTOR, 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 & INTROIT**

*“How Great Thou Art”*

*GTG 625*

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

*We stand.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L God asks, “Whom shall I send?” **Here I am.**

Jesus says, “Follow me and share in my work.” **Here I am.**

The Holy Spirit gathers each one of us for worship. **Here we are to worship God.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P We pray: Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! GTG 1

*Descant*

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

## 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, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

## GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the  
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

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

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

## 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 6:1-8

L 1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

3 And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5 And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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

**PSALM**

**Psalm 138** *(we say responsively by whole verse)*

L <sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**<sup>2</sup> I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

<sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

**<sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

**<sup>6</sup> For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**<sup>8</sup> The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

## SECOND READING    1 Corinthians 15:1-11

L     1 Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2 through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

*We Stand.*

## GOSPEL

**Luke 5:1-11**

P     The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” 5 Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” 9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

“Good Common Sense”

**Pr. J. David Bryant**

*We stand.*





O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart;



I want to see you; I want to see you;



to see you high and lift - ed up,



shin-ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your



pow-er and love as we sing "Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

## 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 One, earth and heaven reverberate with your glory, and humans and angels alike sing your praises. Open our minds to your breathtaking work in the world, even as you call us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, our mentor and savior, 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

*“This Is My Father’s World”*

## 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 you with joy, anoint us with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN Will You Come and Follow Me? GTG 726



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## DISMISSAL

L        Go in peace. Live in hope. **Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

**Leading Worship:** Rev. Pr. J. David Bryant, Minister; Katie King, Liturgist;  
Aimee Roberts, Accompanist

### 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

## Notes & Announcements

- **Mission and Outreach** meeting Sunday, February 9th at 12:15 pm
- Tuesday February 11th Meetings:
  - **Finance** at 2:30 pm
  - **Administration** at 4:00 pm
  - **Fellowship** at 5:00 pm
  - **Worship** at 6:00 pm
- **Congregational Care** meeting Wednesday, February 12th at 4:00 pm
- **Christian Education** meeting Thursday, February 13th at 10:30 am
- **Ushers** for February 16th: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Zach Wiggins, Paul Wiggins, Steve Brown
- **Liturgist** for February 16th: Margaret Poppell
- FPC website [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)
- Send **prayer requests** to [prayer@firstpresperry.org](mailto:prayer@firstpresperry.org) or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf

### DRIVING ASSISTANCE

Notice to FPC Family:

Are you in need of driving assistance to appointments or to run errands? If so, there are church members who will assist you!

Please call: Doris Putnal, Driving Assistance Coordinator, at 850-843-1394 and she will link you with a willing volunteer.

Nancy Bell, Moderator  
Congregational Care Committee

## FPC PRAYER LIST

*TOGETHER, WE PRAY FOR:*

*DIANNA, FLU*

*CHERYL, BACK*

*ROMMES FAMILY*

*PRAISE FROM HELBERG'S*

*TRAVELLING MERCIES FOR MEMBERS*

*NURSING HOME, LOCAL*

*GOVERNMENT*

*CHUCK ECKEL*

*SANDI HILGENDORF*

*TEACHERS*

*MARGIE RAWLS*

*BLUE CREEK CHURCH*

*PRESBY BIBLE STUDIES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL*

*SUPPER TEAMS*

*JOHN DAVID & HARRIET BRYANT*

*THE HOMELESS*

*CULBREATH'S*

*CHERYL RICKETSON, REHAB*

*RITA BENOIT, OPTIONS*

*RON POPPELL, ONGOING*

*PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR CHURCH.*