

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
1st Sunday in Lent
11:00 am February 18, 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

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

SESSION SHARING

Cindy Brown

INTROIT

"Hosea"

Text and music by Gregory Norbet, Weston Priory
Keyboard accompaniment by Mary David Callahan

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 25)

Leader: O God, in you we trust.

People: Lead us in your truth and teach us,

Leader: for you are the God of our salvation;

People: for you we wait, for you we worship.

*HYMN

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

No. 835

(Purple Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten wilderness journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of nation, money and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our faith so we can leave this wilderness season in right relationship with you. 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, Amen."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

ANTHEM

"I Will Be Still"

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:8-17

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Mark 1:9-15

SERMON

The Temptations

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.

*HYMN

"Seek Ye First"

No. 175

(Purple 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’n-
ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*HYMN “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” No. 166
(Purple Hymnal)

*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, Minister;
Katie King, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Michael McMillan, 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-Marilyn Culpepper, Zachary Wiggins



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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**Prayers Of and For The People
First Presbyterian Church**

*We bring to your healing throne, Doc Rawls
Sheena's son, Patrick
Rita's friend, diverticulitis
Polly Kincaid
Don McGarity, lungs
Pastor search
All grieving, especially Velinda
Mary Wallace
Cheryl E friend, Linda
Mary, cancer
Harper's neighbor died jogging
Bobby H, tests
Worker Chris, at Mama's
Lily, more tests
Our government
Israel
Poppells
Cindy(Helberg)
Denise
Cancer fighters
Covid sufferers
Our young members, Lord, bring them back into our
fellowship,
and all in our hearts!
In Jesus name, Amen*

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

Notes & Announcements

- **The Mission/Outreach committee** will be meeting Monday, February 19 at 4 pm in the library. Please come and join in this committee's work to serve God's people in thanksgiving for His love and grace.
- **Shepherd** Committee Meeting Monday, February 19th at 4:30 pm
- February 19th **Church Office** Closed
- **Session** Meeting Tuesday, February 20th at 5:30 pm
- Ushers for February 25th: David Culpepper, Jeanne Hilgendorf, Warren Hilgendorf, Marilyn Culpepper
- Liturgist for February 25th: 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. **Adult and Children devotionals are available.**