

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
2nd Sunday in Lent
11:00 am February 25, 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

INTROIT "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105:4-7)

Leader: Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually!

People: Remember the wonderful works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

Leader: O offspring of Abraham his servant, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!

People: He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

*HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 8
(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 "Sweet Beulah Land"
Words and Music by Squire Parsons
Arr. By Camp Kirkland

SCRIPTURE Romans 4:1-8

*HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" No. 382
(Red Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5 :16-20

SERMON Rev. Dr. Robert R. Lutz, Ph.D.
"Talking Teacups"

*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

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

***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;
Stan Whiddon, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director

Notes & Announcements

- **Ushers** for March 3rd: Bobby Harper, Jim Culbreath, Martha Davis, Mike Perrine, Nancy Bell
- Liturgist for March 3rd: Shona 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.

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