

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
4th Sunday in Lent
11:00 am March 10, 2024

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Rhosymedre" R. Vaughan Williams

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Dianna Sandonato

INTROIT "I Know a Fount" with "Nothing But the Blood"
Juanita Ratliff and Kristie Harper

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to give thanks to you, O Lord,

People: With all our heart!

Leader: We will sing your praises before all creation,

People: And rejoice in your steadfast love!

Leader: You have created us O Lord, and made us for yourself,

People: In you we become everything you have made us to be!

All: AMEN.

*HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 8
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: 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

SOLO "God So Loved the World"

Juanita Ratliff

SCRIPTURE Psalm 130

*HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" No. 468
(Red Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE John 11: 1-45

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Dr. Don McGarity
CHANGED LIVES—LAZARUS

*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.



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.**

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

Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

*Eddings family grief
Rawls family
Margaret Poppell
Bob Helberg
JoAnne Knowles, surgery and Grandson Colton
Bobby Harper, heart
Michael
Juanita's friend
Betty Jeans sister
Rita's friends Anita & Helen
Sandi, test for new meds
Eric, continue healing
Mary Wallace, cancer
Cathy Wiggins, I'll
Randy Heathcote
Cheryl Everett, hand pain*

***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: Dr. Don McGarity, Minister;
Dianna Sandonato, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Dr. Mark Coffey, Guest Organist

Notes & Announcements

- **Mission Outreach** Committee Meeting Monday, March 11th at 3:30 pm
- **Administration** Committee meeting Tuesday, March 12th at 4:00 pm
- **Session** Meeting Tuesday, March 12th at 5:30 pm
- **Christian Education** Committee meeting Thursday, March 14th at 10:30 am
- **Ushers** for March 17th: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Betty Culbreath, Zack Wiggins, Stan Whiddon
- **Liturgist** for March 17th: Paul Wiggins
- **FPC website** www.firstpresperry.org
- Send **prayer requests** to prayer@firstpresperry.org or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf

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