

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
5th Sunday in Lent
11:00 am March 17, 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

Chuck Eckel

INTROIT *"Lamb of Glory"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 51)

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Leader: You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.

People: Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.

People: Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation. Let us worship God!

*HYMN *"Lord Who throughout These 40 Days"* No. 166
(Purple Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We

long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to "me and mine." Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news! We worship a God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Proclaim the good news with me: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! 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

"Order My Steps"

Words and music by Glenn Burleigh
Choral setting by Jack Schrader

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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John 12:20-33

SERMON

No Need For Monuments 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

***Prayers Of and For The People
First Presbyterian Church***

*Peggy Eckel's brother
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
Marne eye surgery next Tuesday*

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

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Michael McMillan, Chuck Eckel

Christian Education-Martha Davis
Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregation Care-Nancy Bell

Fellowship-Sandi Hilgendorf

Finance-Chuck Eckel, Jim Culbreath

Mission/Outreach-Cindy Brown

Worship/Music-Marilyn Culpepper, Zachary Wiggins

Notes & Announcements

- **Worship** committee meeting Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 pm
- **Fellowship** committee meeting Wednesday, March 20th at 4:00 pm
- **No Fellowship Supper** March 20th and 27th
- **Holy week services** at FUMC March 25th - 29th at 6:45 am
- **Maundy Thursday Service** March 28th at 7:00 pm
- **Easter Sunday** March 31, 2024 at 11:00 am, No Sunday School
- **Ushers** for March 24th: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Betty Culbreath, Zach Wiggins, Stan Whiddon
- **Liturgist** for March 24th: Jeanne Hilgendorf
- **FPC website** www.firstpresperry.org
- Send **prayer requests** to prayer@firstpresperry.org or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf



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.**