

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
4th Sunday of Easter
11:00 am April 21, 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 *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 23)

Leader: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

People: *He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.*

Leader: Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

People: *Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.*

*HYMN *"The Strife is O'er"* No. 236
(Purple Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. 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 *"How Can I Keep From Singing?"*
Words and Music by Robert Lowry
Setting by Timothy Shaw

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23:1-6

SCRIPTURE John 10:11-18

SERMON Shepherds and Sheep 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 *"God Is So Good"* No. 658
(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 *“God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!”* No. 365
(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; Cheryl Gregory, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director



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PERRY, FLORIDA**

Notes & Announcements

- **Worship** meeting Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:00 pm
- **Congregational Care** committee meeting Wednesday, April 24th at 4:00 pm
- **Ushers** for April 28th: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Betty Culbreath, Zach Wiggins, Stan Whiddon
- **Liturgist** for April 28th: Alex Lutz
- FPC **website** www.firstpresperry.org
- Send **prayer requests** to prayer@firstpresperry.org or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf



Please again tell everyone how privileged I feel to have been able to serve such a caring, and compassionate church. The time went by so quickly. I will treasure my time there for the rest of my life.

Our prayers will continue to be with you.

*Blessings, grace, and peace.
Don*

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Michael McMillan, Chuck Eckel

Christian Education-Martha Davis
Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregation Care-Nancy Bell

Finance-Chuck Eckel, Jim Culbreath

Mission/Outreach-Cindy Brown

Worship/Music-Marilyn Culpepper, Zachary Wiggins



Dianna Sandonato has been asked by the Mission Committee to serve as the liaison to the FUMC Food Pantry Outreach. Help is needed.

Ways to help:

- Weekly “Grab and Go” - assist children over summer break.
- Help keep the blessing box full at FUMC (please see item list below)

*Please sign up if you are available for any or all of these.
Contact Dianna Sandonato for more information.*

List of Items for the Blessing Box

Food:

- Protein/Energy/Cereal bars (out of the box)
- SELF opening cans or Pouches of Meats/Tuna Fish/Chicken/Fruit/Vegetables Etc...
- Dry Milk or shelf safe milk
- Individual boxes or Packages of Cereal/Nuts/Trail mix/Crackers/Bread sticks (with or without cheese)
- Peanut butter in plastic jars/Jelly/Nutella etc.
- Any shelf safe food items that do not require refrigeration/can openers/or heat source to be able to be eaten.

Personal Items:

- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste(small)
- Bath Wipes (that do not need rinsing)
- Comb or Brush
- Wrapped plastic silverware
- Small Kleenex Pouches
- Travel size Mouth wash/Deodorant
- Any item that can be used to help a homeless person who may not have the resources to clean themselves properly.



Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

Diane Whitfield, family grief

Kay Aiken

Stephen S. sister, Evelyn Lalla, she is very ill

Scott McNeill, health issues

Poppells

Betty Jeans sister, improving and her friend, Rita

Paul's friend in Cedartown GA

Hilgendorf's friend, Charlie(WI)

Sandi and Rita, MS meds

Our session

FPC families

Carusos PTL cancer free

Our knees, hips, backs, eyes

Patricia getting ready to move

Polly

Harper's tests

Speas family

Rita's friends

Rita's travels

Joanne's upcoming surgery

Answered prayers

Pastor Nominating Committee members: Emaley Gentry, Jamie Poppell, Juanita Ratliff, Randy Speas, and Shona Whiddon & Ken Goodrich, PNC liaison.