

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**11:00 am April 23, 2023**

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

SESSION SHARING Cindy Brown

INTROIT *"What Shall I Render to the Lord"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP 1 Peter 1:3, Psalm 118:1

Leader: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**People: *O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.***

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: *The Lord's name be praised.***

\*HYMN *"How Great Thou Art"* No. 4  
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We too often overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn. Too frequently, we are deaf to the cries of those in need, and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new. Help us to know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. In his name we pray. 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."***

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Empty Now"*  
Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:24-29

SERMON *"Thomas' doubts"* Rev. Harry Horne

\*HYMN *"We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight"* No. 817  
(Purple Hymnal)

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.**

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 heavenly  
host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

\*HYMN

*“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”*

No. 342  
(Red 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. Harry Horne; Bob Bell, Liturgist;  
Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director.

**Session Committee leaders**

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Martha Davis

Christian Education-Martha Davis

Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregation Care-Nancy Bell

Fellowship-Sandi Hilgendorf

Finance-Chuck Eckel

Mission/Outreach-Marne Helberg, Rachel Poppell

Worship/Music-Marilyn Culpepper



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## Notes & Announcements



**The Flowers** this morning are given to the Glory of God by Betty Culbreath, “in loving memory of my husband, Eric Culbreath and grandson, Ashley Smith.”

- If you have an interest in serving on the Pastor nominating committee, please reach out to one of the call committee members before April 30<sup>th</sup>. (Rachel Poppell, Steve Brown, Sandi Hilgendorf, Juanita Ratliff, or Alex Lutz)
- Worship Committee Meeting on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
- Congregational Care Committee Meeting on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm
- Perry Caregiver Giver Support Group Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am
- **Ushers** for April 30<sup>th</sup>: Bobby Harper, Brenda Wilson, Martha Davis, Mike Perrine, Jim Culbreath
- **Liturgist** for April 30<sup>th</sup>: Jamie Poppell
- FPC website [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)

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

*Continue - Juanita, Christine L, June, Jo, Janice, Josh, Ed and Tommie*

*All who visit here*

*All who are grieving*

*Taylor Co. Churches*

*All nursing homes*

*Hunger in Taylor Co.*

*Addicted*

*Judy Neal, hip*

*Jeanne H, eye follow-up*

*Steve C. discharged, prayers for him. Jennifer and Ella*

*Bonnie McGarity and family*