

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
6th Sunday of Easter
11:00 am May 14, 2023

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Largo" Handel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTHER'S DAY PROCLAMATION

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Ella Caruso, Emma Campbell, Vivian Howie

SESSION SHARING Susan Lincoln

INTROIT "Be Still and Know"
Arranged by Joe E. Parks

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come together to be in the presence of God,
People: For the Lord knows our hearts and hears our cries.

Leader: Our God puts joy in our hearts,
People: And a song on our lips!

Leader: Here we are, O Lord, we open our lives to you,

People: Let your love pour over our souls,

Leader: And your mercy flood our spirits!

People: For you alone are the Lord our God!

All: Hallelujah! Amen!

*HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 1
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are the Son of God and Son of Mary: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are word made flesh and splendor of the Father: Lord, have mercy.

People: 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."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 8

ANTHEM "Honor and Praise"
Words and Music by Twila Paris Arranged by Camp Kirkland

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:25-38

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Learning to Lean Dr. Don McGarity

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "What a friend we have in Jesus"
J. Scriven C. Converse

*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 (Unison)
***We give you thanks and praise O God, because your love
will endure forever. You have given us the gift of your
salvation and have placed a deep joy within our hearts.
We are more than blessed to be here in your
presence. Amen.***

GO WITH OUR BLESSINGS Rev. Larry and Judy Neal

*HYMN “Onward, Christian Soldiers” No. 479
(Red Hymnal)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*BENEDICTION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: May Almighty God bless you the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Minister: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 628 (Red Hymnal)
***“Threefold Amen”
Amen. Amen. Amen.***

*POSTLUDE “Fanfare in C Major” H. Purcell

***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. Bob Lutz, Guest Organist



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Notes & Announcements



The Flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by Jeanne Raulerson. Wishing everyone a happy Mother's Day.

- The sound team is looking for more volunteers to be sound team members. We are looking for at least three people to add to our weekly schedule. The Spring and Summer are the perfect seasons to learn and get comfortable with the soundboard. Thank you for your consideration, the Sound Team. Contact Alex Lutz for more information.
- The First Presbyterian Church Call Committee would like to bring the following nominations for the First Presbyterian Church Pastor Search Committee; Randy Speas, Juanita Ratliff, Jamie Poppell, Shona Whiddon, Emaley Gentry. Nominations can also be made from the floor during the Called Congregational Meeting today, May 14, 2023.
- Session Meeting on Tuesday, May 16th at 5:00 pm
- **Craft and Bible Study Summer Schedule change:** Beginning June 5th Craft class will be every other Monday at 1 pm and will resume regular schedule Sept. 11th. Tuesday Bible Study will move to every other Monday at 1 pm beginning June 12th and will resume regular schedule on Sept. 12th.
- **Ushers** for May 21st: Martha Davis, Polly Kincaid, Tuckie Maultsby, Nancy Bell, Rachel Poppell
- **Liturgist** for 21st: Susan Lincoln
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org

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

Stephen's nephew, Josh, leukemia

Steve Caruso

Christine, June E, Judy N, Jo K, Sandonatos, Janice M, Ed & Tommie, Betty Jean, Sherrie F, Patricia, Mary Lou

Visitors

Warren H, dr appts
Families near and far
Nursing homes
Prisons
Homeless
McGaritys
Bibles Studies
Amy Self
Sandra Ward
Melissa B
Graduates
Farewell prayers for Neals
Family of Tommie Williams

Today, May 14, FPC honors

...**all** Mothers for Mother's Day
...**three** graduating seniors
...and **two** departing Neals

Today, will be a day of celebration for First Presbyterian Church.

Since it's the 2023 observance of Mother's Day, all mothers will be thanked for their year-long service to their families, this church and this community.

The day will also feature special recognition for the church's three graduating seniors: Emma Campbell, Ella Caruso and Vivian Howie. These special students will be introduced during worship and then honored at a reception following the service.

The graduating seniors will share the spotlight at the reception with former pastor Larry D. Neal and his wife, Judy, as they make plans to relocate in Fayetteville, Ga. Church members will have an opportunity to express appreciation to the Neals and extend best wishes during the reception.



Sonshine Breakfast

Sunday, May 28th at 9:30 am

Bring your favorite breakfast item to share