

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
11:00 am May 21, 2023

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

SESSION SHARING

Juanita Ratliff

INTROIT

*“Rock of Ages”*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: At the presence of God, we rejoice:

**People: glorifying the One who is Parent of all orphans.**

Leader: In the presence of Jesus Christ, we listen:

**People: to the Voice who calls us to humbly serve others.**

Leader: Through the presence of the Holy Spirit, we speak:

**People: making God's love known to the world-forsaken in our midst**

\*HYMN

*“Jesus Shall Reign”*

No. 231  
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory: we are so busy watching the skies for signs of your presence that we forget to look around to see those we can serve in your name. We are so intent on finding just the right way to tell off someone, that we forget the words of reconciliation you have taught to us. We are so convinced we can figure out your schedule that we forget to open ourselves to the presence of your Spirit within us. Mighty source of our lives, forgive us for all that we have done to others. Fill us with the wisdom to resist evil in our lives and strengthen us in**

**that faith which is given to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, do not be surprised. Our God is gracious to all, restoring us to new life. **This is the good news which is for us, and for everyone we will meet in the days to come. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven.**

\*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 *“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 61:1-10, 32-35

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

SERMON

Rev. Larry Green

Sometimes The Going Gets Tough

\*HYMN

*“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”*

No. 232  
(Red 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 No. 233  
*“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”* (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. Larry Green; Susan Lincoln, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director.



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## Notes & Announcements

- The **sound team** is looking for more volunteers to be sound team members. 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 info.
- **Worship Committee** meeting Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm
- **Revelation study**, led by Marilyn Culpepper. 9:30 am Sundays in June. 11 am July-Aug 6
- **Bible study** on the 12 Disciples, Wednesdays led by Steve Brown. Beginning June 7-August 23 @ 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring Your Own Dinner
- **Monday Craft and Fellowship** will resume in September. Led by Dianna Sandonato
- **Tuesday FPC bible study** will continue regular schedule, 10 am in room 6. Led by Dianna Sandonato
- **Ushers** for May 28<sup>th</sup>: David Culpepper, Jeanne Hilgendorf, Warren Hilgendorf, and Jeanne Raulerson
- **Liturgist** for May 28<sup>th</sup>: Rachel Poppell
- Next **Communion** is on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Elders scheduled for Communion are Chuck Eckel, Karl Morgan, Cathy Wiggins, and Brenda Wilson.  
\*\*June 4th Communion\*\* Elders scheduled for Communion are Steve Brown, Cindy Brown, Efen Torres, Stan Whiddon  
If you cannot serve at the scheduled time please find a replacement.
- FPC website [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)



Sonshine Breakfast  
Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am  
Bring your favorite breakfast item to share.

80th Birthday Celebration for Bob Helberg  
(Cookies and punch)  
JUNE 11 TH  
Right after church in fellowship hall  
Please Join us!

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

*Stephen's nephew, Josh, leukemia*  
*Steve Caruso*  
*Christine L, Janice M, Betty Jean Culbreath, Sherrie F, Patricia L, Mary Lou B*  
*Visitors*  
*Warren H, praise for good tests*  
*Families near and far*  
*Nursing homes*  
*Prisons*  
*Homeless*  
*McGaritys*  
*Bibles Studies*  
*Amy Self*  
*Melissa B*  
*Graduates*  
*Farewell prayers for Neals*  
*Mission workers from FPC*  
*Travel mercies for all*  
*Dom Sandonato*

### ***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