

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:00 am July 16, 2023**

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

PNC SHARING

Jamie Poppell

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The very word of God is a light to our feet,

**People: a lamp to our path.**

Leader: We gather this day to hear the Word of God,

**People: to offer prayers and sing songs of praise.**

Leader: We gather this day,

**People: to worship God!**

\*HYMN

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

No. 1

(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving God, we are a people who are always concerned about ourselves. We worry about what is ours and are concerned with getting more. We have not been guided by your Spirit or the teachings of Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and gently guide us back to your way. Help us to think of others and sharing what we have with the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.  
**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

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 25:19-34

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Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON

What's Your Soil Like?

Rev. Larry Green

\*HYMN

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

No. 262

(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

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

No. 88

(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, Minister;  
Alex Lutz, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director

**Session Committee leaders**

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Martha Davis, Chuck Eckel

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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PERRY, FLORIDA**

## Notes & Announcements

- **Session** meeting July 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm
- **Ushers** for July 23<sup>rd</sup>: David Culpepper, Jeanne Hilgendorf, Warren Hilgendorf, Jeanne Raulerson
- **Liturgist** for July 23<sup>rd</sup>: Zach Wiggins
- FPC website [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)

"Are you growing in faith and love and building Christ's kingdom on earth, in Perry? It's a journey. The Session asks that each of you search your heart and your schedule and commit to prayer and Bible study within this faith family at FPC.

Please, if you have concerns or questions about the church share these with any elder or session member."



Please keep the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in your prayers. The committee consists of Emaley Gentry, Jamie Poppell, Juanita Ratliff, Randy Speas and Shona Whiddon. We know God has a pastor for us and we pray He reveals this person to the PNC quickly.

**OPERATION SHOEBOX  
CHRISTMAS IN JULY POTLUCK FUNDRAISER  
AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
JULY 23, 2023  
FRIED CHICKEN AND FIXINGS  
RIGHT AFTER CHURCH SERVICE (NOONISH)  
PLEASE INVITE ALL YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO  
ATTEND WITH YOU.**

**The minimum donation of \$5.00 per person. All proceeds will benefit Operation Shoebox. Please contact Nancy Taylor if you wish to help with the fundraiser.  
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## **Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church**

*Prayer of thanksgiving for Dr. McGarity's daughter, Holly Patricia L and family  
Marsha Taylor's friend and her family  
David, Cathy Wiggins's father  
Mike Lockhart  
Pat Zastrow  
Janice Musgrove  
Stephen Secharan's nephew, Josh and Daughters, Rianne and Lisandra  
Dom Sandonato family  
Christine Lutz  
Eli Bidy, healing  
Caruso family  
McGarity family  
Doc and Margie  
Betty Jean, healing  
Our Pastor search  
All our shut-ins  
Visitors  
Taylor Co. Prison ministries  
Bible Studies  
All who are grieving  
Nation's leaders  
Depressed people  
Taylor Co. Hungry & Homeless  
Lonely  
And all who read this and pray with us!*