

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
9th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 am July 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

SESSION SHARING

Cindy Brown

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Matthew 11:28-30)

Leader: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

People: Lord, we come to worship you, seeking sabbath rest.

Leader: Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

People: Lord, we come to worship you, to listen for your teachings and to seek rest for our souls.

Leader: Jesus said, "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

People: Lord, we come to worship you, that we might serve you faithfully.

Leader: Give thanks to God; bless God's name!

People: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

*HYMN

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

No. 104
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we confess that we run ourselves ragged. We are busy and preoccupied with so many things. We neglect to be still and know that you are God. Even our sabbath time can be filled with "business." Forgive us, Lord, for not accepting your gift and guidance of rest and restoration. Help us to put on the yoke of Jesus and walk in the way he models for us, mindful of our spiritual health and responding with compassion to the needs of our neighbors. Loving God, thank you for Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, who makes us complete in everything good so that we may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight. We pray through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Ephesians 2:4-10)

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

People: Thanks be to God! For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*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

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:11-22

SERMON

Where Is Our Citizenship? Rev. Larry Green

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

(see back of Red Hymnal)

*HYMN

"Let Us Build a House"

No. 301

Verses 1, 4, & 5

(Red 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'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

No. 65

(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; Bob Helberg, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director



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PERRY, FLORIDA**

Notes & Announcements



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