

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:00 am July 23, 2023**

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

SESSION SHARING

Marne Helberg

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's Spirit gathers us

**People: We are not alone**

Leader: God's Spirit calls us

**People: We are to discern together God's will**

Leader: God's Spirit sends us

**People: We are to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ our Savior**

\*HYMN

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

No. 435  
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Master Gardener, weeds and wheat fill the fields of our lives, grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish. We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of your Word to help us discern what is evil and against your will. We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith. Yet we need your truth. We hunger for your harvest. Jesus, forgive us. Deliver us from evil. Clear our path to you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to shine like the sun to the glory of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

Isaiah 43: 16-21

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Philippians 3: 1-16

SERMON

Zachary Wiggins, Member  
"Gooder-er"

\*HYMN

*"He Leadeth Me"*

No. 461  
(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 “Victory in Jesus” No. 473  
(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:** Zachary Wiggins, Member;  
Amalia Barrett, 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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## Notes & Announcements



**The Flowers** this morning are given to the Glory of God by Jeanne Raulerson.

- **Worship meeting** July 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm
- **Congregational Care** Committee will meet Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 12:00 noon at 316 Glenridge Road (the home of Nancy Bell). A light lunch will be served. Please let Nancy know if you would like to attend.
- **Perry Caregiver Support Group** meeting July 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am
- **Ushers** for July 30<sup>th</sup>: David Culpepper, Steve Brown, Cindy Brown, Jeanne Raulerson
- **Liturgist** for July 30<sup>th</sup>: Bob Bell
- 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."

**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. Sponsored by: Wesleyan Service Guild***



## Operation Christmas CHILD

Dear church family,

We would like to encourage you to participate in our Shoe Box collection this year. In August we will be collecting school supplies. Each of the next few months we will be concentrating on a different item.

Watch for details

Shoe boxes will be available starting Aug 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be available in the narthex and Church office. They may be filled and returned anytime.

If you prefer to donate items collection will begin August 6<sup>th</sup> for school supplies.

Monetary gifts may be put in the special shoe box in the narthex, put in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church. (envelopes are available in the pews backs)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Work days and packing

**Sat Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. 5 to 9 year olds**  
**Sat Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 10 to 14 year olds**  
**Sat Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. 2 to 4 year olds**  
**One more to be scheduled at a later date final packing for all ages**

## Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

*Marsha Taylor's family friend*  
*McGaritys daughter, Holly*  
*Miss Patricia and family*  
*Cathy Wiggins father*  
*Mike Lockhart*  
*Pat Zastrow*  
*Janice Musgrove*  
*Seecharan family*  
*Sandonatos*  
*Christine L*  
*Eli Biddy*  
*Caruso family*  
*Doc and Margie*  
*Betty Jean*  
*John Singer*  
*And all who read this and pray with us!*



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.