

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2024 10:00 am

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Cindy Brown

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ephesians 4:1-6)

Leader: Let us live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called,

People: Let us live with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit,

People: just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,

Leader: one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People: one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN "Seek Ye First" No. 175
(Purple Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit

on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, 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, Amen."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 4:1-16

SERMON Rev. Larry Green
Peace and Unity Are Markers of the Kingdom

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (see back of red hymnal)

*HYMN "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" No. 753
(Purple Hymnal)

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'n-ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

OFFERTORY PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of

heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Minister: Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

People: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: *AMEN.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(see back of red hymnal)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: *Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.*

*HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians" No. 300
(Purple Hymnal)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

***Those who are able, please stand.**

Leading Worship: Rev. Larry Green, Minister; Jamie Poppell, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director



Holy Communion

Presbyterians celebrate an "Open Communion." All are welcome to the table. "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" are encouraged to partake of this Holy Sacrament.

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!

Notes & Announcements

- **Worship** committee meeting Tuesday, Aug. 6th at 5:30 pm
- **Stewardship** meeting Friday, Aug. 9th at 12:00 pm
- **Ushers** for August 11th: David Culpepper, Jeanne Hilgendorf, Warren Hilgendorf, Marilyn Culpepper
- **Liturgist** for August 11th: Nancy Bell
- Contact the church office at 850-584-3826 for more information or visit our website www.firstpresperry.org
- Send **prayer requests** to prayer@firstpresperry.org or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) boxes are available:



**Please pick up a box or two for your family to fill. Each box has a supply list and mailing label for your family to use. These boxes must be returned by Sunday, November 17 for delivery by Christmas.

**You may also choose to fill and pay for a box online. Pick up the flyer with the OCC link.

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Michael McMillan, Chuck Eckel

Christian Education-Martha Davis

Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregation Care-Nancy Bell

Finance-Chuck Eckel, Jim Culbreath

Mission/Outreach-Cindy Brown

Worship/Music-Marilyn Culpepper, Zachary Wiggins

Prayers

Friends recuperating-

Donnie

Pat Z

Peggy E

David C

Ron P

Stephen's family

Michael McM

Friends grieving-Williams

Friend, David Malone

Stephen's niece, getting married

Our kids

Our church

Our mission

Our visitors

Our country and all unspoken prayers from our hearts.