

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348  
14 Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 am August 25, 2024

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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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Leader: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" No. 26  
(Red Hymnal)

\*OPENING CALL TO WORSHIP

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake**

**of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to him; have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Joshua 24:1-2a,14-25

PSALTER VERSES Psalm 16

Leader: Preserve me, O God,

**People: for in you have I put my trust.**

Leader: O my soul, you have said unto the LORD,

**People: "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

Leader: All my delight is upon the saints who are on the earth,

**People: and upon those who excel in virtue.**

Leader: But those who run after another god;

**People: shall have great trouble.**

Leader: Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,

**People: neither make mention of their names with my lips.**

Leader: The LORD himself is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup;

**People: you shall maintain my lot.**

Leader: The boundaries have fallen for me in pleasant places;

**People: indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

Leader: I will thank the LORD for giving me counsel;

**People:** *my heart also chastens me in the night season.*

Leader: I have set the LORD always before me;

**People:** *he is at my right hand; therefore I shall not fall.*

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices.

**People:** *My flesh also shall rest in hope.*

Leader: For you shall not leave my soul in the grave,

**People:** *neither shall you allow your Holy One to see corruption.*

Leader: You shall show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy,

**People:** *and at your right hand there is pleasure for evermore*

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 5:15-6:9

GOSPEL: John 6:60-69

SERMON Fr. Tracy Roberts

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED (see back of Red Hymnal)

\*HYMN "Abide with Me" No. 419  
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (see back of Red Hymnal)

OFFERING

Leader: All things come from you, O Lord.

**People:** *And of your own have we given you.*

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

\*HYMN "Standing on the Promises" No. 271  
(Red Hymnal)

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PERRY, FLORIDA**

### 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

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:** Fr. Tracy Roberts, Minister; Cheryl Gregory, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director

## Notes & Announcements

- **Congregational Care** meeting Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm
- **Ushers** for September 1<sup>st</sup>: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Betty Culbreath, Zack Wiggins, Stan Whiddon
- **Liturgist** for September 1<sup>st</sup>: Margaret Poppell
- **FPC website** [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)
- Send **prayer requests** to [prayer@firstpresperry.org](mailto:prayer@firstpresperry.org) or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf

## RALLY DAY



**Rally Day!** September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am potluck breakfast, worship is at 11:00 am. We will be honoring and thanking Pastor Larry Green and his wife, Kathy, during the Rally Day breakfast on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a journal in the narthex for individuals to write a note of appreciation. The journal will also be at the breakfast for people to write a note.

Wednesday

Fellowship

Supper



**Wednesday night suppers** will resume Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> with potluck. A full schedule will be released soon.



## Sunday School – Fall 2024

**Why did Jesus teach parables?** The Sojourners adult Sunday School class will be returning to a study of Jesus' parables. Cindy Brown will be leading the study based on Terry Johnson's book The Parables of Jesus, Gary Inrig's book The Parables Understanding What Jesus Meant and John MacArthur's book Parables The Mysteries of God's Kingdom Revealed Through the Stories Jesus Told. The first three weeks will be about parables which seek to help us grow in God's kingdom. The next parables will be to help us seek to live in God's kingdom and the final parables will help us seek to finish in God's kingdom. The lesson on September 8<sup>th</sup> will be on the parable of the dragnet from Matt. 13:47.

Susan Lincoln will teach the Sojourners class beginning in January. The study will be announced at a later time.

A study of the book of Romans

**On Sundays of September 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Marilyn Culpepper's class will join Cindy Brown's class.

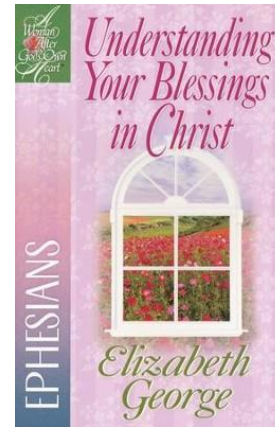
On September 29<sup>th</sup>, Marilyn's class will begin a study of the book of Romans. Understanding Romans is beneficial in understanding all of Scripture. In his comprehensive statement of the gospel, Paul brings together all the Bible's greatest themes: sin, law, judgment, human destiny, faith, works, grace, justification, sanctification, election, the plan of salvation, the work of Christ and of the Spirit, the Christian hope, the nature and life of the church, the place of Jew, and non-Jew in the purpose of God, the meaning and message of the Old Testament, and the principles of personal godliness.

**Tuesday Bible Study invites you** to begin a new study on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Room: 6

Time: 10:00 am

Contact Dianna Sandonato for more information



### **Understanding Your Blessings in Christ**

By: Elizabeth George

As God's children we have everything we could ever need for daily life. Yet we often miss these riches because we don't know what they are. In Understanding Your Blessings in Christ, Elizabeth George leads you through Ephesians to discover practical and fulfilling truths for your journey. There's nothing you can't handle with Christ's love inside you.

### **Craft Class**

We will resume craft class September 9<sup>th</sup> in room 6 at 1:00 pm. It is a busted canvas. If you are interested, rsvp Dianna Sandonato by text by September 6<sup>th</sup> to have enough supplies.

