

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 am August 27, 2023

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

SESSION SHARING Marilyn Culpepper

INTROIT *"Our Help Is In The Name of God"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 116: 1-8

Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

**People:** *Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*

Leader: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**People:** *Then I called on the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray, save my life!'*

Leader: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**People:** *The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.*

Leader: Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**People:** *For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.*

\*HYMN *"O, How I Love Jesus"* No. 529  
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Most merciful God:

**People:** *We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy spirit.

**People:** *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

SPECIAL MUSIC *"This is My Prayer"*  
Praise and Worship Favorites Arr. By Marty Parks

SCRIPTURE Psalm 24

SCRIPTURE Luke 6: 27-38

SERMON Listen to Love  
Rev. Dr. Robert R. Lutz, Ph.D.

\*HYMN *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* No. 92  
(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, for ever. 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

Leader: Merciful Father,

**People: *we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

\*HYMN

*“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

No 285  
(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:** Dr. Bob Lutz, Minister;  
Cheryl Gregory, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director



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PERRY, FLORIDA**

### 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

## Notes & Announcements



**The Flowers** this morning are given to the Glory of God by Joey and Juanita Ratliff in honor of their 10th wedding anniversary.

- **Revelation study** Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm
- **Soup for the soul** resumes Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am
- **Fellowship Committee** meeting Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> after supper.
- **Ushers** for September 3<sup>rd</sup>: Steve Brown, Nancy Bell, Cindy Brown, Steve Caruso
- **Liturgist** for September 3<sup>rd</sup>: Nancy Bell
- FPC website [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)

### **Sunday school classes start at 9:30 each Sunday.**



Kristie will lead the **Children's class** in Room 4. She will be teaching them to be good disciples. They will also study the books of the Bible.

The **Foundations class** meets in the Parlor. They will be studying the book of James.

The **Sojourner's class** meets in Room 8. They will study the parables of Jesus.

Please join us for small group fellowship and Bible study.

### **Serving Communion to Homebound**



Holy Communion

Starting September 3, we begin a new ministry: serving communion to the homebound. If anyone desires to be served at home or knows of anyone who desires this, contact an elder and enlist their help. The elements will be available immediately after the worship service at which communion is served (first Sundays of the month). Disposable containers will be available for the serving elders to place the consecrated elements into.

# Crafting Fellowship

We are excited to start again our Crafting Fellowship  
Beginning September 11th at 1PM

With all new crafting projects that are easy to do  
and cost less than \$10.00 to make. It's a fun way to  
fellowship together while creating treasures to keep  
or gift. Participation is limited so sign up today to  
reserve your seat. Or text Dianna 850 284 5677  
SOME OF THE CRAFTS WE WILL BE DOING



AND PAINTING WORKS OF ART {YES YOU  
CAN DO IT} JUST ASK ANYONE WHO  
ATTENDED LAST TIME



Wednesday night suppers resume at 5:45 pm on  
Sept 6th with a potluck meal. Please bring a dish  
to share and join in Christian fellowship. Supper  
schedule and teams will be forthcoming.

## A Prayer Walk

September 10, 2023



Join us for a prayer walk following Worship.  
Praying for the PNC's quest for a new pastor. More  
details to follow. Please contact Marne Helberg for  
more information.

## Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

*Fletcher family grieving*

*Glenn K. waiting on Doctors decision as surgery postponed*

*Dianna and Dom*

*Doc and Margie*

*Pat Z*

*Patricia L, celebrated 90th*

*Seecharan family*

*Our Pastor search*

*Travelers*

*Warren H, 8/30, heart cath*

*Hilgendorf's friend Marji, 8/30 surgery*

*Judy Neal*

*Noelle Jenkins*

*McGarity family*

*John Fish, fires in Idaho*

*Soup for the Soul starting up 9/6*

*USA return to God*

*All these and those in our hearts and God's heart, Amen*