

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
17th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 am September 15, 2024

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

INTROIT

"We Praise You, O God"

PRAYER (TO BE PRAYED SILENTLY UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY)

We pray: **Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 134)**

Leader: Everyone who serves God come and offer thanks.

People: Thank you, God, for your love to me.

Leader: Everyone who has gathered in this place, lift your hands and praise God.

People: Thank you, God, for your love in this place.

Leader: Shout praises to God for you are God's servants, so shout praises.

People: Thank you, God, for your love to others.

Leader: All who serve in this place, who serve our God, come and shout praises.

People: Thank you, God, for your love that we can share.

Leader: Praise the name of our God who is kind and good.

People: Thank you, God, for your love endures forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: We pray: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

***HYMN**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

No. 4
(Purple Hymnal)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

People: Amen.

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(brief silence for reflection) **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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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."

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Leader: We pray:

People: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 1:20-33

PSALM

Psalm 19:1-14(see insert)

SCRIPTURE

James 3:1-12

GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

SERMON Rev. Pr. J. David Bryant
The Best Shepherd

***HYMN** “*Blest Are They*” No. 172
(Purple Hymnal)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (see insert)

LORD’S PRAYER (see back of red hymnal)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*Beautiful Savior*”
Arr. David Allen Fred Bock Music Company

***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** “*Canticle of the Turning*” No. 100
(Purple Hymnal)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “*I Sing Praises with No Other Name*”
By Terry MacAlmon Arr. by Carl Seal

***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. Pr. J. David Bryant, Minister; Steve Brown, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director



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PSALM**Psalm 19:1-14**

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: *Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.*

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

People: *yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,*

Leader: which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

People: *Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.*

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

People: *the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;*

Leader: the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

People: *More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.*

Leader: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

People: *But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.*

Leader: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

People: *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

(brief silence)

Leader: We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

People: *Your mercy is great.*

Leader: We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God.

People: *Your mercy is great.*

Leader: We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

People: *Your mercy is great.*

Leader: We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

People: *Your mercy is great.*

Leader: We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God.

People: *Your mercy is great.*

Leader: We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God.

People: *Your mercy is great.*

Leader: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

People: *Amen.*

Notes & Announcements

- Welcome Luncheon following Worship today, September 15th
- Session meeting Tuesday, September 17th @5:30 pm
- **Ushers** for September 22nd: David Culpepper, Jeanne Hilgendorf, Warren Hilgendorf, Marilyn Culpepper
- **Liturgist** for September 22nd: Chuck Eckel
- FPC **website** www.firstpresperry.org
- Send **prayer requests** to prayer@firstpresperry.org or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf



Next Wednesday's supper will be a taco bar. Please come and join in the fellowship. We have a new supper team led by Rachel, Sally and Katie. They would appreciate your support and help with set up and clean up.

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



KiDS of all ages are welcome to join us on the 1st Sunday of each month, starting October 6, for **KiDS** PRAISE. A time where kids can learn more about the Bible while having fun! Kids will join us in the sanctuary and walk over with a volunteer after the Gloria Patri.

For more information contact Kristie Lutz.