

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
16th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 am September 17, 2023

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

SESSION SHARING Cindy Brown

INTROIT "Lord, I Need You" By Matt Maher

**"Lord, I come, I confess
Bowling here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart**

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You"**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 103:1-4)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

People: Bless God's holy name.

Leader: God forgives. God heals. God transforms with steadfast love.

People: Bless God's holy name.

*HYMN "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord" No. 310
(Purple Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith,

mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. 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."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SPECIAL MUSIC "It Is Well"
(Kristie Harper & Juanita Ratliff)

SCRIPTURE Exodus 14:19-31

SCRIPTURE Romans 14:1-12

SERMON "Well, isn't that special?" Rev. Larry Green

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

*HYMN *“My Life Flows On”* No 821
(Purple 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: Rev. Larry Green, Minister;
Juanita Ratliff, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director



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Notes & Announcements



The Flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by Jeanne Raulerson in honor of her church family.

- **Operation Christmas Child shoe box packing Saturday, September 16th at 10:00 am. Bring lunch.**
- **Nominating** Committee meeting Sunday, September 17th at 12:15 pm
- **Session** meeting Tuesday, September 19th at 5:00 pm
- **Ushers** for September 24th: David Culpepper, Jeanne Hilgendorf, Warren Hilgendorf, Marilyn Culpepper
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org
- **Prayer Walk** October 8th following worship. Specific information will be forthcoming.
- **Fellowship committee** meeting October 11th following supper. We need team members for 3 teams. We have a cook for the teams. Please come for this planning meeting.



Wednesday Fellowship Supper Fellowship suppers will resume October 4th with potluck.

Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

*Glenn K
Sandonatos
Rawls
Pat Z
Patricia L
Seecharan family, Josh
Helpful friends and neighbors
Grateful for prayers for Warren H
Our PNC
Travelers
Sheena's daughter, Noelle
McGarrity family
John Fish and all FPC neighbors
Soup for Soul start-up
Our country to return to roots
Scott McNeill
Shona's friends
Christine L
All storm repairs*

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