

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
17th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 am September 24, 2023

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

INTROIT "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN "May Jesus Christ Be Praised" No. 87
(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 "Singing in the Victory"

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Psalm 46 Responsive Reading (Red Hymnal) No. 702

*HYMN "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" No. 233
(Red Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

SERMON "Flying in the V Formation"
Rev. Dr. Robert R. Lutz, Ph.D.

*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.

*HYMN "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 410
(Red Hymnal)

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 No. 292
“God of Grace and God of Glory” (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;
Bob Helberg, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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 Paul, Cathy, and Zachary Wiggins in honor of God's goodness and mercies.

- **Worship Committee** meeting Tuesday, September 26th at 6:00 pm
- **Congregational Care Committee** meeting Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the church library.
- **Perry Care Giver Support Group** meeting Thursday, September 28th at 10:30 am
- **Ushers** for October 1st: Bobby Harper, Martha Davis, Mike Perrine, Jim Culbreath
- **Liturgist** for October 1st: Margaret Poppell
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting on Oct 1 following Worship for the purposes of electing a Nominating Committee (Chuck Eckel, Mike Perrine, Juanita Ratliff, Warren Gregory, Bobby Harper, Janice Musgrove, Kristie Lutz, Cathy Wiggins, Rachel Poppell) to develop a slate of elders and to change the congregational quorum to 10% of the active roll of the church.



Wednesday night suppers resume at 5:45 pm on October 4th 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

October 8, 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.