

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 am September 29, 2024**

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**INTROIT**

**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 Micah 6:8*)

Liturgist: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

**All: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**

Liturgist: We gather this morning to remind each other of this truth,

**All: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.**

Liturgist: So with thankful hearts, let us worship God.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: We pray: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**\*HYMN** “*God who stretched the spangled heavens*” No. 24  
(Purple Hymnal)

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(*brief silence for reflection*) **Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Liturgist: God promises to ... forgiven.

**All: 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.”**

**\*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Liturgist: We pray:

**All: 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

**FIRST READING**

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

**PSALM**

Psalms 19:7-14 (see insert)

**SECOND READING**

James 5:13-20

**\*GOSPEL**

Mark 9:38-50

The Holy Gospel...chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Pr. J. David Bryant

“Re-membered”

**\*HYMN**

“*There is a balm in Gilead*”

No. 792  
(Purple Hymnal)

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

(see back of red hymnal)

Liturgist: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, saying:

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (see insert)

**LORD'S PRAYER** (see back of red hymnal)

Liturgist: As Christ has taught us, so we boldly pray:

**THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: *And also with you.***

**OFFERTORY**

Liturgist: In gratitude to God for all our blessings, let us bless others with a portion of all we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 624 (Red Hymnal)

***“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”***

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*SENDING HYMN** No. 721 (Purple Hymnal)

*“You Have Come to the Lakeshore”*

**\*CHARGE AND 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. Pr. J. David Bryant, Minister; Juanita Ratliff, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director



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**PSALM****Psalm 19:7-14**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Liturgist: 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.

**All:** *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**

Pastor: 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)*

Liturgist: We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.

**All:** *Your mercy is great.*

Liturgist: We pray for the healing of the earth, especially in the wake of fires and storms, and particularly in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

**All:** *Your mercy is great.*

Liturgist: We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God.

**All:** *Your mercy is great.*

Liturgist: We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing. Hear us, O God.

**All:** *Your mercy is great.*

Liturgist: We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

**All:** *Your mercy is great.*

Liturgist: We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. Hear us, O God.

**All:** *Your mercy is great.*

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

All: *Amen.*



**KiDS** of all ages are welcome to join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Notes & Announcements



**Flowers:** The flowers this morning are dedicated by the Wiggins family, Praise for God's mercies and grace. God is good....All the time God is good.

- **Ushers** for October 6th: Bobby Harper, Jim Culbreath, Martha Davis, Mike Perrine, Nancy Bell
- **Liturgist** for October 6th: Bob Bell
- FPC **website** [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)
- Send **prayer requests** to [prayer@firstpresperry.org](mailto:prayer@firstpresperry.org) or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf

A **congregational meeting** is called for today, September 29, 2024 for the purpose of electing a nominating committee to develop and present a slate of elders and trustees for the class of 2027.

### **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

