

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
18th Sunday After Pentecost/Holy Communion
October 1, 2023, 11:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in G Major" F. Mendelssohn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

INTROIT "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;

People: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Leader: We will be glad and exult in you;

People: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 560
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are the Son of God and Son of Mary: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are word made flesh and splendor of the Father: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life..

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."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

ANTHEM "Blood of Jesus Medley"
Ready to Sing Again Arr. By Donny Monk

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 27

*HYMN "More Love to Thee" No. 363 (Red Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 3:10-16
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Dr. Don McGarity
Starting Towards A Great Tomorrow

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (see insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "In Remembrance" No. 322 (Red Hymnal)

*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 (Unison)

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in this Sacrament of Holy Communion and be nourished by this one heavenly Bread. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Minister: Father, it is our duty and our salvation..... And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we say:

All: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

No. 426 (Red Hymnal)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: *Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal"

No. 483
(Red Hymnal)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*BENEDICTION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Minister: May Almighty God bless you the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

Minister: Go in peace.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 628 (Red Hymnal)

"Threefold Amen"

Amen. Amen. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune in D Major"

F. Swann



Holy Communion

***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!

Presbyterians celebrate an “Open Communion.” All professing Christians who have been baptized “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” are encouraged to partake of this Holy Sacrament.

Leading Worship: Dr. Don McGarity, Minister; Margaret Poppell, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Dr. Mark Coffey, Guest Organist

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

Notes & Announcements

There is a Called Congregational Meeting today, October 1st 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.

Pastor Nominating Committee members: Emaley Gentry, Jamie Poppell, Juanita Ratliff, Randy Speas, and Shona Whiddon

Stewardship season is coming soon. The Lord has revealed many blessings during this time of challenges and trials. Please extend your gratitude by sharing your time, talents and finances to build Christ's kingdom in Perry. Stewardship packets will be distributed on October 15th and 22nd.

We have many challenges and many blessings during this time of trial. If you feel led to make a donation to help church members, the Perry community or church repairs. Checks should be written to FPC. Please make your offering envelope out to Care account for member help, Breadbasket for community help or Administration for church repair help. Contact an elder if you have questions or concerns.

- **Fellowship** Supper/Potluck October 4th at 5:45 pm
- **Operation Christmas Child shoe box packing Saturday, October 7th at 9:00 am. Bring lunch.**
- **Ushers** for October 8th: Bobby Harper, Martha Davis, Mike Perrine, Jim Culbreath
- **Liturgist** for October 8th: Jeanne Hilgendorf
- Contact the church office at 850-584-3826 for more information or visit our website www.firstpresperry.org

Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

*Glenn Knowles
Dom and Dianna Sandonato
Jim and Margie Rawls
Pat Zastrow
Patricia Lindsey
Seecharan family
Warren Hilgendorf
Our PNC
Jenkins family
McGarity family
FPC neighborhood
Soup for Soul
Our government
MacNeill family, grief
Christine Lutz
Storm repairs
Martha Davis' cousin
Poppell family
Marsha Taylor, office help
Judy Neal
Travelers
And our whole congregation
Amen*

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Martha Davis
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