

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
19th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 am October 8, 2023

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

PRAYER **Dear God, help us to keep our eyes on you, so that we can follow your promptings and respond to your call. Help us to see when another soul around us needs to be encouraged. Help us to be faithful to carry one another's burdens, remembering that we're all in this life together.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

PNC SHARING

INTROIT *"Love the Lord Your God"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come let us join our hearts in a chorus of praise,
People: And lift up our voices with the saints of every age!
Leader: Let this place be filled with a spirit of joy,
People: For God is in this place with gifts of life and love!

*HYMN *"O for a Thousand Tongues"* No. 76
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: You will come in glory with salvation for your people: 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 *"If You Search With All Your Heart"*
By Craig Courtney Sung by Juanita Ratliff and Kristie Harper

SCRIPTURE Psalm 97

*HYMN *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* No. 433
(Red Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:5-13

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Myths of Prayer Dr. Don McGarity

*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 *"Jesus, Remember Me"* No. 227
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (sung twice) (Purple 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, forever. 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 heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

O Lord, we open our hearts to the absolute wonder of your gift to us. The gifts we bring today are but pale reflections of our gratitude. In Jesus, your heart was fully opened to us and through Jesus our hearts are opened to you. May these gifts provide for the opening of hearts that have yet to know your love. Amen.

*HYMN No. 505
(Red Hymnal)
“Love Lifted Me”

*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.

*HYMN No. 628 (Red Hymnal)
“Threefold Amen”
Amen. Amen. Amen.

*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. Don McGarity, Minister; Alex Lutz, 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

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

Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

Glenn Knowles

Sandonatos

Rawls

Miss Patricia

S. Secharan, new job

Warren Hilgendorf

PNC

Jenkins family

McGarity family

FPC neighborhood recovery

Soup for Soul

Our government, always

Christine Lutz

Poppells

Marsha Taylor, family

Judy Neal, ongoing

All travelling

Our FPC family

Amen

Notes & Announcements



The Flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by Steve & Cindy Brown

- Finance Committee meeting Monday, October 9th at 4:00 pm
- Administration Committee meeting Tuesday, October 10th at 4:00 pm
- Christian Education meeting Thursday, October 12th at 10:30 am
- **Ushers** for October 15th: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Betty Culbreath, Tuckie Maultsby, Rachel Poppell
- **Liturgist** for October 15th: Alex Lutz
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org

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 Committee has set a meeting date of Wednesday, October 11th at 3:30 for anyone wanting to be involved in Wednesday night suppers. WE NEED PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER TO KEEP HAVING WEEKLY SUPPERS. You don't have to cook, set up and clean up crews are needed as well. If you are interested and cannot attend the meeting, please contact Sandi Hilgendorf.

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.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 775

Lord, listen to your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The image shows two systems of musical notation. The first system consists of a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics: 'Lord, listen to your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;'. The second system also consists of a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics: 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.'.

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CHILDREN PRAYING
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Prayer Walk/Vigil October 8, 2023

Purpose: to pray for each member of our Pastoral Nominating committee (PNC) and for God-directed success in nominating a called pastor for FPC.

A prayer is printed in the bulletin for the congregation to pray silently at the beginning of our worship service.

Pastor McGarity will lead congregation into fellowship hall (end of Worship)

After gathering, Lord Listen to your Children Praying will be sung

Congregation members will walk to each of 5 Prayer stations (one for each committee member) and collect a prayer card from each

Lay hands on each member's head or shoulder and say a brief prayer or scripture

Congregants may walk around outside of church and pray, stay and pray in fellowship hall or go back into the sanctuary to pray

Prayer cards will contain scripture and prayers (prayers will focus on grace, hope, peace, perseverance & trust

When you finish your prayers you may leave

Please use a prayer card each day keeping us centered on God and the work of the PNC.

Members of PNC

Jamie Poppell: Chairperson

Emaley Gentry

Juanita Ratliff

Randy Speas

Shona Whiddon