

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348  
21st Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 am October 13, 2024

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**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.**

**INTROIT** "Lord, I want to be a Christian"

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Micah 6:8)

Liturgist: We gather before God together, imperfect but present.

**All: Let us worship God together earnestly, with our whole selves.**

Liturgist: We gather before God together, desiring deeper faith.

**All: Let us learn from God together as we seek harmony between our words and our actions.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: We pray: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**\*HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" No. 450  
(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 be renewed and transformed. Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

**FIRST READING** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

**PSALM** Psalm 90:12-17 (see insert)

**SECOND READING** Hebrews 4:12-16

**\*GOSPEL** Mark 10:17-31  
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  
"Lacking Nothing"

**\*HYMN** "Shepherd Me, O God"

**\*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 & OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

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.

*"Come All Who Thirst"*

Luigi Cherubini

Sung By First Presbyterian Choir

Arr. Hal H. Hopson

**\*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**

**PRESENTATION** **Session Member**

**PRAYER OF INSTALLATION** **Session Member**

**All: Amen.**

**WELCOME** **Session Member**

**\*SENDING HYMN** No. 488 (Purple Hymnal)

*"I was there to hear your Borning Cry"*

**\*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; Susan Lincoln, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director



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**PSALM**

**Psalm 90:12-17**

Liturgist: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. *(brief silence)*

**All:** ***Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!***

Liturgist: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**All:** ***Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.***

Liturgist: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

**All:** ***Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!***

**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.***

# Notes & Announcements



**Flowers:** The flowers this morning are dedicated by the Hilgendorfs, Glory to gracious heavenly Father for protection and love during the hurricane!

- **Beach Bible Study** Tuesdays, 9:30 am, at the home of Jeanne Hilgendorf.
- **Shepherds Committee** meeting Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00, in the parlor.
- **Ushers** for October 20th: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Betty Culbreath, Zack Wiggins, Stan Whiddon
- **Liturgist** for October 20th: Bob Helberg
- FPC **website** [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)
- Send **prayer requests** to [prayer@firstpresperry.org](mailto:prayer@firstpresperry.org) or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf

## **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

## **Prayers**

*Margie Rawls sil, Shirley, in Jax, having brain surgery  
Blue Creek Baptist Church  
Stan and Shona Whiddon  
Sheila Blue  
Our elections  
Bible Studies, Sunday School  
Our Soup Ministry  
Supper teams  
Pastor Bryant  
All going thru health & emotional issues  
All who lost homes  
Tireless volunteers  
Travelers to and from FL  
All hurricane victims  
Warren Hilgendorf, more tests & appts  
Betty Jean Culbreath, rehabbing  
Jim Culbreath, test results  
All unnamed needs in our hearts  
Amen*