

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
20th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 am October 15, 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

SESSION SHARING Chuck Eckel

INTROIT *"Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 23)

Leader: The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

People: God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.

Leader: The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

People: God's goodness and mercy are always close.

*HYMN *"It Is Well with My Soul"* No. 493
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*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 *"God Is So Good"*
Edited and compiled by Larry Pugh

SCRIPTURE Exodus 32:1-14

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON The Invitation Rev. Larry Green

*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 *"Hear Our Prayer, O lord"* No. 614

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’n-
ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*HYMN “God Be with You” No. 602
(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: Rev. Larry Green, Minister; Jeanne Hilgendorf, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director

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
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PERRY, FLORIDA**

Session Sharing by Finance Committee – October 15

Through September 30, 2023

Income	\$171.4k
Mission Outreach/Congregational Care	\$ 28.8k or 17% of Income

Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

Judy Neal

Lori Small's brother

Martha Davis' cousin, kidney transplant

Heather, Ashley, Eli

Glenn & JoAnn Knowles

Sandonatos

Rawls

Patricia

S. Seecharan, job search & nephew, Josh

Warren Hilgendorf, on going

PNC

Sheena Jenkins and family

McGarity family

Soup for Soul ministry

Our government

Christine Lutz, on going

Poppells

Travelers

FPC families

Depressed and addicted

Amen

Notes & Announcements



The Flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by Dom & Dianna Sandonato. “In Honor of my loving Church family who have so richly blessed me with texts, notes, cards, and offers to help during this difficult time. And all honor to God for keeping me strong.”

- Session meeting Tuesday, October 17th at 5:00 pm
- **Operation Christmas Child shoe box packing Saturday, October 21st at 10:00 am.**
- **Ushers** for October 22nd: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Betty Culbreath, Tuckie Maultsby, Rachel Poppell
- **Liturgist** for October 22nd: Zach Wiggins
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org

We have many challenges and many blessings during this time of trial. If you feel led please 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.

Stewardship season begins today. 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 today and next Sunday.

OCC Fundraiser

Crafts made by FPC family and friends will be available at Fellowship suppers and Sundays after worship through Sunday, November 5th. Donations only, every \$10.00 raised will cover the cost of shipping a shoe box. Also, be on the lookout for raffle tickets!

