

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
21st Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 am October 22, 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 Marne Helberg

INTROIT *"Tremble, O Tremble"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord God our heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in your Grace and Truth, protect and comfort us in all temptations, protect us from all enemies of Your word and bestow on your church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*HYMN *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* No. 52
(Vs. 1, 2, 3, 6) (Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Most merciful God:

People: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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 *"Lord, I Need You with I Need Thee Every Hour"*
Words and Music by Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, and Matt Maher Arr. By Russell Mauldin

SCRIPTURE Psalm 24 read responsively

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:31-39
John 8:31-36

SERMON Rev. Dr. Robert R. Lutz, Ph.D.
"A Pastor's Dilemma"

*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 *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"* No. 184
(Red 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

*HYMN No. 26
“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” (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. Dr. Robert R. Lutz, Ph.D., Minister;
Bob Bell, 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



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Prayers Of and For The People
First Presbyterian Church

Barrett family, new job
Lori Small's brother
Judy Neal
Martha's cousin's recovery
Heather, Ashley, Eli
Knowles family
Sandanatos, as Dom gets ready to go Home
Rawls
Patricia
Stephen, job and nephew, Josh
Warren H
Our PNC
Sheena
McGarity family
Local ministries
Soup for Soul
Our government
Israel
Christine
Ron
FPC families
Depressed & Anxious after Idalia
Brenda and all hit by Idalia
Amen!!!

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

Notes & Announcements



The Flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by Jeanne Hilgendorf in honor of her and Warren's wedding anniversary.

- **Worship** Committee meeting Tuesday, October 24th at 6 pm
- **Congregational Care** Committee will meet Wednesday, October 25th at 4:00 p.m. in the Library
- **Chili cook-off** this Wednesday, October 25th at 5:45 pm
- **Ushers** for October 29th: Steve Brown, Nancy Bell, Cindy Brown, Steve Caruso
- **Liturgist** for October 29th: Zach Wiggins
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org



The Christian Education committee will sponsor a Sunrise breakfast next Sunday, October 29 at 9:30 am. Please bring a breakfast item to share. Coffee, milk and juice will be provided. Everyone is welcome to join us for breakfast and fellowship.

Stewardship season has begun. 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.

OCC Fundraiser

Crafts made by FPC family and friends will be available at Fellowship suppers through Wednesday, November 1st. Donations only and for every 10.00 raised will cover the cost of shipping a shoe box. Also, be on the lookout for raffle tickets!

