

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost/Holy Communion  
November 5, 2023, 11:00 am  
ALL SAINTS DAY

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Benedictus" A. Rowley

PRAYER (TO BE PRAYED SILENTLY UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY)  
From Ephesians 4:2- 4: Father, please help us to walk in a manner worthy of You and Your call to us. Give us a spirit of humility, gentleness and patience that we may show tolerance for one another in love. Help us to be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SESSION SHARING Cindy Brown

BLESSING OF THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

INTROIT "In His Presence"  
By Dick and Melodie Tunney

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to us even now O Lord of Life,  
**People: And fill this place with your presence!**

Leader: We praise your name and rejoice in your love,  
**People: We stand in utter amazement of who you are!**

Leader: Everyone who calls upon you will find fulfillment,  
**People: They will rejoice forever, because you are God!**

**All: Rejoice and give thanks!**

\*HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" No. 108  
(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)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SPECIAL MUSIC "We Shall See His Lovely Face"  
Text and music by Norman J. Clayton

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 121

\*HYMN "For All the Saints" No. 546 (Red Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 5:1-14; 22:1-6

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON The Lamb Wins Dr. Don McGarity

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED (see insert)

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

"Therefore they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." Revelation 7:15,17

*Ben Sunderland, Tommie Williams, Danny Musgrove*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Cortège" M. Dupre

\*DOXOLOGY No. 624 (Red Hymnal)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

**Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions—signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us—Jesus 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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 234  
(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"*

\*POSTLUDE "Fanfare" K. Leighton



# 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, November 5<sup>th</sup> following worship for the purpose of electing Jim Culbreath, Michael McMillan, Joey Ratliff, and Zachary Wiggins as elders to the Session; and electing Warren Hilgendorf as trustee.



Stewardship Dedication is Sunday, Nov 12. Please consider your many blessings as you bring your time and talent checklist and pledge cards to offer during worship. Pledge cards should be enclosed in the red, confidentiality envelope as only the financial secretary is allowed to view your financial pledge. We hope you recognize the joy of this Christian fellowship, called First Presbyterian Church.

- **Mission Committee** meeting Monday, November 6th at 5:15 pm
- **Fellowship Committee** meeting Wednesday, November 8th at 3:00 pm
- **Christian Education** meeting Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am
- **Ushers** for November 12th: David Culpepper, Jeanne Hilgendorf, Warren Hilgendorf, Marilyn Culpepper
- **Liturgist** for November 12th: Bob Helberg
- Contact the church office at 850-584-3826 for more information or visit our website [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)

## *Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church*

*Sandonatos, grieving  
Martha Davis  
Homebound Parishioners  
Stephen's new job  
our PNC  
Our rotating Pastors  
Soup for the Soul  
Our government  
Depressed and addicted  
Travelers  
Praise for answered prayer  
All our congregation  
Nominees for session  
All healing in body, mind, and soul,  
after Idalia  
In Jesus Name, AMEN!*

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

### **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