

PENTECOST 22B
November 10, 2024



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PERRY, FL

P-PASTOR, L-LITURGIST, **BOLD-ALL**

GATHERING

PREPARATORY PRAYER (prayed upon entering the sanctuary) **Ever-calling God, thank you for gathering us and gracing us with your faithful presence. Grant us reformation that we might increasingly bear joy and justice into the world. Continue to gather us into Jesus' vision, we may be one in you. Amen.**

PRELUDE *"Be Thou My Vision"* Traditional Irish Melody, Byrne, Rouse

INTROIT *"God is so Good"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS/SESSION SHARING

We stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L All that we are is a gift from God. **The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,**

All that we have is a gift from God. **The world, and those who live in it.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P We pray: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

CALL TO CONFESSION

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

(silence for reflection)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

6 Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er

10 shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

L We pray: Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

We sit.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

L 8 The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, 9 “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” 10 So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” 11 As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” 12 But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” 13 Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” 15 She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM **Psalm 146** (*omitted for Stewardship Sunday*)

SECOND READING **Hebrews 9:24-28**

L 24 Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25 Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; 26 for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared

once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We Stand.

GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

P The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark the 12th chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

38 As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, 39 and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! 40 They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

41 He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. 43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

We stand.

SERMON HYMN

Christ be our light

PH #314



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

L Let us confess the faith of our baptism, saying: **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.**

We sit or stand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P On this Stewardship Sunday, rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

L *(brief silence)* For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all people everywhere, each according to their needs, particularly those on our prayer list and those we name before you now. *(pause)* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms and wildfires; for doctors, nurses, and hospital staff, and for all aid workers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who rest in Christ, and for all the beloved who rest in your mercy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Generous God, grant us the ability to honestly evaluate our lifestyle, that it might reflect a desire to more closely follow you; make us trustworthy stewards of your abundant blessings; enable us and empower us to fully embrace your teachings of charity through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L As Christ has taught us, so we boldly pray: **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.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

We sit.

STEWARDSHIP EXHORTATION

P God calls us to a loving life of freedom. All we have and all we are is a gift from God. As caretakers of all that God provides, we now give back to God what already belongs to God. As we sing a stewardship hymn, our ushers will through with baskets, please place your stewardship cards in those baskets, and the ushers will bring them to the front. Once the baskets reach the front, we will continue with the offering as per usual.

1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, all to him I free-ly give;
 2 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, hum-bly at his feet I bow;
 3 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres-ence dai - ly live.
 world-ly plea-sures all for - sak - en, take me, Jes - sus, take me now.
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless-ings fall on me.

Refrain

I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,
 I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,

all to thee, my bless-ed Sav - ior, I sur-ren-der all.

(Once the baskets reach the front, we continue with the receiving the offering as usual.)

OFFERTORY

L Luke 12:48 reminds us “From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.” Let us be faithful stewards of the time, talent, and money that God has provided.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Lord Make Us Worthy” By Natalie Sleeth

DOXOLOGY

(Red Hymnal)

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Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L We give you thanks, Generous God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. You are our refuge and our fortress, **our God, in whom we trust.**

We rejoice, Gracious God, that through the baptism of your Son by John and anointing of the Holy Spirit, by the baptism of His death and resurrection, you have set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to life in you. You are our refuge and our fortress, **our God, in whom we trust.**

Today, Faithful God, we pledge ourselves anew to walking together as your redeemed and reconciled people. Lead us in the weaving of your love within fragmented world, to nurture and feed each other, to reach out and embrace with your Shalom all people in the name of Jesus Christ. You are our refuge and our fortress, **our God, in whom we trust.**

Guide us, Loving God through your Holy Spirit that First Presbyterian Church will increase as a sanctuary for the stranger, a house of welcome and comfort for the poor, a consolation to the distressed and a witness of salvation for the sinner. Guide us as a light for our youth, a consolation in old age, a place of reconciliation amid brokenness, a growing place for all. You are our refuge and our fortress, **our God, in whom we trust.**

Stir us, Empowering God, in our growing conviction and commitment to your call. Manifest and animate your sacred and holy plans through our pledges of money, time and talents which we make today and each day as we our walk with you. Consecrate these commitments as you daily consecrate us to a newness and freshness of life in you.

You are our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust. **Amen.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

P As God has given you hearts to be faithful stewards, may God grant you both the willingness and the ability to be so. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord be kind and gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

In Christ there is no East or West

PH#317

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
race may be. All chil - dren of the
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L Go in peace, remember the poor. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *“Blessed Assurance”* Phoebe P. Knapp, Arr. By Lari Goss

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; Sandi Hilgendorf, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director

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

Notes & Announcements



The flowers this week are dedicated by Steve and Cindy Brown, to all our FPC family and to the glory of God.

- **Mission** committee meeting November 11th at 3 pm
- **Administration** committee meeting November 12th at 4 pm
- **Congregational Care** meeting (moved to) November 13th
- **Finance committee** meeting Thursday, Nov 14 at 11:30 am
- **Session meeting** November 19th at 5:30 pm
- No **Fellowship Supper** November 27th
- **Ushers** for November 17th: Bobby Harper, Jim Culbreath, Martha Davis, Mike Perrine, Nancy Bell
- **Liturgist** for November 17th: Nancy Bell
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org
- Send **prayer requests** to prayer@firstpresperry.org or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf

On Sunday, November 17th, 2024, a Special Meeting of First Presbyterian Church of Perry, FL is called that together we might discern through the proper electoral processes those who Jesus Christ is calling to serve this congregation as Session members and as Trustees.

FPC PRAYER LIST

TOGETHER, WE PRAY FOR:

MARGIE RAWLS SIL, SHIRLEY

BLUE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

STAN AND SHONA

SHEILA BLUE

BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

OUR SOUP MINISTRY

SUPPER TEAMS

PASTOR & HARRIET BRYANT

ALL GOING THRU HEALTH & EMOTIONAL ISSUES

ALL WHO LOST HOMES

TIRELESS VOLUNTEERS

TRAVELERS TO AND FROM FL

ALL HURRICANE VICTIMS

MARNE HELBERG'S SISTER

BETTY JEAN

JIM CULBREATH, AT VA, ONGOING

CHERYL RICKETSON, RECOVERY

FLETCHER'S FRIEND'S GRANDSON, CAMDEN MOSLEY

WOLFKILS DIL, MARGARET

HILGENDORFS, DR APPTS AND TESTS, WARREN, LILY

MIKE LOCKHART

ALL AWAITING TEST RESULTS

AND, ALL UNNAMED NEEDS IN OUR HEARTS. LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER. AMEN