

PENTECOST 26B
November 17, 2024



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PERRY, FL

GATHERING

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

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.**

PRELUDE

INTROIT

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS/SESSION SHARING

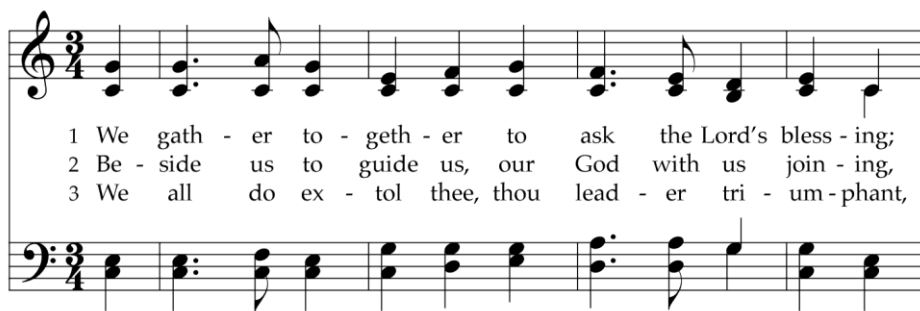
We stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L Whether we are sure of God's work in the world or still waiting for a sign, **let us worship the Lord, encouraging one another in hope.** Whether we are confident in what the future will bring or carry more questions than answers, **let us worship the Lord, strengthening one another in faith.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P We pray: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes, and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



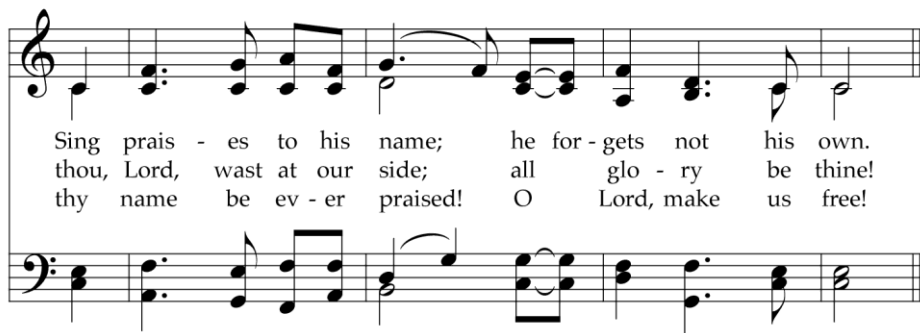
1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;



Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silence for reflection)

Gracious God,

our sins are too heavy to carry. 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.**

GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of musical notation for 'GLORIA PATRI'. It consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the'.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with 'Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with 'gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,'. The piano accompaniment continues.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth and final system of musical notation. The vocal line concludes with 'world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' The piano accompaniment ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

L We pray: Lord, through your Word always make us alert, and by your Word strengthen us to stand before the Son of Man. Amen.

We sit.

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

L 1 “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 16 *(we say responsively by whole verse)*

L 1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

2 I say to the LORD, ‘You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.’

3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹ You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11-25

L 11 Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” 13 and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. 15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” 17 he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” 18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. 19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with

pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We Stand.

GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-8

P The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark the 13th chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

1 As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” 2 Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” 3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” 5 Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

SERMON

“In Excellent Shape”

Rev. Pr. J. David Bryant

We stand.

SERMON HYMN

O, Sing to the Lord

GTG 637



1 O sing to the Lord; O sing God a
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done
3 So dance for our God and blow all the
4 O shout to our God, who gave us the
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -



new song. O sing to the Lord; O sing God a
won - ders. For God is the Lord, and God has done
trum - pets. So dance for our God and blow all the
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Spir - it. O shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

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 Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

L *(brief silence)* God of suffering service, grant to your church faithful leaders who have the hearts of servants, and who will gently lead your people into love for you and service to their neighbors. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

God of gentle justice, raise up righteous leaders in every nation who will govern with truth and guide their people with fairness and equity. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

God of tender compassion, hear the cries of all who suffer and who are contending with sickness and disease especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud upon our lips or silently within our hearts. (*pause*) Lay upon them your gentle hand of healing. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

God of all goodness, guide the work of our congregation, that a pervasive unity of purpose would guide all discernments, ministries, and missions. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

God of comforting hope, tend to those who are grieving, that their mourning may be tempered with joy. Bring us at length, with all our blessed dead, to the joy of your heavenly realm. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

P Gracious Lord, our labors are in vain unless you labor with us. As you continue to meet our needs as may be best for us, bless the work of our hands, that we might labor for the glory of your name alone, through your son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **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.

OFFERTORY

L With gladness, let us present the offering of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Goodness of God”* Aimee Roberts

DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) #624



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 Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

P The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN Christ is Made the Sure Foundation GTG 394



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Leading Worship: Rev. Pr. J. David Bryant, Minister; Nancy Bell, Liturgist;
Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director

Notes & Announcements

- **Session meeting** November 19th at 5:30 pm
- No **Fellowship Supper** November 27th
- **Ushers** for November 24th: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Betty Culbreath, Zach Wiggins, Stan Whiddon
- **Liturgist** for November 24th: Chuck Eckel
- **FPC website** www.firstpresperry.org
- Send **prayer requests** to prayer@firstpresperry.org or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf

Today, 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.

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Michael McMillan, Chuck Eckel

Christian Education-Martha Davis

Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregation Care-Nancy Bell

Finance-Chuck Eckel

Mission/Outreach-Cindy Brown

Worship/Music-Marilyn Culpepper, Zachary Wiggins

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

FAMILY OF JIM CULBREATH

CHERYL RICKETSON, RECOVERY

FLETCHER'S FRIEND'S GRANDSON, CAMDEN MOSLEY

WOLFKILS DIL, MARGARET

HILGENDORFS, DR APPTS AND TESTS, WARREN, LILY

MIKE LOCKHART

RITA BENOIT

RON POPPELL

ALL AWAITING TEST RESULTS

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