

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
25th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 am November 19, 2023

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

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

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

INTROIT *"I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.

People: We are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

People: Give thanks to God; bless his name.

Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

People: God's faithfulness is from generation to generation. Let us worship God!

*HYMN *"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"* No. 305
(Purple Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shepherding God, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended

that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your love and justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk your way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Ezekiel 34:15-16)

Thus says the Lord our God: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak."

The relentless grace of Jesus Christ always finds and forgives us. Thanks be to our ever-seeking God!

*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

"How Great Thou Art"

Words & Music by Stuart K. Honestly
Arr. By Jay Rouse & Camp Kirkland

SCRIPTURE

Judges 4:1-7

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

SERMON

Rev. Larry Green

The sky is falling! The sky is falling!

*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.

Prayers Of and For The People
First Presbyterian Church

Christine Lutz
Patricia Lindsey
Glenn Knowles
Judy Neal
Martha Davis family
Homebound Parishioners
Stephen's new job
PNC
Soup for Soul
Governments
Addicted & depressed
Travelers
Answered prayers
Taylor Co Churches
Idalia recovery
Hilda A
Michael G
Robin W
Thelma C
Barretts
Lori Small's brother
Leah's friend Jessica
Steve Caruso
Loycelle Dickert
AMEN

Notes & Announcements



The Flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by Warren & Cheryl Gregory in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary. "And happier than ever!"

- Session meeting Tuesday, November 21st at 5:00 pm
- No fellowship supper Wednesday, November 22nd
- Church office closed November 23rd and 24th
- **Ushers** November 26th: Bobby Harper, Martha Davis, Mike Perrine, Jim Culbreath
- **Liturgist** for November 26th: Sandi Hilgendorf
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org

Thanks to everyone who returned their Time & Talent checklist and financial pledge cards. If you have not returned these please bring or mail them to the church very soon because Session needs them to begin planning for 2024. Please let an elder know if you have questions or concerns. Please commit to sharing your blessings with our church family.

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 Whiddon