

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
3rd Sunday of Advent
11:00 am December 17, 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

SESSION SHARING

Sandi Hilgendorf

INTROIT *"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: John the Baptist calls to us,

People: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

Leader: This Advent, may we turn to the light of Christ.

People: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it!

Leader: In faith and hope, let us turn and worship God!

*HYMN *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* No. 82
(Purple Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, long ago you sent Christ to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, and to proclaim liberty to the captives. You then asked us to go and do the same for we are the church of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, we pray, for we have not continued to share the good news. We have focused on ourselves and neglected to help others. Help us to continue to share the healing and loving words of Christ to all the world and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Through the grace and love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God! 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

"Wait! Watch!"

Words by Herb Frombach

Music by David Lantz III

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

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John 1:6-8, 19-28

SERMON

Who Are You?

Rev. Larry Green

*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

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

No. 104

(Purple 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’n-
ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*HYMN *“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”* No. 93
(Purple 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. Larry Green, Minister; Nancy Bell, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director



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PERRY, FLORIDA**

Notes & Announcements

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



The flowers today are dedicated to Rev. Larry Green and his wife, Kathy, for their prayers and support of FPC over the past years. We are blessed by their care.

- Session Meeting Monday, December 18th at 7:00 pm
- **Ushers** December 24th: Steve Brown, Nancy Bell, Cindy Brown
- **Liturgist** for December 24th: Rachel Poppell
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org



“Come and Worship”

First Presbyterian Church, Perry, FL

December 17, 2023, 5:00 pm

Livestreamed at www.firstpresperry.org



Christmas Dinner

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December 20, 2023

5:45 pm



Christmas Card Exchange

*Would you like to send out greetings to other members for Christmas? The First Presbyterian Post office boxes are open! (In the Narthex) Just Fill out your cards with the recipient's name and place it in one of the slots with their last name initial on it and **DONE** no need for a Stamp!!! A wonderful way to express season greetings to each other. Remember to check the mail by Christmas Eve!*