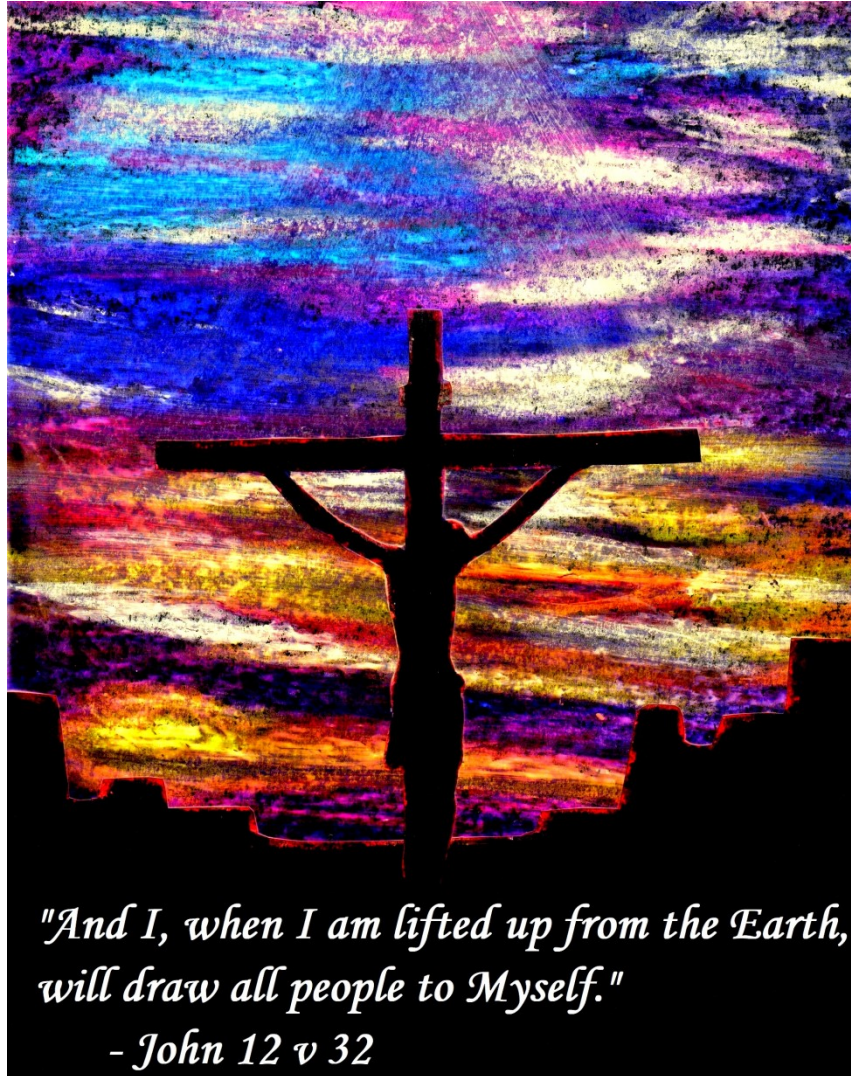


First Presbyterian Church of Inverness
March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent



PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

SHIRLEY PERREGAUX

OPENING SENTENCES

Let us join our voices with the saints whose lives inspire.

We are here today, aspiring to claim the life of faith with courage.

We are ready to worship and give thanks for whose we are.

In our worship, we share God's message with the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we start the climb down the mountain with Jesus after these forty days and forty nights, we pray that we will be ready for what comes next. As the ministry of Jesus began after a season of prayer, so does ours. We give thanks for the promise that you will be with us as we continue to spread the gospel to the world. May your will be done through us, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*HYMN # 401

HERE IN THIS PLACE



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

FROM PSALM 51

In the name of Christ, I urge you: Be reconciled to God. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Look on me with a heart of mercy, O God, according to Your generous love. According to Your great compassion, cleanse me from my sins.³ For I am fully aware of all I have done wrong, and my guilt is there, staring me in the face.⁴ It was against You, only You, that I sinned, for I have done what You say is wrong, right before Your eyes So when You speak, You are in the right. When You judge, Your judgments are pure and true.¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; restore within me a sense of being brand new.¹¹ Do not throw me far away from Your presence, and do not remove Your Holy Spirit from me.¹² Give back to me the deep delight of being saved by You; let Your willing Spirit sustain me. Amen.

Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

***SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

"GLORY BE TO THE FATHER"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

In your steadfast love, O Lord, have mercy on us.

ANTHEM

SHIRLEY PERREGAUX

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

HEBREWS 5:5-10

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 12:20-33

SERMON

HOPE IN A CLEAN HEART

PASTOR LOU ELLEN HARTLEY

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

TRADITIONAL APOSTLES' CREED

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #748**

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and
ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it
strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

The image shows a musical score for Hymn #748. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you." There are asterisks above the notes for "Lord" and "Spir - it".

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

POSTLUDE



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Church Office Hours

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday

Closed on Friday

Our Elders

Class of 2024: Caryl Birstler (clerk), Alicia Downing, George Schumacher, Carolyn Smith

Class of 2025: Barbara Dee Cawley, Linda Cridland, Jerry Reynolds, Leah Robinson

Class of 2026: Barbara Caudill, Bruce Cook, Lesa Shelton, John Morrison

Our Deacons

Class of 2024: Wilma Abel, Sandy Boyett, Ron Shafer, Mary Beth Smith

Class of 2025: Nancy Foley, Toni Scott, Phoebe Schumacher, Amanda Morrison

Class of 2026: Ray Birstler, Nancy Harris, Adele Wardrup

WORSHIP FLOWERS

Worship Flowers are given today by Debbie Viers in loving memory of her father,
Clovis Phelps.

Nursery and Sunday School for All Ages

Infants and Pre-K
Elementary (K-5)
Secondary (6-12)
Men's Bible Study
Adults

CE Hall Room 2
CE Hall Room 4
CE Hall, Room 5
Parlor
Conference Room

Ms. Vicki
Ms. Mary Beth
Ms. Phoebe and Mr. Ron
Rev. Dr. Mark Scott
Pastor Hartley

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

We will have a **Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 p.m. on March 28th, immediately following our 5:30 WOW dinner.** Maundy Thursday service will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

On **Easter Sunday, March 31st**, join us for the **Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m., in the Memorial Garden, or at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.** There will be no children's Sunday School or Anchored meeting.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be **Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00 a.m.** This is the Saturday before Palm Sunday. We are hoping this date helps to bring in extra folks from our community at the beginning of Holy Week.

CASA LOVE OFFERING FOR LENT

This year for Lent, the Outreach Committee invites the congregation to participate in a weekly collection to support the families at CASA in need. CASA is Citrus County's Abuse Shelter which helps get those facing domestic violence to safety. Our church has been a long-time supporter of CASA. Let us celebrate Lent through this special Love Offering. For more information on CASA see <https://casafll.org/>. Each week, a different item of need will be collected.

March 17th: Dish soap/sponges

March 24th: Lotion

DON'T MISS IT!

Don't miss the Citrus Community Concert Choir Spring Concert, "*Celebrate With Spirituals*", on **March 24, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.** in our sanctuary. Admission at the door is \$10 for adults and students are admitted for free; cash or check is accepted. Ticket sales fund a scholarship to a deserving Citrus County student studying music at the college level.

WHAT'S NEXT

The Thursday Bible Study Group will complete their great adventure in the Book of Hebrews this week. After 19 weekly sessions, we've explored every chapter and verse. So, what's next? Come join the group anytime—just bring your Bible. On the **21st**, we'll discuss our next Biblical emphasis. We meet on **Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Homemade cookies and goodies are an extra incentive! Y'all come!!

HAVING A BALL

Our **Operation Christmas Child shoebox mission** item for **March 2024**, is one that any child around the world can turn into a game – i.e. a ball! Just make sure your donated ball is small and can fit into a shoebox. Or a deflated ball with a pump would be fine. Even tennis balls are a treasure. Bring your ball donations to Heidi's "cubbyhole" near the church office. Thank you, church family, for year-round "thinking shoeboxes". Over 6,000 children over the past 20 years have received a shoebox of love from our church family. It's a world-wide mission.

RESTORING HOPE, FEEDING THE HUNGRY, EMPOWERING THE OPPRESSED

For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

We will be collecting for One Great Hour of Sharing from **February 14 – March 31**. Make a note on your check that it is for One Great Hour of Sharing before you drop it into the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity.

PRESBYTERY OF TAMPA BAY NEWS:

On Thursday, March 7, Ruling Elder Commissioner Bruce Cook, Dr. Mark Scott, Roger Ellis, and I headed to Wimauma and the Beth-El Farm Ministry for the Spring presbytery meeting. Beth-El is a joint ministry supported by the Presbytery of Tampa Bay, Peace River Presbytery, and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. This remarkable organization provides a wide variety of support to the migrant farm worker community through a community food shelf, educational support, monthly free dental clinic, social services, legal aid, community organizing, and spiritual support through Nuevo Camino at Beth-El, a Spanish language congregation led by the Rev. Tamara Leonard-Lara.

Highlights of the meeting included:

- Bi-Lingual Worship with Communion led by the Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis. Rev Starling-Louis is one of the co-moderators of the General Assembly and brought a message of hope based on Matthew 25. She happens to be a child of this presbytery having grown up in St. Pete and attending Trinity and Lakeview Presbyterian churches.
- Cedarkirk presented their exciting summer camp plans.
- We formed the Racial Equity Committee as required by the Book of Order.
- Received a very enlightening and inspiring tour of the Beth-El facility.

One of the joys of being Presbyterian is seeing how our connectedness leads to growth and hope for so many.

Pastor Lou Ellen Hartley

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, March 17, 2024

- 9:00 Sunday School
- 9:00 Men's Bible Discussion - Parlor
- 10:00 Worship
- 6:00 Anchored – packing for Blessings

Monday, March 18, 2024

- 5:30 Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

- 10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor
- 11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 5:00 Christian Education/Nurture Committee
- Library

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

- *8:30 Blessings
- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 5:30 Finance Committee - Library

Thursday, March 21, 2024

- *8:30 Blessings
- 9:00 – 12:00 Presbytery Zoom Call
- 10:00 Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 Inverness Rotary Board - Library
- 7:00 GenX Night Out

Friday, March 22, 2024

Saturday, March 23, 2024

- 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:00 CCCC Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday/Holy Week Begins

- 9:00 Sunday School
- 9:00 Men's Bible Discussion - Parlor
- 10:00 Worship
- 3:00 CCCC Concert “*Celebrate With Spirituals*”

*Outside Groups

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

*Greg Andreichuk
Frank & Donna Dublo*

Ask Me Desk

Ben & Nancy Harris



Create in
me a clean
heart, O
God...

PSALM 51:10