

*First Presbyterian Church of Inverness*  
*April 7, Second Sunday of Easter*



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT**

*GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS*

*BETH EVANS*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

How good it is for us to come together as kindred spirits.

**Hallelujah! Our doubts are answered, and we feel the presence of Christ.**

The risen Christ speaks to us and gives us peace.

**Hallelujah! Let our worship be the sign of our belief.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Beloved Jesus, Living God, you enter our hearts, even when we are filled with disbelief. You feel our sadness and hurt as we struggle to make sense of our world. You express your love for us by offering yourself, and we are amazed. You ease our doubt, and we are astonished. We give you thanks, saying, "My Lord, my God!" Amen.**

\*HYMN#245

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"  
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,  
4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,  
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Je - sus died, our souls to save,  
Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,  
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?  
Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

**\*CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**Saving God, we are in awe of the power of resurrection, and we give you glory with our hallelujahs, but we carry lingering doubts about your saving power in our lives.**

**We ask why you do not answer our prayers quickly enough. We demand signs to prove the reality of your promises. Sometimes we find ourselves wondering when you will show up to ease our pain. We pray now that you will help us in our impatience and unbelief.**

**Forgive us and free us to recognize your presence. (silent confession) Let all God's children say, Amen.**

**\*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

**MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU. AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #583**

*GLORY TO GOD*



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**ANTHEM**

*THE MAJESTY AND GLORY OF YOUR NAME*

*BETH EVANS*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**JOHN 20:19-31**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

**ACTS 4:32-37**

**SERMON**

**"MR. NICE GUY"**

**PASTOR LOU ELLEN HARTLEY**

**BAPTISM**

**MAXINE HENDERSON**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**TRADITIONAL APOSTLES' CREED**

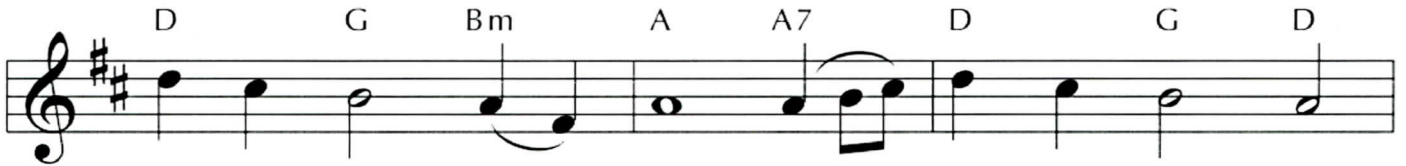
**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN #817**

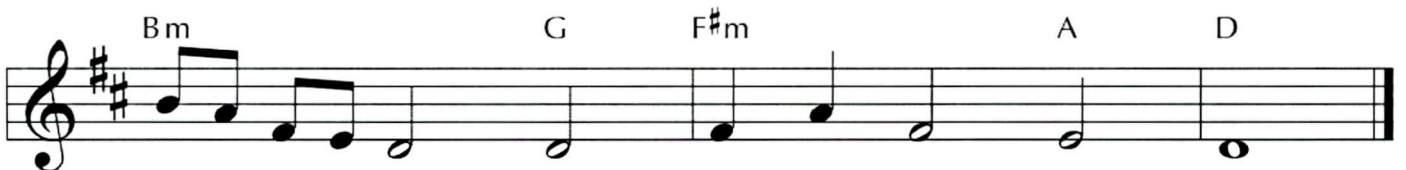
*WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT*



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PRAYER OF THANKS**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**POSTLUDE**

**Church Staff and Contact Information**

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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: Toni Scott, Phoebe Schumacher, Amanda Morrison

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

**WORSHIP FLOWERS**

Worship flowers are given today in loving memory of Shirley Viers  
by Mark and Debbie Viers

**Nursery and Sunday School for All Ages**

**Infants and Pre-K**

CE Hall Room 2

Ms. Vicki

**Elementary (K-5)**

CE Hall Room 4

Ms. Mary Beth

**Secondary (6-12)**

CE Hall, Room 5

Ms. Phoebe and Mr. Ron

**Men's Bible Study**

Parlor

Rev. Dr. Mark Scott

**Adults**

Conference Room

Pastor Hartley

## **GRIEF SUPPORT**

The Grief Support Group will meet on **Monday, April 8, at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor.**

## **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Coffee and conversation will meet **Wednesday, April 10, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**, in the Fellowship Hall. Come and get to know each other and talk about anything you want.

## **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

The Congregational Life Committee invites enthusiastic participants to join us! We plan dinners, events, and activities for our church family, at least once a month. Many hands make light work, and we need more hands! If you have a passion for cooking, baking, or washing up (including pots and pans!), consider joining the Congregational Life Team.

## **WORSHIP FLOWERS**

We have dates available if you would like purchase flowers for the sanctuary! You may honor a loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or praise God for the beauty that He has given us. Place your order at the Ask-Me-Desk and then drop a check for \$37.00 into the offering plate. Please write “Worship Flowers” on the memo line of your check. Your order includes two arrangements, which you may take home after the service, or leave at the church so a Deacon may deliver the arrangements to one of our homebound members.

## **GOLF ANYONE??**

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone interested in a church golf scramble. In the past, we have played nine holes and then shared a meal. If you are interested, please sign up with your phone number and we’ll contact you. For further information, call Don Stafford (352-422-0887) or Frank Mattox (352-341-2484).

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE**

Men’s Fellowship Jon LaFontaine/Eric Fritzeen 2024 WTC Scholarship applications are available at the Sign-Up Station in the narthex. There are four awards of \$500. The final date is **Wednesday, May 1, 2024.**

## **MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

The real meaning of service is more than the use of a simple word, it is a life-long dedication and commitment to helping others to a better life, to higher standards. To provide “Real Service” demands the giver has the benefit of others as their priority. **Join us for breakfast at 8:30 am this Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**, as we explore ways in which we may be of service to others! Feeding the Homeless! Partnering with others in service. Your Men’s Fellowship!

## OUR TREE OF LIFE

Our beautiful Tree of Life, displayed on the wall in our narthex, is composed of many leaves honoring loved ones, friends and family. The fund was established to earmark donations for unexpected repairs to our church facilities and the repair or replacement of equipment (for example, an air conditioner).

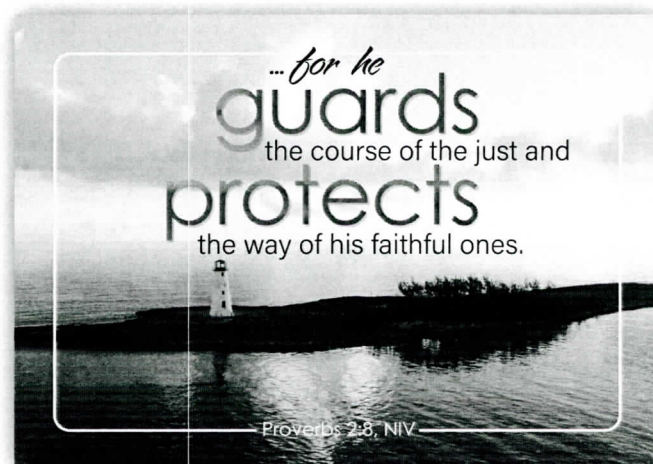
What has brought joy to your life? Perhaps a group that you belong to, such as: a barbership quartet; a quilting bee; a car club; a women's circle; or your hobby club? Perhaps you have a pet who means the world to you. Or, you experienced a life-changing event: your 25th anniversary, the birth of your child or grandchild, or graduating from your alma mater. These leaves are a beautiful, tangible, and lasting way to recognize the joys in our lives.

Members or friends of the church may purchase a leaf for \$300, which may be paid in \$100 increments. Upon receipt of the total amount, the leaf will be engraved with the sentiment of the donor's choice and placed on the tree.

To order a leaf and commemorate the joys of your life, complete the *Tree of Life Leaf Request Form* (in the narthex) and mail it, with your check to the church office. If you have questions, please call or email the church office at [fpcinoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fpcinoffice@gmail.com).

## TOYS FOR BOYS

As is our custom, from February through August, we collect items for our Operatoin Christmas child Shoebox Mission Project. The items are stored until September, when our annual "packing party" kicks off this world-wide mission to children. Each month, we emphasize a different item and the month of April is Toys For boys. We always seem to have "frilly" girl things, but not many boys' toys. So, if you find a good buy on anything for boys, such as a slinky, a yo-yo, small frisbee, a sack of marbles, small cars and trucks, baseballs, a baseball cap, etc., etc., let's remember the boys. No play guns or military soldiers – some of these children are exposed to war. Our shoeboxes are mean tto bring joy and the love of Jesus! Bring your boy-toy finds to Heidi's "cubbyhole" bin near the church office. Samaritan's Purse Ministries delivers thse shoeboxes to over 130 countries with the message of God's love – a beacon of hope to huring children world-wide.



**THIS WEEK AT FPC**

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

***Communion Sunday with Baptism***

9:00 Sunday School

9:00 Men's Bible Discussion

10:00 Worship Service

6:00 Anchored

**Monday, April 8, 2024**

11:00 Grief Support – Parlor

5:30 Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor

11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

\*8:30 Blessings

8:30 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee & Conversation – Fellowship Hall

5:30 Outreach Committee - Library

**Thursday, April 11, 2024**

\*8:30 Blessings

10:00 Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

11:00 Congregational Life Committee - Library

2:00 – 4:00 Pastor's Presbytery Zoom Call

**Friday, April 12, 2024**

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

9:00 Sunday School

9:00 Men's Bible Discussion – Parlor

10:00 Worship

6:00 Anchored

\*Outside Groups

A SPECIAL

# Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

*Mary Palmer*

*Robert Ramsey*

*Toni Scott*

Ask Me Desk

*Sandy Boyette*

*Dennis Cleerdin*

A graphic featuring a coffee cup on a saucer with steam rising from it, set against a light background. The text is overlaid on the graphic.

**Coffee &  
Conversation**  
**10:00 AM**  
**April 10**  
**Fellowship Hall**