

*First Presbyterian Church of Inverness*  
*April 14, Third Sunday of Easter*



PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

*"OH, HOW HE LOVES YOU AND ME"*

CHANCEL CHOIR

CALL TO WORSHIP

We live in the radiance of your glory.

**Our worship comes from the gladness you have put in our hearts.**

We give you thanks for the peace of your salvation.

**Oh, hear the joy of our praise for your grace and mercy.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Blessed Savior, you keep showing up for us in unexpected places. When we face uncertainty, you are there. When we worry about our tomorrows, you are there.**

**And even in the doubt-filled lonely hours, you are there. Hear our prayer of thanks for your constant love, which convinces us to sing aloud, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine."**

**Amen.**

# BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

**\*CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**What love you have given us, O God, that we should be called your children.**

**What love you have given us, O Christ, that we should share a table with you.**

**Forgive us when we act as if we were your only children: when we do not recognize your image in the faces of strangers, enemies, or friends; when we do not share our own tables, forgetting that we need each other. Forgive us, O Christ, maker of peace, and teach us to follow in your way. (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 o - ri - a al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia!

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

*"AMAZING GRACE/MY CHAINS ARE GONE"*

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**PSALM 4**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**LUKE 24:36B-48**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

**1 JOHN 3:1-7**

**SERMON**

*"CHILDREN OF GOD"*

**PASTOR LOU ELLEN HARTLEY**

**DEACON INSTALLATION**

**DONNA DUBLO**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**FROM THE BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, take and use these gifts for your purpose in the world— giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the dead. Teach us to live each day for you, so that future generations will know your goodness and praise your glory; in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \*HYMN # 296

### GO IN GRACE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's  
2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,  
3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and



ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's  
but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant  
man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the



vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth  
love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed;  
gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,



to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and  
jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low  
as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -



make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth.  
Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.  
cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

## \*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 by Rob, Steven, Andrew and Sagarika Bingler:

In loving memory of Susan A. Bingler to honor her birthday.

### **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

## 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.

## UPCOMING TEE-TIME

Before our snowbirds fly home, it is our custom to organize a golf scramble for our church family and friends. The date will be **Saturday, April 20th, the time is 2:00 p.m., at Twisted Oaks Golf Course in Beverly Hills. It's only \$26.00 for nine holes.** You can arrange your own foursome, or come solo and be put on a team. After the nine holes, the group will gather at the Olive Garden Restaurant to share a meal and fellowship. Many times, friends and family will join the golfers for dinner. Phone Don Stafford at 352-422-0887 for more information and to sign up.

## TEAM SUPPORT

On **Thursday afternoon, April 18th, our Fellowship Hall** will be full of baseball and softball team members from Citrus High School. As is our custom, we provide a pre-game meal to the athletic teams of our local high school. The teens enjoy a spaghetti dinner, hear a devotion, and anticipate a CHS giveaway. It's a joy to host thankful, enthusiastic, and noisy youth and send them on to play ball! A hometown mission! And the coaches particularly appreciate that we value and acknowledge the commitment and hard work of these teens.

## TOYS FOR BOYS

As is our custom, from February through August, we collect items for our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission Project. The items are stored until September when our annual "packing party" kicks off this worldwide 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, a 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 meant to bring joy and the love of Jesus! Bring your items to Heidi's "cubbyhole" bin near the church office. Samaritan's Purse Ministries delivers the shoeboxes to over 130 countries with the message of God's love – a beacon of hope to hurting children world-wide.



## WORSHIP FLOWERS

We have dates available if you would like to 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.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ACTIVITIES

The Congregational Life Committee has set the schedule for the coming months – grab your calendar and save the dates! There will be *no* WOW dinner in April.

On **May 22nd**, we are having Taco Night. There will be a sign-up sheet, so be sure to write down what you can bring. On **June 9th, July 7th, and August 4th**, we are replacing the WOW dinners by having pot-luck dinners in the Fellowship Hall, immediately after the worship service.

God is working,  
even when we can't see it  
and don't understand.



## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, April 14, 2024

9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Men's Bible Discussion – Parlor  
9:45 Congregational Meeting  
10:00 Worship  
11:00 Worship Committee  
6:00 Anchored

### Monday, April 15, 2024

5:30 Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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

### Wednesday, April 17, 2024

\*8:30 Blessings  
9:00 Staff Meeting

### Thursday, April 18, 2024

\*8:30 Blessings  
10:00 Bible Study – Fellowship Hall  
3:00 Citrus High School Baseball/Softball  
Teams Spaghetti Dinner  
7:00 GenX Night Out

### Friday, April 19, 2024

### Saturday, April 20, 2024

8:30 – 3:00 Relief Share – Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, April 21, 2024

9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Men's Bible Discussion – Parlor  
10:00 Worship  
6:00 Anchored – Youth Room

\*Outside Groups

A SPECIAL

# Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

### Ushers

*Sandy Boyette  
Terrie Christoffers  
Martha Coughlan*

### Ask Me Desk

*Ray & Caryl Birstler*



See what love the  
Father has given us,  
that we should be  
called children of God.

1 John 3:1, NRSV

