

*First Presbyterian Church of Inverness
April 28, 2024 The Fifth Sunday of Easter*



PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

“COME JUST AS YOU ARE”

CHANCEL CHOIR

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 22

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, you can turn our grief into peace, our despair into hope, our fear into faith and courage. Through the power and grace of Easter, you are able take what is old and used up and make something new and vibrant. You are able to open our eyes to see the possibilities, to see the gifts, to experience the blessings you lay out before us. Because you are the God who gives us life, we offer thanks and worship you. Amen.

*HYMN #611

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches. In your grace, we find strength, and in your love, we are set free. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who have been freed, when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world upside down. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are your branches, when we forget that we are rooted in you and bound to one another by your spirit. Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine, and teach us to abide in you. (Pause for 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

LORI WOLFORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

"10,000 REASONS"

CHANCEL CHOIR

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

1 JOHN 4:7-21

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 15:1-8

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ACTS 8:26-40

SERMON

"CAN'T DO THIS ALONE"

PASTOR LOU ELLEN HARTLEY

***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**

***HYMN # 450**

BE THOU MY VISION



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 B^b E^b A^b B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 A^b E^b Gm7 A^b B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm E^b/G A^b E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

***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: Toni Scott, Phoebe Schumacher, Amanda Morrison

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

WORSHIP FLOWERS

In loving memory of my wife, Joan Fritzeen, worship flowers are given today
by Eric Fritzeen.

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

Mr. Ron

Men's Bible Study

Parlor

Rev. Dr. Mark Scott

Adults

Conference Room

Barbara Caudill

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ON PAUSE

Adult Sunday School classes will not meet today, **April 28th and May 5th**. Classes will resume on **May 12**.

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**. The church will provide the meat and Mexican rice. There will be a sign-up sheet, so be sure to write down what you will 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.

CHAIR YOGA

Beginning Wednesday, June 5th, Chair Yoga will be offered as a free class every **Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.** Plan to bring a bottle of water and a towel/stretch band for class. Stick around afterwards for **Coffee & Conversation** and crafts from **10:00 to 12:00**. For more information, see Phoebe Schumacher.

SINGLES EATING TOGETHER

Singles Eating Together *will not meet in May*. Join us on **June 5th**.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast is on **Wednesday, May 8th, at 8:30 a.m.** All men are invited.

ANCHORED YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

In honor of Earth Day and Creation, Anchored made bird feeders on Sunday, April 21st. The kids hung the feeders around the church property, including outside Pastor Lou Ellen's office. Check out the pictures of the group on our *FPCI News Update for April 25th*.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Support Group will meet on **Monday, May 13th, at 11:00 a.m. in The Parlor.**

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.

WITHLACOOCHEE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Wednesday, May 1, is the last day to apply for one of four \$500 scholarships to WTC. Complete an application, located at the Sign-up Station in the narthex and submit it to the church office.

MEN’S BIBLE DISCUSSION

We will study Psalms 120 through 134 now and through to the end of May. We are using the book: *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* by Eugene Peterson. All men are invited.

**GOD
HEARS
YOUR
PRAYERS**

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, April 28, 2024

- 9:00 Youth Sunday School
- 9:00 No Adult Sunday School
- 9:00 Men's Bible Discussion - Parlor
- 10:00 Worship
- 6:00 Anchored – Youth Room

Monday, April 29, 2024

- 5:30 Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

- 10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor
- 11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

- *8:30 Blessings
- 11:00 Grief Support – Parlor

Thursday, May 2, 2024

National Day of Prayer

- *8:30 Blessings
- 10:00 Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 3, 2024

Saturday, May 4, 2024

- *1:00 Gulf to Lakes Pilot Club –
Tea/Fashion Show – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Communion Sunday

Dr. Mark Scott Preaching

- 9:00 Youth Sunday School
- 9:00 No Adult 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

*Clif & Wanda Hart
Russ Hackett*

Ask Me Desk

Sandra Koonce



**FOR LOVE IS
FROM GOD.**

1 JOHN 4:7, NASB