

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness
May 12, 2024 Ascension Sunday



PRELUDE

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

LORI WOLFORD

INTROIT

"THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE"

CHILDREN

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 93

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN # 263**

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
3 Let ev - ery kin-dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
4 O that with yon - der sa - cred thron'g we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

(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"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 24:44-53

SERMON

"MAKING ROOM"

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.

***DOXLOGY #606**

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*HYMN #260

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we

throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor
stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from
own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,
day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of
robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

*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

Worship flowers are given today by Laura Morrow, in loving memory to honor her mother,
Geneva Franz Morrow Wilson.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers!

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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ACTIVITIES

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

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.

WE NEED YOUR SMILE

It's important to greet people as they come into the church with a smile, or an answer to a simple question, or to welcome new people. This is what those who volunteer at the Ask-Me-Desk are all about. But we need more VOLUNTEERS to help, perhaps only once a month, or a fifth Sunday, or just as a substitute. Please contact Sandy Boyette at 937-346-4383, or leave your name with the office and I will contact you. Consider tithing your time. Thank you, Sandy Boyette

INFANTS IN NEED

Pentecost Sunday is **May 19th**. In addition to wearing red for service, please consider contributing to the Pentecost Offering. This is a denominational offering that supports young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world". Of the funds contributed congregations keep 40% to support children and youth mission work in their church and community. The Outreach Committee voted to use those funds to support our *Infants in Need* mission work. Mothers in need at FCA Florida Citrus Hospital receive a diaper bag full of supplies to help get them started as a gift from our congregation.

Informational video: <https://vimeo.com/925124610/e063000bd8?share=copy>

PCUSA Special Offering Website: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/>

SINGLES EATING TOGETHER

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

GO ‘CANES

As is our church’s custom, we provide a pre-game meal to the local sports teams of Citrus High School. On April 18th, the baseball team and softball team players and coaches enjoyed a pizza supper provided by Dr. Dennis Bennett. A devotion and testimony by Bruce Cook was well received by the teens. Next time you are in our Fellowship Hall, notice all of the CHS pictures and plaques that have been presented to our church by the appreciative sports teams through the years. It’s a hometown mission!

CUB DELIVERY

The Outreach Committee again delivered our latest offering of non-perishable food to Citrus United Basket (CUB). The 75# of much needed groceries was and is an ongoing mission of our church family. Thanks to all! The CUB Shopping basket is located in the narthex for future donations.

SOMETHING HUGGABLE

Did you have a favorite teddy bear or doll as a child? Remember the comfort it would bring when life was sad or scary? Every year, with our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission Project, we try to include something huggable—a small doll or stuffed animal in each box; something huggable for “the least of these” somewhere in the world. This is our shoebox item for the month of May. If you find a good buy on something soft and cuddly, bring it to Heidi’s “cubbyhole” near the church office. Come September 18th, everything will come out of storage for our shoebox “kick-off”/WOW dinner to begin our 21st year of participating in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan’s Purse. Thank you, church family and friends, for loving children all over the world – feel the hug!

REQUESTING GREETING CARDS

The Deacons are in need of greeting cards for mailing to our congregation, specifically cards for anniversary, get well, and Christmas. If you have some of these to spare, please bring them to church and leave them at the office or the Ask-Me-Desk; I will collect them. Thank you. Sandy Boyette, for the Board of Deacons.

REV. HARTLEY ATTENDING CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE

Pastor Hartley will be out of the office this week, May 6 – 19, to attend a continuing education course, *Festival of Homiletics*.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Mother's Day

- 9:00 Sunday School
- 9:00 Men's Bible Discussion - Parlor
- 10:00 Worship
- 11:00 Congregational Life Meeting - Library

Monday, May 13, 2024

- 11:00 Grief Support
- 5:30 Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

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

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

- *8:30 Blessings
- 5:30 Finance Committee - Library

Thursday, May 16, 2024

- *8:30 Blessings
- 10:00 Bible Study – Library
- 11:30 Inverness Rotary Board - Library
- 7:00 GenX Night Out

Friday, May 17, 2024

Saturday, May 18, 2024

- 9:00 - 3:00 Relief Share – Fellowship Hall
- 10:00-11:30 CCCC Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

Elders are leading the service

- 9:00 Sunday School –Adult only
- 9:00 Men's Bible Discussion
- 10:00 Worship Service
- 2:00 Anchored – Ft. Island Gulf Beach

*Outside Groups

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Mary Palmer
Toni Scott
Robert Ramsey

Ask Me Desk

Ray & Caryl Birstler

