

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness
May 19, 2024 Pentecost Sunday



PRELUDE

WELCOME

LORI WOLFORD

INTROIT

'BREATHE'

ALICIA DOWNING

CALL TO WORSHIP

LORI WOLFORD

Come! Let us speak plainly and boldly of our faith.

The Spirit of God descends upon us, and Christ's promise to us is fulfilled.

The expression of the Spirit's power in our community is a wonder to behold.

We each have a different voice, yet we witness God's joy together! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING THE STORY OF PENTECOST

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ACTS 2:1-11

SHARING OUR STORIES

CARYL BIRSTLER, LEAH ROBINSON, BARBARA DEE CAWLEY

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.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

BARBARA DEE CAWLEY

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

BARBARA DEE CAWLEY

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. Amen.

***SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

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

***GLORIA PATRI #583**

GLORY TO GOD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LORI WOLFORD

SHARING OUR STORIES

JOHN MORRISON, GEORGE SCHUMACHER, LESA SHELTON

HYMN

BLESSED ASSURANCE, CHORUS ONLY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BRUCE COOK

ANTHEM

"BLESSINGS"

ALICIA DOWNING

SHARING OUR STORIES

BRUCE COOK, BARBARA CAUDILL

HYMN #839

BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE! (CHORUS ONLY)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (FROM THE BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH)**

LORI WOLFORD

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**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

LORI WOLFORD

***HYMN #748**

GO WITH US, LORD

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 musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "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 piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

LINDA CRIDLAND

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 Boyette, 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 **Maxine Henderson** in memory of her husband, John M. Henderson, Jr.'s birthday.

Worship flowers are also given by **the Chancel Choir** in heartfelt thanks to Lesa Shelton, our Music Director, for her extraordinary volunteer service and for the Spirit she ignites in us.

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
Mr. Ron
Rev. Dr. Mark Scott
Barbara Caudill

ROCK OF AGERS GAME DAY

Wednesday, May 22, from 10:00 – 12:00 noon, join us in the Fellowship Hall to play Canasta.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ACTIVITIES

On **May 22nd**, we are having **Taco Night!** The church will provide the meat and Mexican rice. There is a sign-up sheet, so be sure to write down what you are bringing.

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.

SINGLES EATING TOGETHER

Singles Eating Together *will not meet in May*. Join us on **June 5th** at Bangkok Thai, 4025 N. Lecanto Hwy., Beverly Hills, at 4:30 p.m.

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

Today, 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. 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/>

A TRIBUTE

This past week, the Thursday Bible Study Group recognized and honored our church family's "behind the scenes" facility manager. Danny Sullivan has been on the church staff for close to 20 years. His duties cover five pages of responsibilities in his job description. Our physical building is lovingly cared for and maintained by Danny and Gary Oorbeck – a big responsibility! On Thursday the 16th, Danny was presented with a "Tree of Life" leaf to be added to the tree displayed in the narthex. The donations for this leaf will be designated for unexpected repairs to our church facility and/or replacement of worn-out equipment. How appropriate to honor Danny for taking care of and maintaining our sanctuary and physical property! It's a fitting tribute to Danny, who tirelessly strives to keep our church buildings and equipment operational, welcoming and comfortable. "Thank you, Danny!" from all the family of faith.

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; and I will collect them. Thank you. Sandy Boyette, for the Board of Deacons.

CURIOUS?

Did you know that the Thursday Bible Study Group has been meeting weekly for well over 10 years? Aren't you a little bit curious? It's open to anyone in the community. None are experts, but all are eager to "dig into" His Word. These last two Thursdays in May, the group will finish their current discussion on the Book of Ephesians. Why not come and see us on one of those Thursdays? Perhaps it will be an encouragement to commit Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. to be part of the best book club in this world – Bible study. No prior experience needed; just a hunger to learn more. The "cookies and goodies of the week" are an added incentive! If you can't come this May, a new season will resume in September. Welcome!

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

9:00 Sunday School –Adults only

9:00 Men's Bible Discussion

10:00 Worship Service

2:00 Anchored – Ft. Island Gulf Beach

Monday, May 20, 2024

5:30 Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Citrus High School Graduation

10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor

11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Lecanto High School Graduation

*8:30 Blessings

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 – 12:00 Rock of Agers Game Day –
Fellowship Hall

5:00 WOW – Taco Night – Fellowship
Hall

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Crystal River High School Graduation

*8:30 Blessings

10:00 Bible Study – Library

Friday, May 24, 2024

Saturday, May 25, 2024

10:00-11:30 CCCC Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday, May 26, 2024

9:00 Sunday School –Adults only

9:00 Men's Bible Discussion

10:00 Worship Service

*Outside Groups

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Sandy Boyette

Terrie Christoffers

Martha Coughlin

Ask Me Desk

Ben & Nancy Harris

