

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness
May 26, 2024 Trinity Sunday



PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

“SPIRIT SONG”

CHANCEL CHOIR

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 29, A PSALM OF DAVID

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

³ **The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.** ⁴ **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹ **May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

OPENING PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Descant

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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

For you so loved the world, O God, that you came among us to feel our pain, amplify our joy, and bless our broken stories. For you so loved the world, O God, that you are among us still, calling us by your spirit to follow in the way of your love. Forgive us when we do not listen, O God: when we forget the love that you have for us and the love we are called to share with one another. Forgive us, three-in-one God, and let your love transform our lives. (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*

CHILDREN'S SERMON **LORI WOLFORD**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

By your Spirit, O God, transform our lives.

ANTHEM **"BE THOU MY VISION"** **CHANCEL CHOIR**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **ISAIAH 6:1-8**

EPISTLE LESSON **ROMANS 8:12-17**

GOSPEL LESSON **JOHN 3:1-17**

SERMON **"CAN NOT BE CONTAINED"** **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**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us. Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world, so that all may know and share the abundance of your grace; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #69**

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY (HERE I AM, LORD)

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love - a - lone.
bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

***MEMORIAL BLESSING**

***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 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 **Clif and Wanda Hart** in celebration of their 68th wedding anniversary.

Worship flowers are also given by **Nora Campbell** in loving memory of her dear husband and friend, Trevor Campbell. Soar with the angels!

Nursery and Sunday School for All Ages

*Sunday School is on Summer Break Until September**

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

68th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Please join Clif and Wanda Hart in the Fellowship Hall after service for coffee and cake to celebrate their anniversary.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ACTIVITIES

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.

WE NEED YOUR SMILE

Will you tithe one hour a month? It's important to greet people as they come into the church with a smile, or an answer to a simple question, and 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. Thank you, Sandy Boyette

THEOLOGY & WINE MEETS IN JUNE & JULY

Theology & Wine has decided to meet this summer after all. Please join us at Angelo's Pizzeria in downtown Inverness on **June 20th and July 11th**. There is a sign-up sheet for June in the Narthex.

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 anniversaries, 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.

PRAISE KIDS SUMMER SAVE-THE-DATES

Praise Kids (toddlers-preschoolers) will be meeting at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11th at Liberty Park** for a play date. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please remember to bring water with you. Ms. Lori will be bringing snacks for the group.

On **Tuesday, July 9th** we will be meeting at the Splash Pad at Whispering Pines Park. More details to come as we get closer.

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. This week, the last Thursday in May, the group will finish their current discussion on the Book of Ephesians. Why not come and see us? 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! Our new season will resume in September. Plan to join us!

ANCHORED SUMMER PLANS

Beginning on **Wednesday, June 5**, we will be helping the Citrus County Blessings at the Inverness Depot. The congregation is welcome to join us in the mission work to support the children and families of Citrus County. Time will be announced once we receive it from the Blessings folks. Last year it was between 4:00-6:30 p.m.. It should be about the same time again this year.

Anchored will be tubing the Rainbow River on **Thursday, June 27th at 10:00 a.m.** On **July 25th** we will travel to the ICE Plex in Tampa for some lunch and ice skating! Remember to text Ms. Lori your RSVP. The kids are earning these trips through their mission work.



THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, May 26, 2024

9:00 Men's Bible Discussion - Parlor
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Clif & Wanda Hart Anniversary
Celebration – Fellowship Hall – All are
invited!

Monday, May 27, 2024

Memorial Day
Church is closed

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor
11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
5:30 Deacons Meeting – Fellowship Hall
5:30 Elders Meeting - Library

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Last day of school
9:00 Staff Meeting

Thursday, May 30, 2024

10:00 Bible Study – Library

Friday, May 31, 2024

Saturday, June 1, 2024

10:00-11:30 CCCC Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Communion Sunday
9:00 Men's Bible Discussion - Parlor
10:00 Worship Service

*Outside Groups

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Frank & Donna Dublo

Ask Me Desk

*Sandra Koonce
Sandy Olson*

