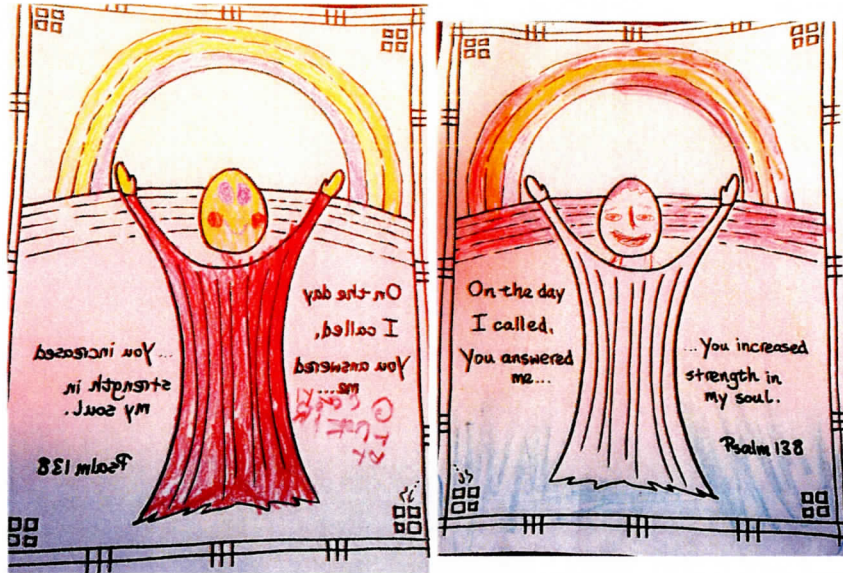


*First Presbyterian Church of Inverness  
June 9, 2024 Third Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 4*



PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

*"GOD'S LOVE IS DEEP WITHIN ME"*

CHANCEL CHOIR

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 138

Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

**We give the Lord our thanks and praise.**

Bow down before the Lord and worship.

**We bow down before the Lord and give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

**The Lord's name is above all others.**

## OPENING PRAYER

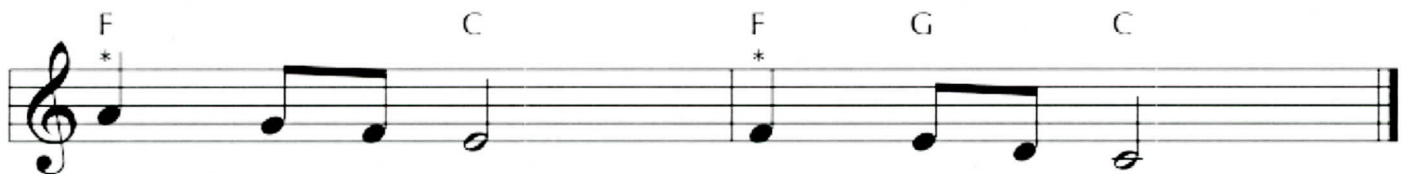
Steadfast God, you constantly surprise us with unprecedented grace and unexpected redemption, forgiving us when we least deserve it, showing love to those we most despise. Enliven us to keep watch for your love at work in those we demonize, for your power in those we look down upon, and for your deliverance from all the ways that we try to make you conform to the structures and systems we have built. All this we pray through Jesus Christ, who called us to a new way of being. Amen.

## \*HYMN # 413

### COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE



1 Come in - to God's pres-ence sing - ing "Al - le - lu - ia,  
2 Come in - to God's pres-ence sing - ing "Je - sus is Lord,  
3 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Wor - thy the Lamb,  
4 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Glo - ry to God,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."  
Je - sus is Lord, Je - sus is Lord."  
wor - thy the Lamb, wor - thy the Lamb."  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God."

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

You have called us blessed, O God, and washed us in the waters of grace.  
You have called us a family, O God, and bound us by the presence of your Spirit.  
Forgive us, O Holy One, when we try to forget that we belong to you: when we bind ourselves to the illusion of independence, the myth of supremacy, or the fear of what might happen if we placed our trust in something beyond ourselves.  
Forgive us, O Holy One, and by your forgiveness, free us from all that keeps us bound.  
(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 #582** *GLORY TO GOD WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME*

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

LORI WOLFORD

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

By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**

**ANTHEM**

*"FIND IN ME A THANKFUL HEART"*

CHANCEL CHOIR

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

**GOSPEL LESSON**

MARK 3:20-25

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 SAMUEL 8:4-20

**SERMON**

**"BEING LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE"**

REV. LOU ELLEN HARTLEY

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*DOXOLOGY #606**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #694**

*GREAT GOD OF EVERY BLESSING*

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,  
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,  
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.  
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.  
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:  
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

**\*BENEDICTION 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**

Praise be to the name of God forever and ever; wisdom and power are His.

The Savary Endowment

### **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

*Artwork on the front of today's bulletin is provided by our children.*

### **POTLUCK DINNER**

Immediately following the worship service today, you are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for our potluck dinner!

### **ANCHORED SUMMER PLANS**

On **Wednesdays this summer, from 4:45 – 6:30 p.m.**, we are helping Citrus County Blessings at the Inverness Depot. The congregation is welcome to join us in this mission work to support the children and families of Citrus County.

**Anchored** will be tubing the Rainbow River on **Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**, and on **July 25<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup>**. There is a sign-up sheet for June in the Narthex.

### **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Coffee & Conversation will meet on **Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us!

### **PRAISE KIDS SUMMER SAVE-THE-DATES**

Praise Kids (toddlers-preschoolers) will be meeting at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>** we will be meeting at the Splash Pad at Whispering Pines Park. More details to come as we get closer

## NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Praise Kids Worship Bags:** We have new worship bags for our children. In each bag there are coloring/activity pages that follow the lectionary lessons, a few books to read, and a few “toys” to play with during service. It is our hope that this helps make the children feel welcome during worship.

**Children’s Bulletins:** For the summer months, while Sunday School is on break, there will be Children’s Bulletins available. These will be interactive, child-friendly versions of our regular bulletins. Included in these bulletins will be a large coloring page which will serve as the bulletin art for the following week. We look forward to displaying the beautiful art created by our children.

### JOY IS COLORFUL

For the month of June, our Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoebox items are coloring books and crayons. As a child, do you remember trying hard to “stay between the lines?” we try to put a coloring book and crayons in every OCC shoebox. The joy of coloring a picture is universal and soothing to both a child or an adult. We even collect the coloring sheets from the newspaper or our church bulletins. So, if you find a good buy on coloring books and/or crayons, gather some up and bring to Heidi’s “cubby-hole” near the church office. Come September, every shoebox will have something to color with joy!

### PUZZLE TABLE

As the summer heat sets in, please feel free to grab a puzzle from the puzzle table in the church lobby. Puzzles are good for our mental health so grab a puzzle and have some fun!

### THURSDAYS ON PAUSE

The Thursday Bible study group has just completed their 10 sessions on the Book of Ephesians. Ask us anything about the Church at Ephesus – so much good counsel for the Church of today! Thursdays will resume in September. The traditional ice cream social will be in August. Watch the bulletin and come for an icy treat and see what you’re missing!

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ACTIVITIES

**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.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, June 9, 2024

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Pot-luck Dinner

### Monday, June 10, 2024

### Tuesday, June 11, 2024

10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor

10:00-12 Praise Kids – Liberty Park Picnic

11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

### Wednesday, June 12, 2024

8:30 Men's Fellowship Breakfast -  
Fellowship Hall

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee & Conversation – Fellowship  
Hall

4:45 – 6:30 Packing for Blessings at  
The Depot

### Thursday, June 13, 2024

### Friday, June 14, 2024

### Saturday, June 15, 2024

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

10:00-11:30 CCCC Rehearsal - Sanctuary

### Sunday, June 16, 2024

10:00 Worship Service

\*Outside Groups

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# Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

### Ushers

*Ben & Nancy Harris*

*Jerry Reynolds*

### Ask Me Desk

*Ray & Caryl Birstler*



*Be an  
Original*

