

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness
June 30, 2024 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 8



PRELUDE

DR. MARINA VEILER

WELCOME

INTROIT

"I JUST CAME TO TALK WITH YOU, LORD"

LYNETTE STRICKLAND

CALL TO WORSHIP

The steadfast love of God never ceases.

God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness, O God.

Weeping may linger for the night,

but joy comes with the morning, for you hear us when we cry.

So we will praise you and will not be silent.

Sing praises, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, you listen to all our prayers— cries of joy and cries for help, shouts of frustration and speechless awe, wordless weeping and lengthy lament. Some of us wait decades for your response; others sense it immediately. May we come to know your presence, even when you seem absent, and seek your unexpected responses. Embolden us to keep praying through dismay and disappointment, for the Holy Spirit speaks for us when we are unable to pray. Amen.

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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

You shower us with blessings, with chances to know your grace. Still, O Lord, we twist your promises and pray for blessings we can own. You call us to leave our selfish ways and follow your call to compassion. Still, O Lord, we choose shallow belief over transformative faith. You have told us that your love is enough, that the waters of mercy will not run dry. Still, O Lord, we choose fear instead of trust, hiding behind the illusion that we can survive on our own. Forgive us, Holy One, and by your forgiveness, offer us a chance to try again. (silent prayer) 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^b E^b B^b 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

ANTHEM

"HOW GREAT THOU ART"

LYNNETTE STRICKLAND

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

SERMON

"WHEN THE HEALING COMES"

REV. LOU ELLEN HARTLEY

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

***DOXOLOGY #606**

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

***HYMN #546**

LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

***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

May the glory of the Lord endure forever.

Psalm 104:31

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

SINGLES EATING TOGETHER

SET will meet on **July 3rd at 4:30 p.m.** at Cedar River Seafood, 804 US Hwy 41, Inverness. Be sure to sign up in the narthex.

IT'S A SEASON OF FELLOWSHIP!

Yea!!! We've decided to go back to being known as the "**Fellowship Committee**," instead of Congregational Life to clear up any confusion about what we are all about. We love to sponsor get-togethers where we can get to know you. Our next get-together will be after church on **July 7th**. I know we've got some pulled pork for our meal, so put on your thinking caps to figure out what you're going to bring for the potluck meal. Sign up in the narthex! - Leah Robinson.

ANCHORED SUMMER PLANS

On **Wednesdays this summer, from 4:45 to 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.

On **July 25th** Anchored 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.

PRAISE KIDS SUMMER SAVE-THE-DATES

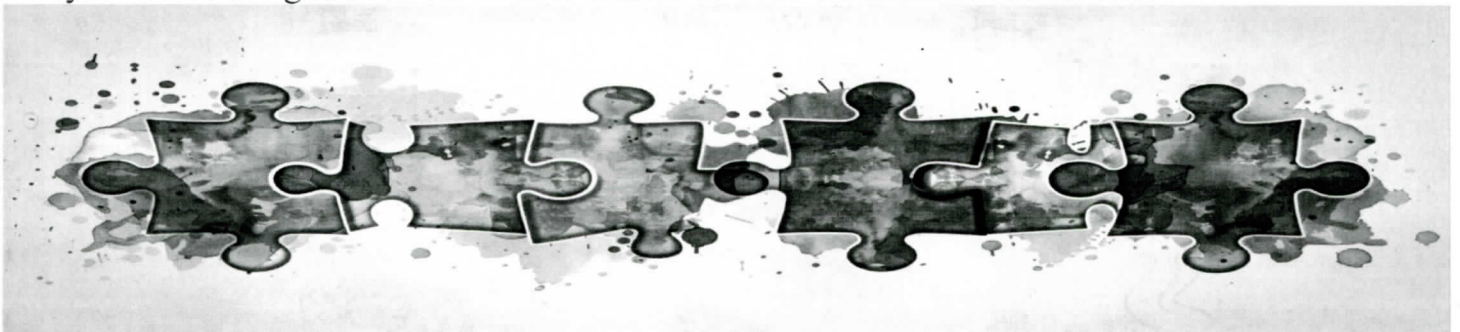
In July, the Praise Kids will be going to Whispering Pines Park Splash Pad! We will be heading to the park **after the church potluck on Sunday, July 7th**.

THEOLOGY & WINE – SAVE THE DATE

Theology & Wine has decided to meet this summer after all. Please join us at Angelo's Pizzeria in downtown Inverness at 7:00 p.m. on **July 11th**. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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 cool off and have some fun!



SHOEBOX JOY

What a *joy* to find 12 knitted caps in Heidi's cubby-hole cabinet for Operation Christmas Child! The anonymous knitter has made a difference to a dozen children somewhere in this world. Previously, someone donated a whole shopping bag full of children's socks for the **September 18th "packing party."** Thank you, church family and friends, for "thinking shoeboxes." When you find a real bargain that is appropriate for shoeboxes, gather them up and bring them to Heidi's cubby-hole storage area. This will be our 21st year for this worldwide mission. Every shoebox is packed with the love of Jesus, along with shoebox supplies. Keep thinking shoeboxes! For more information about this mission, contact Audrey Mattox, 352-341-2484, or look up samaritanspurse.org/occ.

RAYS UP!!

We have a block of tickets to the Tampa Bay Rays vs. Cleveland Guardians at Tropicana Field on **Sunday, July 14**. We will leave after church and head down to the early afternoon game. We have 20 tickets reserved and 6 tickets are now available. If you are interested, please sign up in the narthex.

DATE: July 14

TIME: Leaving church no later than 11:30 am

COST: \$50 per ticket (includes transportation, parking, ticket, brown bag lunch for the road)

DEADLINE: Sign up by July 1

FIREWORKS ON THE LAWN

Join us on **July 3rd** as we watch of the city of Inverness' fireworks show over Lake Henderson! The fireworks are scheduled to begin at 9:15 p.m., but you are welcome to come at dusk, bring your chairs or blankets to sit on, and pick your perfect spot. *Kona Ice* will be here, so support them; their sales are shared as a fundraiser for our Anchored group.



THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, June 30, 2024

10:00 Worship Service

Monday, July 1, 2024

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor

11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

9:00 Staff Meeting

4:30 SET Dinner – Cedar River Seafood

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

Dusk – Fireworks on the Lawn

Thursday, July 4, 2024

Independence Day

Church Closed

Friday, July 5, 2024

Saturday, July 6, 2024

10:00-11:30 CCCC Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday, July 7, 2024

Communion Sunday

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Potluck Dinner – Fellowship Hall

12:00 Praise Kids to Whispering Pines Park

Splash Pad

*Outside Groups

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Frank & Donna Dublo

Ask Me Desk

Sally McKenzie

Sandra Olson



**LORD
my God,**

**I called to
you for help,
and**

**YOU
HEALED
ME.**

PSALM 30:2, NIV