First Presbyterian Church of Inverness July 21, 2024 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 11



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PRELUDE

Dr. Marina Veiler

WELCOME

Introit

"PRELUDE IN F MINOR"

Dr. Marina Veiler

OPENING SENTENCES

Christ calls to us:

"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile."

O God, you prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in God's house my whole life long.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



*CONFESSION AND PARDON

We love you, O Lord, with our prayers and our songs. Forgive us when we do not love you with our actions. You have called us to tend your sheep: to care for your people around the world, to share what we have, and to reflect your love. Forgive us, O Lord, when our love for you is shallow, when our love for our neighbors is empty, and when our love for ourselves is hard to find. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short, and by your forgiveness, free us to try again. (silent confession). Let all God's children say, Amen.

*PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE

*GLORIA #582



CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

"YOU RAISE ME UP/BE STILL MY SOUL"

NANCY ANDERSEN,

CHRIS HOGARTH, LYNNETTE STRICKLAND

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

SERMON

"FAITHFUL NOT BUSY"

REV. LOU ELLEN HARTLEY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

- *APOSTLES' CREED
- *Doxology
- *PRAYER OF DEDICATION



*BENEDICTION

*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

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit.

Psalm 147:5

Nursery and Sunday School for All Ages

Sunday School is on Summer Break Until September 8*

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

Mr. Ron Rev. Dr. Mark Scott Barbara Caudill

Ms. Mary Beth

Ms. Vicki

Parlor Conference Room

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Summer is quickly passing by, and the new school year is soon to be upon us! Please join the Outreach Committee in our annual support of the students and teachers at Inverness Primary School. *The deadline for giving is August 4th*. The Love Offering baskets will be on the Communion Table as we make these offerings to God in our support of the children of Inverness. Thank you for your support.

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 **Thursday**, **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.

ANCHORED UPDATE

Let's try this again... since we were rained out, our tubing adventure has been rescheduled. We will be tubing the Rainbow River on **Thursday**, **August 1**st at 10:00 a.m. Come and join us as we have fun before school officially starts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROUND-UP

The Christian Education Committee is excited to kick off the new Sunday School year! The first day of classes will be Sunday, September 8th. *Registration for the children and youth will begin on Sunday, August 4th*. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Ms. Lori has a fun surprise for the kids on the first day of class!

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Are you interested in learning about the PC(USA) denomination, joining our church, or just interested in a basic faith discussion class? If so, please let us know by signing up in the narthex for the **New Members Class**. We will make plans to start in September if we have folks who are interested.

HEADS UP FOR JULY!

As is our custom, each month from February through to August, we emphasize a specific item for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The month of July is all things for the children's "crowning glory." Examples: hair barrettes, headbands, hats and ballcaps, hair brushes and combs, ribbons, anything for the hair. If you find a bargain, gather it up and bring it to Heidi's "cubbyhole" spot near the church office. All our shoebox donations will be part of our "packing party"/WOW dinner on **Wednesday**, **September 18th**, to kick-off our 21st year to be part of the worldwide mission project of Samaritan's Purse. Thank you, church family and friends, for your enthusiastic support for these little ones by showing the love of Jesus.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, July 21, 2024

Lori Wolford Preaching at Hope Presbyterian Church – Winter Haven 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Session - Library

Monday, July 22, 2024

Tuesday, July 23, 2024 10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor 11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

9:00 Staff Meeting
10:00-12:00 Rock of Agers Game Day Fellowship Hall
4:45 – 6:30 Packing for Blessings at
The Depot

Thursday, July 25, 2024

9:00 – 12:00 Pastor – Zoom call with Presbytery Committee Anchored – Ice skating at Ice Plex - Tampa 7:00 GenX Night Out

Friday, July 26, 2024

Saturday, July 27, 2024 10:00-11:30 CCCC Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday, July 28, 2024 10:00 Worship Service

*Outside Groups

A SPECIAL

ThankYou

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

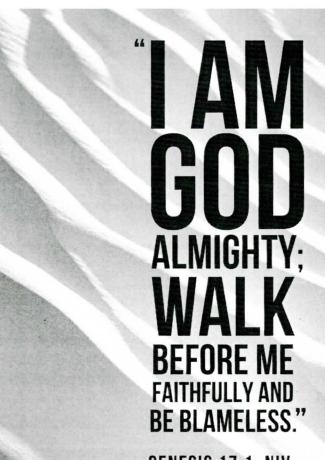
Ushers

Mary Palmer Robert Ramsey Toni Scott

Ask Me Desk

Ben & Nancy Harris

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GENESIS 17:1, NIV



Pencils and Paper for Inverness Primary School Deadline: Sunday, August 4