First Presbyterian Church of Inverness, Florida August 11, 2024 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



PRELUDE

Dr. Marina Veiler

WELCOME

Introit

"OPEN OUR EYES, LORD"

CHANCEL CHOIR

OPENING SENTENCES

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him and praise His name. For God is good and His love endures forever!

His faithfulness continues through all generations!

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, what a privilege it is to be here worshiping YOU. Holy are YOU and Holy is Your name!

Thank You for Your presence in this place in this time; please, O Holy God, bless and sanctify this service that we offer to You today for You are worthy of all praise, everywhere and at all times! AMEN!





PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Standing humbly before You, O Lord, we acknowledge our sinfulness.

For You know everything about us, Lord; You know our rising up and our laying down, before a word is on our tongues, O Lord, You know it all together! Through our faith in Jesus, Our Savior, You have freed us from our slavery to sin and yet we still walk in sinful ways and think sinful thoughts. Though we deserve only Your wrath and judgment upon us, we beg for Your mercy and plead for Your grace. Forgive us. We come to You now just as we are in honest recognition of Your Holiness, admitting our own sinfulness and our own unworthiness.

In Jesus' Name we ask. AMEN! (Time for Silent Prayers)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE

"As far as the East is from the West, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." In Jesus Christ, your sins and mine are forgiven. Go and sin no more.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

"LORD, HERE I AM"

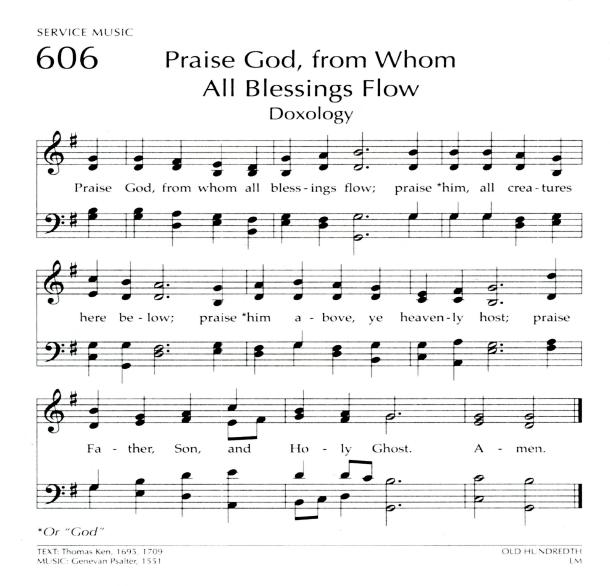
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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

ROMANS 11:33-36

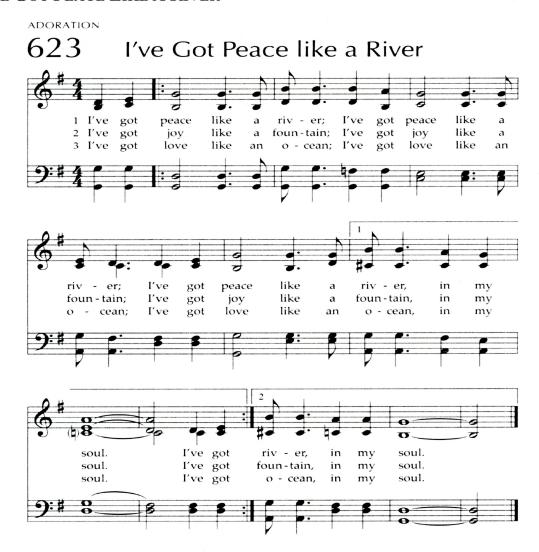
*HYMN: DOXOLOGY



SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*HYMN: I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER



In the King James Version, the promise of "peace like a river" is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God's will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians' baptismal identity.

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

PEACE LIKE A RIVER 7.7.10

*CHARGE AND 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

Worship Flowers are given today by Bart and Gudrun Ashworth, to the glory of God and in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary on August 10th.

Nursery and Sunday School for All Ages

Sunday School is on Summer Break Until September 8*

Registration for Children and Youth Began August 4th - sign up in the narthex

Infants and Pre-K

*Elementary (K-5)

*Secondary (6-12)

*Men's Bible Study

*Adults

CE Hall Room 2

Ms. Vicki

Ms. Mary Beth

Mr. Ron

Parlor

Rev. Dr. Mark Scott

Barbara Caudill

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.

A SUMMER TREAT

The Thursday Bible Study Group has a tradition of an "ice-cream social" in the middle of summer. How about Thursday, August 15th, and 2:00 p.m. in our church Fellowship Hall? We welcome everyone! Culver's furnishes the frozen custard and we supply all the toppings! come and see what the Thursday crowd is all about and enjoy a cool treat on a hot summer day! Y'all come!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SCHOOL SUPPLIES

August always brings great school supply special bargains, and this is the month we gather up school supplies for our Operation Christmas Child shoebox mission project. Notebook paper, pencils, pens, blunt-tipped scissors, glue sticks, erasers, markers, etc., will be treasured by these children who really appreciate the opportunity to go to school. If you find an extra good bargain, scoop up several and bring them to Heidi's "cubby hole" storage spot near the church office. September 18th will be our annual "packing party" to start off t his annual mission project. Those school supplies will be well used!

A NEW DESTINATION

The Outreach/Mission Committee just delivered 20 gently-used, clean suitcases to the Kids Central facility for foster children. Suitcases are urgently needed for those children transitioning from one home to another and also for those who "age-out" at the age of 18 years old. Thank you, church family, for responding to a simple need for children in uncertain circumstances. It's a mission!

BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

Join us to celebrate Ella Nardone's 95th Birthday Open House on Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, at the Inverness Woman's Clubhouse, 1715 Forest Drive, Inverness, FL. RSVP to Nancy Riehn: neriehn@earthlink.net No Gifts Please!

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Communion Sunday
Dr. Mark Scott
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Potluck – Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 12, 2024

1st Day of School

Rev. Hartley – Out for Continuing Education all week.

10:00 Property Committee - Library

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor 11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

10:00-12:00 Coffee & Conversation – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 15, 2024

11:30 Inverness Rotary Board – Library2:00 Thursday Bible Study Ice-CreamSocial – Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 16, 2024

Saturday, August 17, 2024

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Dr. Dennis Bennett 10:00 Worship Service

*Outside Groups

A SPECIAL

ThankYou

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Clif & Wanda Hart Russ Hackett

Ask Me Desk

Ray & Caryl Birstler

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