

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness, Florida
August 18, 2024
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



PRELUDE

DR. MARINA VEILER

WELCOME

KAREN MEDRANO

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

AMANDA MORRISON

INTROIT

“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”

BETH EVANS

OPENING SENTENCES

KAREN MEDRANO

Mighty God, You showed us your boundless love,
When with Your power, You raised Christ from the dead.
You have shown us your unlimited power.
We who belong to You come with Joy in our hearts.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God, our loving Father, we thank you for this beautiful day. Help us and guide us so that we may be able to do your holy will today. Make us joyful for all the countless blessing you have provided us, especially the gift of people who love and surround us. We ask this through Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

***HYMN**

“JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE”

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Almighty God: Christ was raised from death to lead us in loving You and others, as well as ourselves. We confess that we have fallen short because we have not always believed in Him. Instead we have chosen to live in doubt and fear that only bring us sadness. True joy no longer has a home in our hearts, and our gratitude of our blessings is very slight. Only You are good and Holy. Purify our lives and make us better disciples. We ask not for You to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal, so we may serve Christ Jesus better in this world of fear and hate. Forgive us for falling short of Your glory. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the risen Christ. Hear our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***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

KAREN MEDRANO

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM

“IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”

BETH EVANS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 24
1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-34

SERMON

“DEATH: THE FINAL FRONTIER”
DR. DENNIS R. BENNETT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

***HYMN**

“JOY TO THE WORLD”
Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her king
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and Heaven and nature sing

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, and wonders of His love

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY”

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

DR. MARINA VEILER

*... even though you
do not see him now,
you believe in him
and rejoice with
an indescribable
and glorious*

joy

1 Peter 1:8, NRSV

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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 Frank and Donna Dublo in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary and Donna’s birthday today!

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

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

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, at 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!

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!

SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE

Are you interested in learning how to save a life? Looking to learn how to care for the injured? The Safety Sub-committee (Property) is seeking Church members interested in taking CPR/AED and/or First Aid Training. The committee will set up classes for those willing to take the time to attend these sessions and learn how to operate our Automated External Defibrillators and get certified in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation. Please fill out the sign-up sheet in the narthex after service so that we can get a head count and assist our fellow church members.

ANSWERING THE CALL TO SERVE, BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER

Are you looking for an opportunity to share God’s love and help others? Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one care to those experiencing difficulties in their lives. This fall FPCI will be restarting the Stephen Ministry Program and we are currently looking for those interested in answering the call to serve. If you would like to know more, please see Amanda Morrison following service today or come to the information session following service on **Sunday, the 25th of August**, in the Library.

KITCHEN WORK DAY

We need your help to deep clean our kitchen. Join the Fellowship Committee on **August 22 at 10:00 a.m.** to make the kitchen sparkle. Contact our Fellowship Committee Chair, Leah Robinson (404)765-0814, and let her know that you will help.

SINGLES EATING TOGETHER (SET)

Singles Eating Together will meet on **September 4th** at **4:30 p.m.** at **Sonny's BBQ, 750 W Main Street, Inverness.**

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 this annual mission project. Those school supplies will be well used!

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES DINNER HOSTS NEEDED

Believe it or not, the Fellowship Committee is beginning to plan our Christmas Memories Dinner! Last year was a huge success and we hope that more of you will participate this year by hosting a table. We are giving you plenty of time to design your tablescape and prepare. Our dinner will be held on **December 13th** at **5:30 p.m.** *Anyone willing to HOST a table please stop at the Sign-up Station and get your name on the list.*

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!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8TH

Join us in the Library for "The Way, The Footsteps of Jesus" by Adam Hamilton. This class is taught by Barbara Caudill and begins at 9:00 a.m. Join us!

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Dr. Dennis Bennett

10:00 Worship Service

Monday, August 19, 2024

5:30 Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor

11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

5:00 Christian Education Committee -
Library

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

9:00 Staff Meeting

5:30 Finance Committee - Library

Thursday, August 22, 2024

10:00 Kitchen Work Day

7:00 GenX Night Out

Friday, August 23, 2024

Saturday, August 24, 2024

Ella Nardone's 95th Birthday Open House –

Inverness Woman's Clubhouse

RSVP to Nancy Riehn

neriehn@earthlink.net

Sunday, August 25, 2024

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Stephen Ministry Informational
Meeting - Library

*Outside Groups

A SPECIAL

Thank You

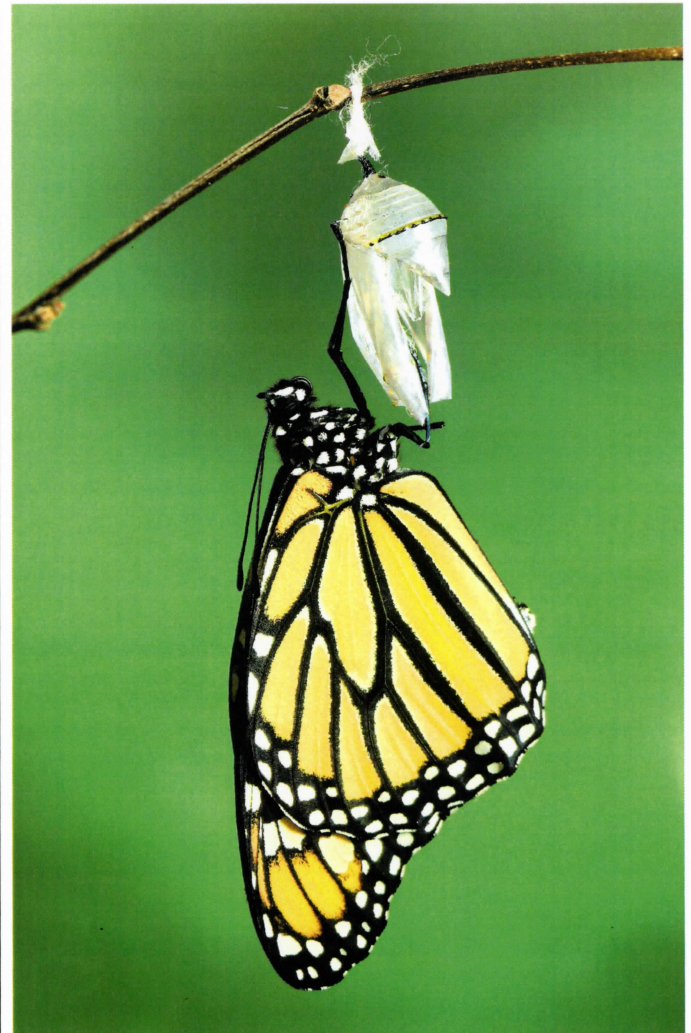
TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Ben & Nancy Harris

Ask Me Desk

Sandy Boyette



*Our Butterfly
& Our Soul*