

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness
August 25, 2024 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 15



PRELUDE

DR. MARINA VEILER

WELCOME

INTROIT

"TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS"

CHANCEL CHOIR

OPENING SENTENCES

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God, most gracious host.

My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the household of God.

Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest at your table of grace, O homemaking God.

Our hearts and our flesh sing for joy to you, the living God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Emanuel, God with us, you desire for us to abide in you as you abide in us. But we are restless and turn back from following you because the way of wisdom, the way of sacrifice, the way of gratitude, the way of interdependence is more difficult than we expected.

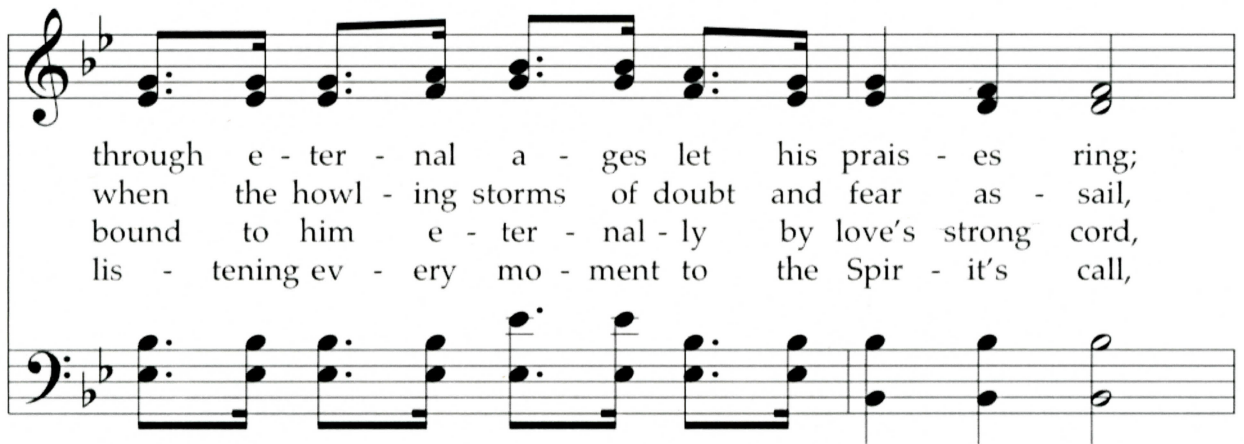
May we proclaim with Peter, "You have the words of eternal life," and with the psalmist, "A day in your house is better than a thousand elsewhere." May we linger with you at table rather than driving through to other destinations, finally present with you, with each other, and with our own spirits. This we pray through the gracious invitation of the one who set the table for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend. Amen.

*HYMN #838

STANDING ON THE PROMISES



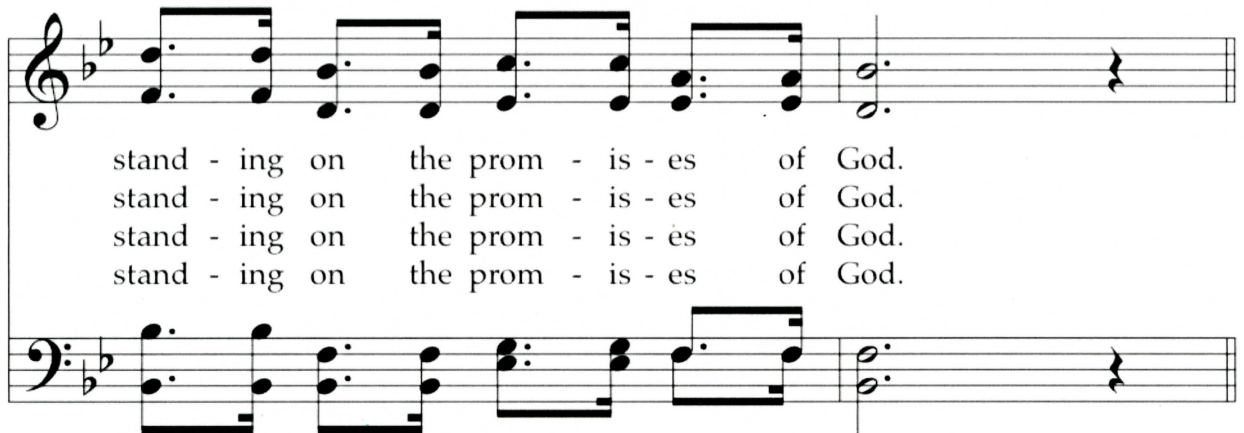
1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,



through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,



glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,



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CONFESSION AND PARDON

O Lord, you are near to the brokenhearted, and you save the crushed in spirit. Be near to us in our brokenness, and love us into wholeness. You are near to people who are hurting, but we keep our distance to avoid hard conversations. You envision a world where all needs are met, but we hoard our possessions and cling to our power. Be near to us in our brokenness, and love us into wholeness. By your mercy, forgive our sins. By your grace, free us to try again. (silent confession) Let all God's children say, Amen.

***PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE**

***GLORIA #582**

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

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

"HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW"

CHANCEL CHOIR

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 34:15-22

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 6:56-69

EPISTLE LESSON

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

SERMON

“DRESSED FOR CHURCH”

REV. LOU ELLEN HARTLEY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #432

HOW CLEAR IS OUR VOCATION, LORD

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)
 E^b B^b Cm A^b E^b B^b E^b

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - came in hin - dranc - es more sure:
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (Em)
 A^b Fm B^b Gm Cm A^b Fm

to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re -
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)
 B^b7 E^b B^b7 C Fm A^b B^b7 E^b

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 wind its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored, done.

*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 in honor and celebration of Ella Nardone's 95th birthday by her Family. Flowers are also given by the GFWC Women's Club of Inverness to celebrate Ella Nardone's birthday.

Worship Flowers given **last Sunday** were in celebration of Frank & Donna Dublo's anniversary on August 12, and Donna's birthday on August 18.

Nursery and Sunday School for All Ages *Sunday School is on Summer Break Until September 8**

Infants and Pre-K

CE Hall Room 2

Ms. Vicki

***Elementary (K-5)**

CE Hall Room 4

Ms. Mary Beth

***Men's Bible Study**

Parlor

Rev. Dr. Mark Scott

***Adults**

Conference Room

Barbara Caudill

***Secondary/Youth Group (6-12)**
6:00 p.m.

CE Hall, Room 5

Ms. Lori, Mr. Ron & Miss Kryss

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 **TODAY**, in the Library.

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.*

PRESBYTERIAN 101/NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? Are you curious about what it means to be Presbyterian? If so, we have a special class just for you. We will meet in the parlor during Sunday School on September 8, 15, and 22. Sign up in the narthex or email Pastor Hartley at revhartley1000@gmail.com.

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!

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.**

INFANTS IN NEED UPDATE

So far this year our congregation has donated 23 diaper bags of supplies to HCA Florida Citrus Hospital (formally Citrus Memorial). This mission is a vital part of our community outreach work. The Infants in Need crew is asking for the following items as they are now running low: baby soap, diaper rash cream, baby booties, receiving blankets, wipes, pacifiers, bottles, blankets for fall/winter, and diapers. Donated items can be dropped off to the church office, given to Lori Wolford, or placed in the baskets in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support of this special mission.

THURSDAY ALERT

The Thursday Bible Study Group voted on their next Scripture emphasis. 1st, 2nd and 3rd John was chosen as we resume the Thursday morning sessions on **September 26th at 10:00 a.m.** what are your plans for Thursday mornings? All are welcome and your cookies will be waiting! We never graduate from studying and applying the Scriptures.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF!

The Christian Education Committee is excited to begin another wonderful year of learning about Scripture and discipleship. **All classes will begin the week of Sunday, September 8th!**

The elementary children will leave service with Ms. Mary Beth after the Children's Sermon for their lesson. The youth will join us for worship, then meet in the youth room at 6:99 p.m. with Ms. Lori, Mr. Ron, and Miss Krys! Adult Sunday School will be led by Barbara Caudill in the Library at 9:00 a.m. Coming in January, Lori Wolford will be leading an adult class on Seasons 3 and 4 of *The Chosen*.

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!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Support Group will begin again **Monday, September 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor**, for all those who have had a love one die and need support. Call Toni Scott 423-457-0903 or Mark Scott 352-445-7420 for more information.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, August 25, 2024

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Stephen Ministry Information
Meeting - Library

Monday, August 26, 2024

10:00-12:00 Pastor Hartley – Presbytery
ZOOM call

*5:30 Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

9:00 Blessings

10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor

11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

5:30 Session Meeting - Library

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

8:30 Blessings

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00-12:00 Rock of Ages – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 29, 2024

Friday, August 30, 2024

Saturday, August 31, 2024

Sunday, September 1, 2024

10:00 Worship Service

*Outside Groups

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Mary Palmer

Robert Ramsey

Toni Scott

Ask Me Desk

Maxine Henderson

Sandra Koonce

