

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness
September 1, 2024 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 17



PRELUDE

DR. MARINA VEILER

WELCOME

INTROIT

"HOLY SPIRIT"

ALICIA DOWNING

— *Gathering* —

OPENING SENTENCES

God teaches us the way of righteousness,
the way of love, the way of peace.

We glorify God,
gathering to hear God's word.

We glorify God,
enacting God's word in the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, you lead us by example through your generous love and remind us that there is always more to learn about what it means to live a life of righteousness. Help us to keep our faith nimble, growing with each new neighbor we meet and each experience we live. May we be doers of a word that is deep and wide, letting our lives reflect the love we have received. Amen.

*HYMN #32

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**


You tell us, O Lord, who may abide in your presence, who may dwell on your holy hill: those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and who speak the truth from their heart. And yet, O Lord, we do not walk blamelessly. So often we stumble on the path of faith. The truth makes us nervous, and we pretend not to know what is right. Have mercy, O God. Convict us by your wisdom, cleanse us by your grace, challenge us by your presence, and, by your forgiveness, free us to try again.

***PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE**

***GLORIA**


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

ANTHEM

"HOLD ON TO ME"

ALICIA DOWNING

— *Word* —

EPISTLE LESSON

James 1:17-27

SERMON

REV. LOU ELLEN HARTLEY

***HYMN #507**

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
F C Dm F7/C B^b

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
F/A B^b F/C C7 F B^b F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

— *Eucharist* —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

— *Sending* —

***HYMN #547**

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING (VERSE 1)

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort

ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

***BLESSING 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

Worship Flowers are given today by Sandy Olsen, celebrating God's beauty in our world.

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**

CE Hall, Room 5

Rev. Dr. Mark Scott

*Adults

Library

Barbara Caudill

*Secondary/Youth Group (6-12)

CE Hall, Room 5

Ms. Lori, Mr. Ron &

6:00 p.m.

Miss Kryss

****Men's Bible Study will meet in the Youth Room (Room 5) on September 8, 15 and 22, while the New Members Class meets in the Parlor.**

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 6:00 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*.

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.**

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.

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.

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, September 1, 2024

10:00 Worship Service

Monday, September 2, 2024

Labor Day

Church Closed

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

9:00 Blessings

10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor

11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

8:30 Blessings

9:00 Staff Meeting

4:30 SET – Sonny's BBQ

Thursday, September 5, 2024

8:30 Blessings

7:00 Theology & Wine – Angelo's
Pizzeria

Friday, September 6, 2024

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Sunday, September 8, 2024

9:00 Adult Sunday School - Library

9:00 Men's Bible Discussion–Youth Room

9:00 New Members Class – Parlor

10:00 Sunday School-Children – CE Wing

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Worship Committee - Library

6:00 Anchored Youth Group

*Outside Groups

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Terrie Christoffers

Ask Me Desk

Sandra Koonce

