

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness, Florida
September 8, 2024
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 18



PRELUDE

DR. MARINA VEILER

WELCOME

INTROIT

"SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER"

CHANCEL CHOIR

OPENING SENTENCES

TONI SCOTT, DEACON

Trust in the Lord, **who made heaven and earth;**
trust in the Lord, **who loves every part of it.**
Trust in the Lord, **who cares for those in need;**
trust in the Lord, **who leads us to do the same.**
Let us worship God, **who shows us the way.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, in a hurting world, your love shows us another way to live. Help us to join in your work, mending what is broken. May our trust in you be our guide, leading us to care for our neighbors nearby and the ones we do not yet know. Amen.

HYMN # 317

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

You love us with open arms, O God. Forgive us when we do not put your love into practice: when we do not challenge the injustice around us; when we are not generous with the gifts we have to share; when we are slow to compassion and quick to judgment; when we contribute to the brokenness of the world instead of helping to make it whole. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way.

***SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

***GLORIA**

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!
hal - le -

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -
hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! *Fine*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!' followed by 'hal - le -' on the second line. The third system repeats the first line and adds 'Hal - le - lu - jah!' on the second line. The fourth system repeats the first line and adds 'Hal - le -' on the second line, and 'lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!' on the third line, ending with a 'Fine' marking.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LORI WOLFORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of abundant grace, hear our prayer.

ANTHEM

"I'LL FLY AWAY"

CHANCEL CHOIR

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM OF THE DAY
EPISTLE LESSON
GOSPEL LESSON

PSALM 146
JAMES 2:1-10, 14-17
MARK 7:24-37

SERMON

REV. LOU ELLEN HARTLEY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

TRADITIONAL APOSTLES' CREED

*DOXOLOGY #609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #203

JESUS, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
F F/A Gm7 C7 F Fine

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

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

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
F Dm Gm7 C7 F to Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
feet: this is the way we should live like you.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

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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, 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

Praise God's name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving. Psalm 69:30

Nursery and Sunday School for All Ages

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 today, 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 Krysl! 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 TODAY

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!

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 today, and on September 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 tomorrow, **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.

POT LUCK ON SEPTEMBER 15 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Please join us on **Sunday September 15** for a pot luck lunch immediately following the worship service. At the luncheon The Session will present the vision they've been working on over the past year including a new mission statement, new ministry ideas and plans, as well as the hopes they have for our congregation's ministry in this community and beyond. Join us!

NEW ADDRESS

Pastor Lou Ellen and Brett have a new home! They have moved, but not too far, though, just down the road from their current residence. Their new address is 263 Bittern Ave., Inverness FL 34453.

LLOYD ABEL – CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Lloyd Abel's Celebration of Life will be held on **Thursday September 12. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am and the service will start at 11:00.** Immediately following the service, the congregation is invited to the fellowship hall for a reception to greet the family and remember Lloyd together. Following the service there will be an additional reception at the Abels' home, hosted by Wilma and her family. **Wilma Abel, 4213 N. Baywood Drive, Hernando FL 34442**

CHLOE ANDERSON – CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Jerry Reynolds thanks all of you who have expressed your sympathies and condolences for the loss of his granddaughter, Chloe Anderson, and the severe damages to his daughter, Julie. The outpouring of sympathy and love has been very much appreciated and is heartwarming.

There will be a visitation for Chloe at Fero Funeral Home on SR491 North of Lecanto on Wednesday, September 4, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. There will be a **Celebration of Life Service** for Chloe at the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness at **2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 14th followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.** All will be welcome at either or both events.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thank you to Rev. Dr. Mark Scott who is our parish associate for visitation. Dr. Scott is a retired PC(USA) pastor and chaplain who has been volunteering his time to help with congregational visits. He, along with his wife, Toni, is also leading the grief support group which will meet on Monday September 9. We appreciate Mark's continued ministry in our church.

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.*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS READY TO LAUNCH!

On Wednesday, Audrey Mattox gathered a team and assembled **221** OCC boxes, ready to fill at our Potluck/Packing Party on **September 18th.** Many thanks to Jackie Bennett, Reg Bennett, Patsy Hancock, Paul & Sandy Parker, and Lynnette Strickland for making fast work of putting the boxes together. And to Frank Mattox, for helping wherever he is needed. Ya'll bring something to share about 5:30 and we will begin packing boxes after we eat.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

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

Monday, September 9, 2024

- 11:00 Grief Support – Parlor
- 5:30 Boy Scouts

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

- *9:00 Blessings
- 10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor
- 11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

- *9:00 Blessings
- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 10:00 Coffee & Conversation – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 12, 2024

- *9:00 Blessings
- 10:00 – 1:00 Visitation, Service, and Reception for Lloyd Abel's Celebration of Life

Friday, September 13, 2024

Saturday, September 14, 2024

- 10:00 – 11:30 CCCC Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 2:00 – 4:00 Celebration of Life for Chloe Anderson; reception following

Sunday, September 15, 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 Potluck
- 6:00 Anchored Youth Group

*Outside Groups

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Frank & Donna Dublo

Ask Me Desk

Ray & Caryl Birstler



THE LORD WILL REIGN FOREVER,
YOUR GOD, O ZION, FOR ALL GENERATIONS

PRAISE THE LORD!

PSALM 146:10, NRSV

