

*First Presbyterian Church of Inverness*  
*September 15, 2024*  
*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 19*



— *Gathering* —

PRELUDE

DR. MARINA VEILER

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

SALLY SMITH  
AUDREY MATTOX

INTROIT

“SANCTUARY”

SHIRLEY PERREGAUX

**OPENING SENTENCES**

We have been gathered in this place for this time,  
**that we might hear the good news we can't help but share.**

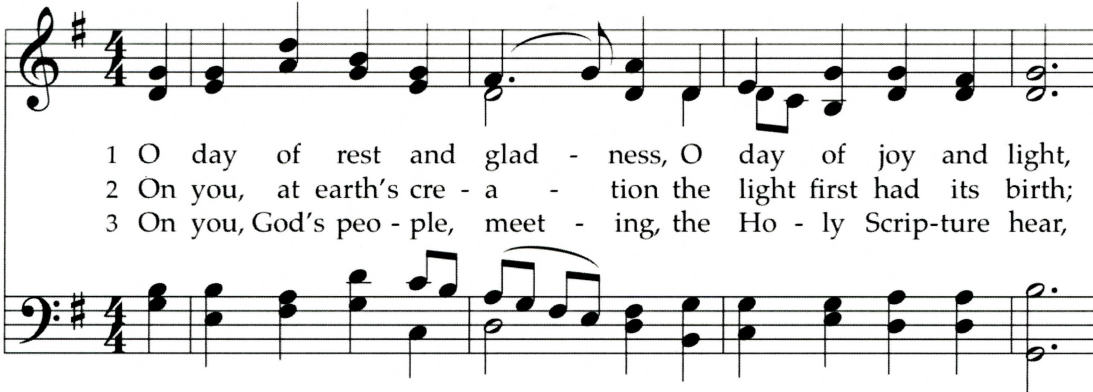
On this day and each one to come,  
**may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and the actions of our lives  
proclaim our faith.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

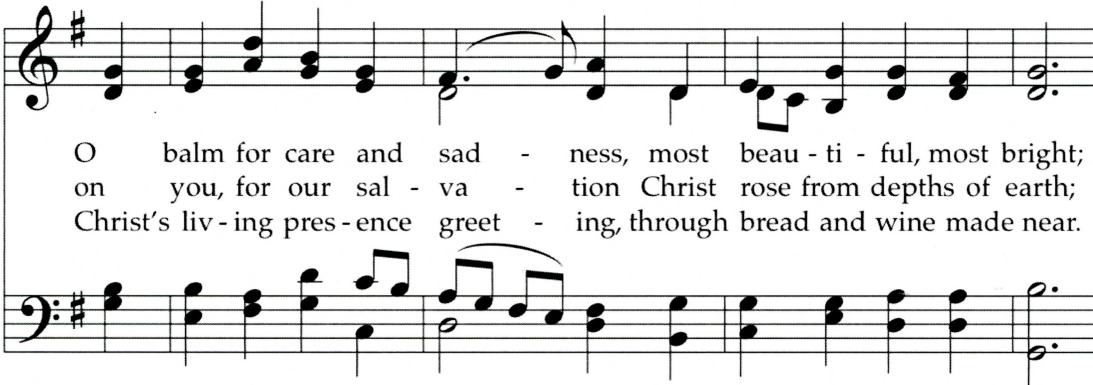
**Holy God, your wisdom cries out in the streets and your grace whispers in the wind.  
You speak to us in many ways. Help us to hear you in the carbonated laughter of a child  
and in weary sighs too deep for words. As you speak to us, let us speak of you, sharing  
what we believe with our words and our whole lives. Amen.**

\*HYMN #393

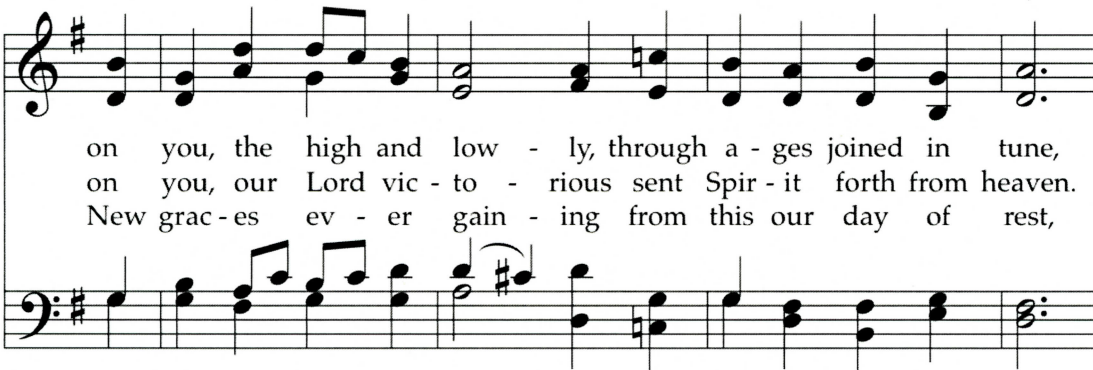
O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;  
3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.



on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,  
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.  
New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.  
And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.  
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

O Lord, you have called us to take up our cross and follow you: to carry the truth of your justice like a banner and bear the yoke of life as your servant. We are hesitant, O God, to serve anyone but ourselves. We draw away from the imagery of the cross, forgetting that, in you, it has become a source of glory. Forgive us, O God, and call us once more to set aside our selfishness and follow in your way.

**\*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

**\*GLORIA**

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*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

LORI WOLFORD

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

**ANTHEM**

*"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"*

SHIRLEY PERREGAUX

— *Word* —

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

PROVERBS 1:20–33

**EPISTLE**

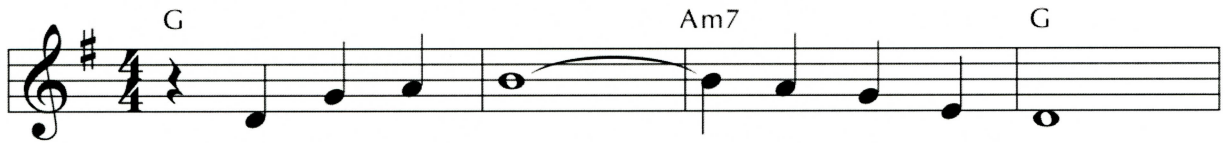
JAMES 3:1–12

**GOSPEL**

MARK 8:27–38

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #693**

*THOUGH I MAY SPEAK*



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,  
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,  
 but not be given by love with - in,  
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I BELIEVE** in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY #609**

— *Sending* —

**\*HYMN #748**

*GO WITH US, LORD*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and

ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it

strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** (*WE INVITE YOU TO BE SEATED TO LISTEN TO THE POSTLUDE BEFORE EXITING THE SANCTUARY*)

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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**

Celebrating Andy and Adam Kiess! They both decided to be born in September.

Love from Mom – Sandy Boyette

### **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 Kryz

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

## **POTLUCK TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Please join us **today** for a potluck 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!

## **"SOCKTOBER"**

The Youth Kids would like to invite the congregation to participate in their yearly "Socktober" event. We will be collecting socks and underwear for the Citrus County Homeless Coalition from **September 22<sup>nd</sup> through October 13<sup>th</sup>**. To kick-off their mission project, the kids invite everyone to *wear crazy socks to church next week!*

## **SAVE THE DATES**

Theology & Wine has kicked off our fall gatherings. They will meet on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup>, and December 5<sup>th</sup>**. There is a **sign-up sheet for October 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the narthex. We hope that you can join us!

## **TRUNK-OR-TREAT**

On **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** the Christian Education and Outreach Committees will be hosting Trunk-or-Treat for our community. This year we will have a bounce house, games, and trick-or-treating. *Suzie Sweet Treats* will also be joining us as a fundraiser for our youth.

We need your help! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to "host" with your car. We are also collecting candy to be given to our "hosts" to hand out as the children trick-or-treat. Candy donations can be dropped by the church office during the week or placed in the donation bucket in the narthex. We look forward to this wonderful annual event and hope you will join us!

## **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**

On **October 6<sup>th</sup>**, the first Sunday of October, we will be collecting for the special offering, Peace & Global Witness. This coincides with our observance of World Communion Sunday.

The Peace & Global Witness Special Offering is used to support local, national, and global missions. The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides exposure to active peacemakers as well as education and resources to empower congregations and individuals to become peacemakers, themselves. These collective efforts support resources in dealing with conflict, provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global siblings, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – LIFTOFF!**

Make plans to join us on **Wednesday, September 18**, to fill 221 OCC shoeboxes! We will meet at 5:30 for potluck dinner and pack boxes after. If you don't want to eat, we would love to have you help us fill boxes. Let's show support of this ministry and power up (liftoff) to make Christmas special for children around the world.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### 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 Vital Congregation Potluck – FH\*\*
- 6:00 Anchored Youth Group

### Monday, September 16, 2024

- 5:30 Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, September 17, 2024

- \*9:00 Blessings
- 10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor
- 11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 5:00 Christian Education Committee - Library

### Wednesday, September 18, 2024

- \*9:00 Blessings
- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 3:00 Fellowship Committee – FH
- 5:30 WOW Dinner/OCC Packing Party
- 5:30 Finance Committee - Library

### Thursday, September 19, 2024

- \*9:00 Blessings
- \*11:30–1:00 Inverness Rotary Board - Library
- 7:00 GenX Night Out

### Friday, September 20, 2024

### Saturday, September 21, 2024

- \*8:30 Relief Share – Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 – 11:30 CCCC Rehearsal – Sanctuary

### Sunday, September 22, 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
- 6:00 Anchored Youth Group

- \*Outside Groups
- \*\* FH = Fellowship Hall

A SPECIAL

# Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

### Ushers

*Clif & Wanda Hart  
Russ Hackett*

### Ask Me Desk

*Ben & Nancy Harris*



**To Speak...**

**Or Not To Speak**