

*First Presbyterian Church of Inverness*  
*September 29, 2024*  
*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 21*



WELCOME

PRELUDE

DR. MARINA VEILER

INTROIT

NANCY ANDERSON, CHRIS HOGARTH, LYNNETTE STRICKLAND

OPENING SENTENCES

We gather in this place seeking to live in faithful community and asking God to guide us.

**Lord, revive our souls,**  
that we might lift each other up.

**Lord, revive our souls,**  
that we might order our communities in ways that lead us toward love.

**Lord, revive our souls!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

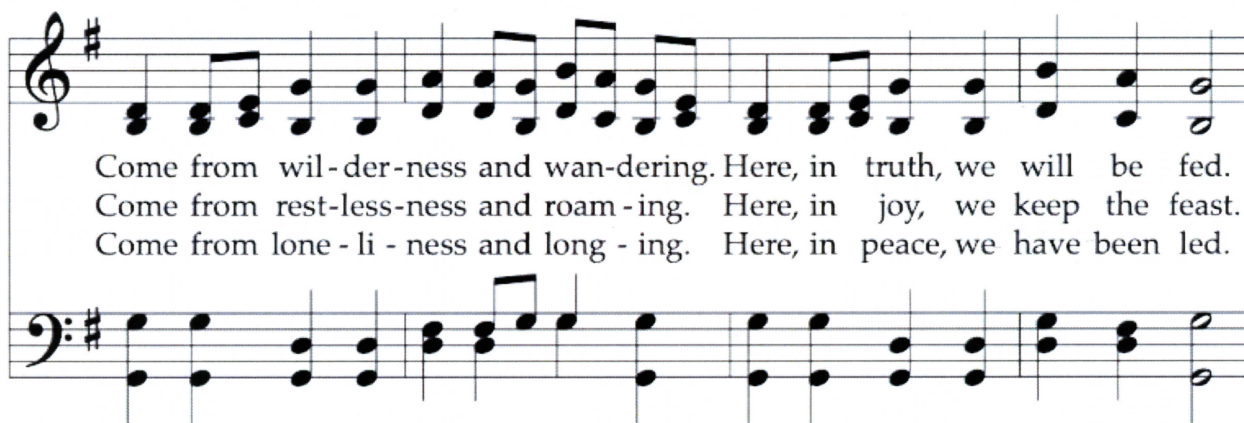
Loving God, give us each wisdom to recognize our part in bringing your kingdom to life here on earth. May those in positions of power use their influence for the benefit of all. May those with the knowledge to heal give freely of their gifts. May those with imagination work to enact justice. May we all join in telling the world of your work among us. Amen.

\*HYMN #509

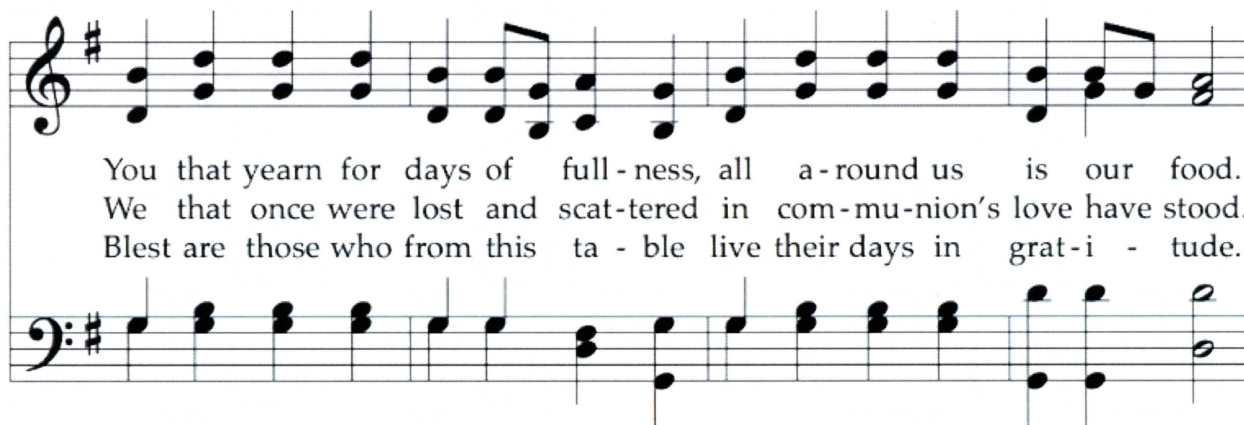
*All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

**\*CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. For you are our rock, and yet we place our faith in sinking sand. You are our redeemer, and yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves. You are our source of unity, and yet we isolate ourselves in every way we can. You are our fount of forgiveness, and yet we fear that we will be condemned. Forgive us, O Rock. Forgive us, O Redeemer, and show us what it means to forgive one another. (Silent confession) Let all God's children say, Amen.

**\*PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE**

**\*GLORIA**

*Halle, Halle, Halle*

**\*CHILDREN'S SERMON**

LORI WOLFORD

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

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

**ANTHEM**

NANCY ANDERSON, CHRIS HOGARTH, LYNNETTE STRICKLAND

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 19:7–14

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

**SERMON**

*"Permission to Be Salty"*

REV. LOU ELLEN HARTLEY

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

TRADITIONAL APOSTLES' CREED

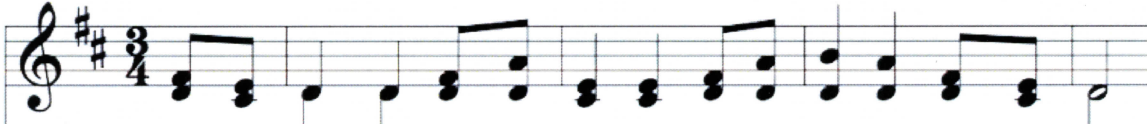
**\*INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives— giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. Amen.

\*HYMN #441

Hear the Good News of Salvation



1 Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.  
2 All the sins I have com - mit - ted, to my Sav - ior now I bring.

1 Wo - tan - in wa - ste na - hon po, Je - sus he wa - i - hdu - sna:  
2 Wo - a - hta - ni kin e - ca - mon, hdu - ha Je - sus si - ha en,



Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.  
I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing:

to - wa - o - si - da kin tan - ka, he de - han i - yo - ma - hi.  
kun i - wa - hpa - mda wa - ce - ya, Je - sus on - ši - ma - da ce.



Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!

Je - sus Christ wa - ste - wa - da - ka, Je - sus Christ ni - ma - yan: han, wa -



How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

ste - wa - da - ke a - ma - ton - we is e - ya wa - ste - ma - da.



\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

(WE INVITE YOU TO BE SEATED TO LISTEN TO THE 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, 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**

Linda Tompkins gives worship flowers in memory of Tom Tompkins and what would have been their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Worship flowers are also given today by Maxine Henderson in celebration of her birthday on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 Krys

## WORSHIP FLOWERS

I apologize for the omission last week in acknowledging those who provided worship flowers for our service. Laura Morrow

Donna Dublo gave worship flowers in celebration of Frank Dublo's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Nora Campbell gave worship flowers "In memory of my dear husband, Trevor Campbell – Gone but not forgotten."

## "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>**. Please help us out!

## THURSDAYS ARE BACK!

The Thursday Bible Study Group will begin their Fall sessions on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall or church library beginning at 10:00 a.m. Our Scripture emphasis will be I, II, and III John, in the New Testament. What are you doing on Thursday mornings? Come join this lively group as we explore the Scriptures and enjoy fellowship and homemade cookies. It's a *win-win*!

## 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!

## SHOEBOX STATS

Last Wednesday was our annual Operation Christmas Child "packing party." Supplies have been donated all year long by our church family and friends. Come by the Fellowship hall and see all 178 packed boxes! Additional boxes are available today in the narthex for us to fill personally. The last date to bring your filled shoebox back to the church is Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> (the Sunday before Thanksgiving). These shoeboxes are distributed to needy children in over 130 countries through Samaritan's Purse Ministry. It's a global mission to show the love of Jesus through a simple shoebox. Thank you, church family.

## **EYEGASSES DONATIONS**

Have you received a new prescription for your eyeglasses? Why not donate your old pair for someone in need? The Inverness Lions Club has a donation box in the office lobby ready to receive all eyeglasses. Millions living in low and middle income countries lack access to basic eye care services. Lions have recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and they collect usable glasses in our community to support the Lions Recycle For Sight Program.

## **CITRUS UNITED BASKET – PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE**

We are still collecting non-perishable food to help those in need in our community. Focus on bringing foods that are high in protein, healthy fats, and whole grains. And, canned goods with pop-top lids are better than canned foods that require a can opener. The shopping cart in the narthex is ready for your donation. Thank you, church family for your generosity and kindness to those in our community who are less fortunate.

## **CHRISTMAS MEMORIES DINNER**

Circle December 13<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and plan to attend our Christmas Memories Dinner! We need your help to make this a successful event. We need table hosts, volunteers for cleanup, and donations for giveaways. Contact LEAH ROBINSON - 404-667-3198

## **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.

## **WINE & THEOLOGY**

October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Angelo's Pizzeria (301 W. Main, Inverness). Ask the Pastor anything – well, anything theological – and see where it leads us. Sign up in the narthex so we can save you a spot!

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, September 29, 2024

- 9:00 Adult Sunday School - Library
- 9:00 Men's Bible Discussion-Parlor
- 9:00 New Members Class – Youth Room
- 10:00 Sunday School-Children – CE Wing
- 10:00 Worship Service
- 6:00 Anchored Youth Group – Youth Room

### Monday, September 30, 2024

- 5:30 Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, October 1, 2024

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

### Wednesday, October 2, 2024

- \*9:00 Blessings
- 9:00 Staff Meeting

### Thursday, October 3, 2024

- \*9:00 Blessings
- 10:00 Thursday Bible Study - Library

### Friday, October 4, 2024

### Saturday, October 5, 2024

- 10:00 – 11:30 CCCC Rehearsal – Sanctuary

### Sunday, October 6, 2024

- 9:00 Adult Sunday School - Library
- 9:00 Men's Bible Discussion-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

*Mary Palmer*  
*Toni Scott*  
*Robert Ramsey*

### Ask Me Desk

*Sandra Olson*  
*Sally McKenzie*



**Donate your old  
eyeglasses for those less  
fortunate – Lion's Club  
collection box is in the  
office lobby**