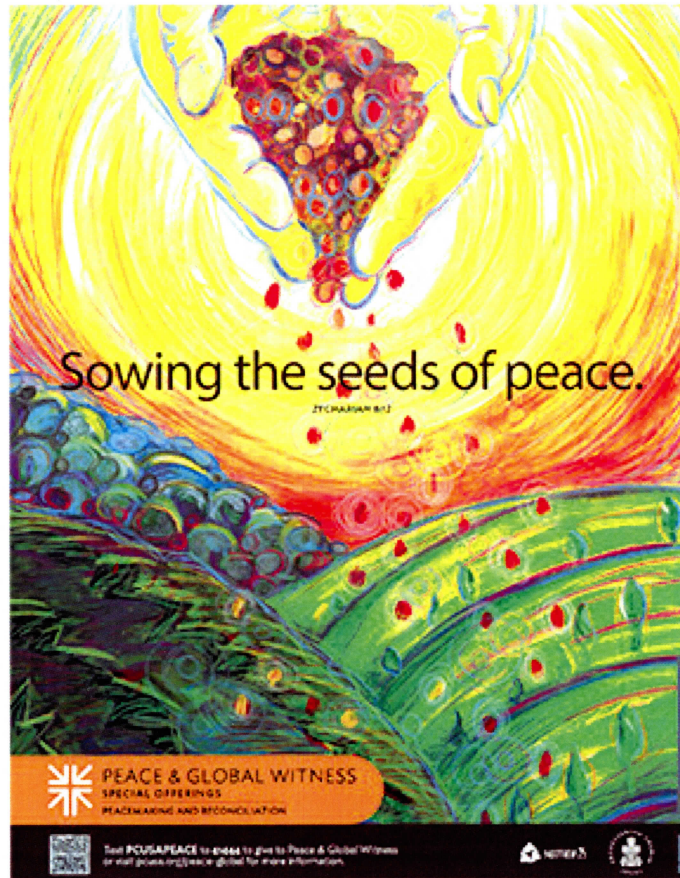


First Presbyterian Church of Inverness
October 6, 2024
Peace and Global Witness, World Communion Sunday



— *Gathering* —

WELCOME

PRELUDE

DR. MARINA VEILER

INTROIT

EMILY REISDORF

OPENING SENTENCES

PRAYER OF THE DAY *“A Non-Traditional Blessing” by Sister Ruth Fox*

Our God who is, Our Creator God, Our Heavenly Father,

Bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships.

Bless us with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people.

Bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war.

Bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world.

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #340

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and not been the good stewards you commanded us to be. In Christ, you made us family and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins. (Silent confession) Let all God's children say, Amen.

***SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

***GLORIA**

Halle, Halle, Halle

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LORI WOLFORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

EMILY REISDORF

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² **Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; ⁴ what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

⁵ **Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.**

⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ **O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:2-16

SERMON

REV. LOU ELLEN HARTLEY

HYMN OF PREPARATION #526

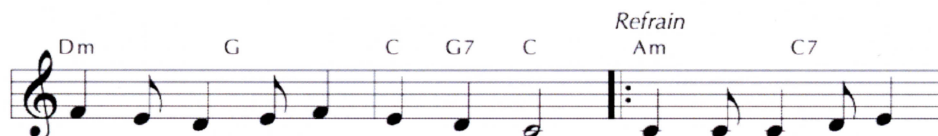
LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY



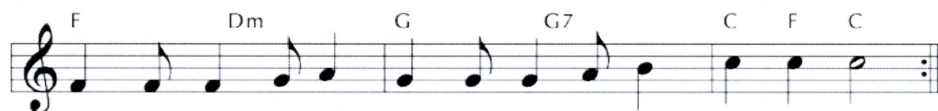
1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

*CLOSING HYMN #306 *BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS (VERSE 1)*
Blest be the tie that binds our heart in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE *(WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO BE SEATED TO HEAR THE CLOSING MUSIC)*

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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

Worship flowers are given by Suzie Smith in loving memory of Glenn L. Smith.

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

Adult Sunday School

Library

Barbara Caudill

Secondary/Youth Group (6-12)

CE Hall, Room 5

Ms. Lori, Mr. Ron &

6:00 p.m.

Miss Krys

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Today, we are 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.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

On **Saturday, October 26th** 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!

“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 22nd through October 13th**. Please help us out!

THURSDAYS ARE BACK!

The Thursday Bible Study Group began their Fall sessions on **October 3rd at 10:00 a.m.** Our Scripture emphasis is 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*!

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES DINNER

Circle December 13th 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

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Communion Sunday

- 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 - Bowling

Monday, October 7, 2024

- 5:30 Boy Scouts

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

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

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

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

Thursday, October 10, 2024

- *9:00 Blessings
- 10:00 Thursday Bible Study – FH
- 10:00 Fellowship Committee – FH
- 4:30 Raise the Roof Festival Singers Rehearsal

Friday, October 11, 2024

Saturday, October 12, 2024

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

Sunday, October 13, 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
- 11:00 Potluck - FH
- 6:00 Anchored Youth Group

- *Outside Groups
- ** FH = Fellowship Hall

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Sandy Boyette
Terrie Christoffers

Ask Me Desk



ISAIAH 55:12



We are the peacemakers, sowing seeds of peace in every interaction and decision we make.

Thanks to your gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering:

The newly launched Central America Migration Mission Network addresses the roots of violence, and sows seeds of peace in people's hearts and minds, in public policy and in local communities.



The cost of doing laundry, on top of other basic necessities, was driving Linda's family and other families deeper into poverty. And so began the Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro, PA's, "Fresh Start: Loads of Love" program, funded in part by a grant received from the Presbytery of Carlisle's portion of the Peace & Global Witness Offering.



Motivated by a commitment to the healing and repair of Indigenous nations and communities, participants in a travel study seminar learned about Native American experiences; and the implications of the Doctrine of Discovery, which gave Christian European governments the religious and legal justification to claim lands occupied by Indigenous peoples.

Visit pcusa.org/peace-global/resources for more information.



Our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering are helping our neighbors in need — those who live next door, down the street, and across the globe.

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25%

of this Offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.

50%

of this Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Our neighbors need us. Please give what you can to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

Thank you!