

*First Presbyterian Church of Inverness*  
*October 13, 2024*  
*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 23*



— *Gathering* —

**PRELUDE**

DR. MARINA VEILER

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT**

“SEEK YE FIRST”

CHANCEL CHOIR

**OPENING SENTENCES**

We gather before God together, imperfect but present.

**Let us worship God together earnestly, with our whole selves.**

We gather before God together, desiring deeper faith.

**Let us learn from God together as we seek harmony between our words and our actions.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**All-knowing God, when we consider the vastness of your works, it can be easy to feel insignificant. When we think about the abundance of your love, it can feel as though we do not have enough to offer. Release us from our shame and the comparisons and judgments that weigh us down. Free us from our insistence on scarcity, that we might discover your infinite grace among us and within us. Amen.**

\*HYMN #307

*God of Grace and Glory*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**O Lord, you are the maker of justice and the source of righteousness, the one who hears the cries of the suffering and who fills the hunger of the poor. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to reflect your just love: when we have food and food leftover, yet we do not share with any in need; when we have power for good and power for change, yet we use it only for our own self-preservation; when we have the words of the prophets before us, yet we cover our ears lest they make us uncomfortable. Forgive us, O Lord, and teach us to follow in your way. (silent confession) Let all God's children say, Amen.**

**\*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

**\*GLORIA**

*HALLE, HALLE, HALLE*

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**

Let your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

**ANTHEM**

"HEAR US, O FATHER"

CHANCEL CHOIR

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm Reading

Psalm 90:12-17

Epistle

Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

**SERMON**

REV. LOU ELLEN HARTLEY

**HYMN #697***Take My Life (verses 1-3)*

1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH****PRAYER OF OFFERING AND DEDICATION****\*HYMN #697***Take My Life (verses 4-6)***\*BLESSING AND CHARGE****POSTLUDE****(WE INVITE YOU TO BE SEATED TO LISTEN AND REFLECT)**

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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 in loving memory of Joanne Reynolds by Jerry Reynolds.

[NOTE: Due to Hurricane Milton, worship flowers were not delivered this week; they will be delivered next week.]

### **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

## **CHURCH DINNER POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 20**

It's been an exciting week with Hurricane Milton barreling through! "Uncle Miltie" did not cancel Sunday dinner, just postponed it to next Sunday, October 20, immediately following our worship service. The Fellowship Committee is serving meatloaf, mac-n-cheese, and carrots and peas. Come and enjoy the meal and the fellowship. Donations are appreciated.

## **BOY SCOUT YARD SALE**

On **Saturday, October 19, from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**, Boy Scout Troop 302 will have a yard sale down near The Gathering Place. If you have donations for the sale, please call Scout Master Steve Epple at 352-212-1895.

## **BUNCO FUNDRAISER**

The Gulf-to-Lakes Pilot Club is holding a Bunco Fundraiser on Saturday, **October 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. You are invited to join the fun! The Pilot Club mission is to educate youth and adults about brain health and safety, to assist those people who are affected by brain related disability and illness, and to support their caregivers, in addition to preparing youth for a life of service.

## **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!

## **MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING:**

Have you ever met someone who is having a hard time and you are not sure what to do or say? Join us for Mental Health First Aid training on **Friday and Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>** to become a certificated first aider. Cost per person is \$20. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can email Lori Wolford at [dcelori.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:dcelori.fpc@gmail.com).

For more information: [https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/](https://www.thenationalcouncil/)

## **CHRISTMAS MEMORIES DINNER – PURCHASE TICKETS TODAY!**

Today is the first day that you can buy tickets to the Christmas Memories Dinner on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10.00 each for adults and \$5.00 for children. Beginning today, you may purchase in the narthex. Get tickets for neighbors or friends who would enjoy some Christmas cheer!

We also 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

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES UPDATE**

To date, we have packed **218 shoeboxes** for Operation Christmas Child! There are just a few boxes left to fill, so stop in the narthex and grab one! The deadline to bring your filled shoebox is Sunday, **November 24<sup>th</sup>** (the Sunday before Thanksgiving). Thank you, church family, for showing the love of Jesus.

## **BLANKETS TO UNSHELTERED RESIDENTS**

Bob and Jean McIntosh (aka Blanket Bob) will begin collecting blankets to deliver to homeless people in our community in **November**.

As you know, the weather has been particularly nasty with Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton hitting within a couple of weeks of each other. A blanket can make a huge difference for someone who has lost everything because of wind, rain and flooding. There is a box in the narthex specifically labeled for blankets. Open your closets and select blankets that you are not using to wrap the love of Jesus around those who need to experience some compassion in their lives.



## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### 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  
6:00 Anchored Youth Group

### Monday, October 14, 2024

10:00 Property Committee - Library  
11:00 Grief Support - Parlor  
5:30 Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, October 15, 2024

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

### Wednesday, October 16, 2024

\*9:00 Blessings  
9:00 Staff Meeting  
5:30 Finance Committee – Library

### Thursday, October 17, 2024

\*9:00 Blessings  
10:00 Thursday Bible Study – FH  
11:30 Inverness Rotary Board - Library  
4:30 Raise the Roof Festival Singers Rehearsal  
7:00 GenX Night Out

### Friday, October 18, 2024

### Saturday, October 19, 2024

7:00 – 3:00 Boy Scout Yard Sale  
\*Relief Share – F.H.  
\*10:00 – 11:30 CCCC Rehearsal – Sanctuary

### Sunday, October 20, 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 – Meatloaf Dinner - FH  
6:00 Anchored Youth Group – Youth Room

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# Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

*Frank & Donna Dublo*

Ask Me Desk



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