

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness, Florida
October 20, 2024
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 24



— Gathering —

PRELUDE

DR. MARINA VEILER

WELCOME

INTROIT

Make You Feel My Love – Bob Dylan

GEORGE SCHUMACHER

OPENING SENTENCES

God's greatness is beyond our understanding, yet we proclaim . . .

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

God stretched the heavens across the sky;

let us marvel at the stars that fill it.

God raised mountains above the depths;

let us gather in wonder before them.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

No one can compare to you, O God. Human language cannot fully describe you. Still, you became human, and with words we could understand you called us to serve one another and showed us love even to death. Invite us once more into this mystery of our faith, that we may all, in our own ways, offer ourselves to one another. Amen.

*HYMN #336

We Gather Together

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The music is in a hymn style with simple chords and a steady rhythm.

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

O Lord, you have taught us that whoever wishes to become great must be a servant, and whoever seeks to be first must be last and servant of all. Still, O Lord, we are like James and John, seeking seats of glory. We organize our lives around ladders to climb, not realizing that we are stepping on people whom you love. Forgive us, O Christ, and teach us to follow in your way, for the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (silent confession) Let all God's children, Amen.

***SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

*GLORIA

Halle, Halle, Halle

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

Be Thou My Vision

GEORGE SCHUMACHER

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 53:4–12

Psalms Reading

Psalms 91:9–16

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place,
no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

**For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample
under foot.**

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 5:1–10

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35–45

SERMON

"Be Careful What You Ask For"

REV. LOU ELLEN HARTLEY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

TRADITIONAL APOSTLES' CREED

— *Thanksgiving* —

*INVITATION TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

— Sending —

*HYMN #700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(an - y - time!)
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
pray so (pray so)
sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

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, Ron Shafer, Mary Beth Smith

Class of 2025: Toni Scott, Phoebe Schumacher, Amanda Morrison

Class of 2026: Ray Birstler, Donna Dublo, Adele Wardrup

WORSHIP FLOWERS

On October 13, worship flowers were given in loving memory of Joanne Reynolds by Jerry Reynolds. (They are here today because Hurricane Milton prevented delivery last week.)

Worship Flowers are given today by Debbie Viers in thanks to God for new beginnings.

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 Kryz

CHURCH DINNER IN FELLOWSHIP HALL IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICE

The Fellowship Committee is serving meatloaf, mac-n-cheese, and carrots and peas. Come to enjoy the meal and the fellowship. Donations are appreciated.

SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU!

On behalf of the property committee, building and grounds staff, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Lori Wolford and our youth group for their help with the cleanup of our church grounds on Sunday after Hurricane Milton left debris. They all did a fantastic job, making our job on Monday morning a whole lot easier! It was such a wonderful surprise!

So, Lori Wolford, Sally, Jake, Aidon, Dominic, Julia, Hailee, Sincere, Colin, Ron Shafer and Krys D'Aquino, thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to our beautiful church grounds. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely thankful,
Dan Sullivan, Facility Manager

BUNCO FUNDRAISER

The Gulf-to-Lakes Pilot Club is holding a Bunco Fundraiser on Saturday, **October 26th 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.

COME ONE - COME ALL!

The Christmas Memories Dinner is quickly approaching – circle the date of **December 13th**! Tickets go on sale this Sunday at \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Bring your family and friends. We still need volunteers for hosts, cleanup, and donations for giveaways such as crafts, gift cards, anything else you can think of. Looking forward to having a great time! Contact LEAH ROBINSON - 404-667-3198

LOCATION CHANGE FOR SET

Singles Eating Together will *NOT* meet at Sandra Koontz' home on **November 6th**. Instead, we will meet at **Chili's**, 800 W Main Street, Inverness, at **4:30 p.m.**

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 8th and 9th** 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.

For more information: <https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/>

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 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!

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 24th** (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 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 Worship Committee - Library
- 11:00 Fellowship Meatloaf Dinner - FH
- 6:00 Anchored Youth Group

Monday, October 21, 2024

- 5:30 Boy Scouts

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

- *9:00 Blessings
- 10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor
- 11:00 Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 5:30 Session Meeting – Library
- 5:30 Deacons Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 Boy Scout Leaders – The Gathering Place

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

- *9:00 Blessings
- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 10:00 Rock of Ages Game Day - FH

Thursday, October 24, 2024

- *9:00 Blessings
- 10:00 Thursday Bible Study – Library
- 4:30 – 6:00 Raise the Roof Festival Singers Rehearsal

Friday, October 25, 2024

Saturday, October 26, 2024

- *10:00 – 11:30 CCCC Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- *11:00 – 3:00 Gulf-to-Lakes Pilot Club Bunco Fundraiser – FH
- 5:00 – 7:00 Trunk-or-Treat

Sunday, October 27, 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

*Outside Groups

** FH = Fellowship Hall

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

*Clif & Wanda Hart
Russ Hackett*

Ask Me Desk



Trunk-or-Treat

Saturday

October 26

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

(receiving candy donations now)