

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness, Florida

November 24, 2024

Reign of Christ Sunday



— *Gathering* —

PRELUDE

DR. MARINA VEILER

WELCOME

INTROIT

YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

CHANCEL CHOIR

OPENING SENTENCES

Through the power of God, Christ our Lord sits on the throne of truth.

As we worship, may this truth guide our thoughts.

Christ our Lord sits on the throne of love.

May this love guide our hearts.

Let us worship our Lord who leads the way.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful God, as we recognize Christ's reign, we also recognize the earthly powers that compete for our loyalty. Guide us, Lord, as we engage in the ordering of these days. Train our hearts on your truth, that your voice might lead us in all that we do. Amen.

HYMN #1

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,
 Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
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 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

O Holy One, you showed us what it means to live by your reign: sharing food with the hungry, freedom with the imprisoned, justice with the oppressed, and joy with the sorrowful. We ask your forgiveness, O God, for all the ways we fail to live as people who belong to your reign. Show us once more what our belonging means, for you are the beginning, you are the end, and, in every time between, you fill our lives with grace. (silent confession). Let all God's children say, Amen.

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

GLORIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LORI WOLFORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

GIVE THANKS

CHANCEL CHOIR

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 132:1-12

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 SAMUEL 23:1-7

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 18:33-37

SERMON

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

REV. DR. DENNIS BENNETT

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

— *Thanksgiving* —

***DOXOLOGY #606**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERINGS**

— *Sending* —

***HYMN #263**

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
3 Let ev - ery kin-dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!
bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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***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

Give thanks to The Lord for He is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1 NIV

Given by Debby Viers

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 DIRECTORY UPDATE – CHANGES DUE TODAY

It is time to update our church directory! If your address, phone numbers, or email address, have changed, please send an email to the church office so we have current information (fpcinovoffice@gmail.com). Or, complete a Church Data Profile Changes & Corrections form, which is at the Sign-Up Station. You may place the completed form in the offering plate, or at the church office.

WORSHIP FLOWERS ORDERS

All Sundays in December are available if you would like to honor a special event or a loved one. Please add your order to the Worship Flower book at the Ask Me Desk and drop your check into the offering plate or at the church office. Two arrangements are only \$37.00.

ROCK OF AGERS GAME DAY

The Rock of Agers Game Day is **cancelled for November** since it falls on the day before Thanksgiving.

THEOLOGY & WINE

Theology & Wine will meet at Angelo's in downtown Inverness on **Thursday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m.** Any 21-year-old (or older) is welcome to join us for fun, fellowship, and conversation as we seek to understand our faith in a deeper way. Please join us! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

A THURSDAY TRADITION

Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m., a Bible study group gathers in our church library or in Fellowship Hall. Our year is winding down, so we want to let you know what's coming. We will **not meet on November 28th**, since it is Thanksgiving. **Join us December 5th, 12th, and 19th**, when we will finish our study of the Books of the Apostle John, I, II, and III. This will wrap up the Thursday Bible Study for 2024. Merry Christmas!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us in the Parlor at **9:00 a.m. on Sundays** as we study the book, "Twelve Ordinary Men" by John MacArthur.

SINGLES EATING TOGETHER

Singles Eating Together will meet on **December 4th at 3:00 p.m.** at The Cove, 1242 S Cove Camp Point, Inverness. Please note the new time.

ANGEL TREE FOR THE BABIES

Beginning next **Sunday, December 1st**, the Angel Tree will transition to support Infants in Need. This mission donates diaper bags to mothers in need at Florida Citrus Hospital, here in Inverness. These bags are full of supplies to get these new mothers started as they take home their newest bundle of joy. As you feel called, you are welcome to take an angel from the tree, shop and place your unwrapped baby gifts under the tree or return it to the church office. Thank you for your support.

COME ONE - COME ALL!

The Christmas Memories Dinner is quickly approaching – circle the date of **December 13th**! Sally McKenzie is selling tickets in the narthex: \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. If you didn't bring money for your ticket today, at least stop and tell her you are coming so we can prepare enough food for everyone. Bring your family and friends! We still need volunteers for hosts and cleanup. Looking forward to having a great time! Contact Leah Robinson (404-667-3198)

SEEKING DOOR PRIZES

We are seeking door prizes for the Making Memories Christmas Dinner. If you would like to create a gift basket or donate a spectacular door prize, call Leah Robinson (404-667-3198). Let's make this Christmas Dinner memorable!

TODAY IS THE DAY!

After worship today, we will load up all of the red and green shoeboxes to take to the local collection center to be shipped to Atlanta. Samaritan's Purse will take all of our boxes to children all over the world with the love of Jesus. Thank you, church family!

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

The text "HAPPY THANKSGIVING" is rendered in a decorative, calligraphic font. "HAPPY" is in a golden-yellow color, while "THANKSGIVING" is in a dark red. The letters are adorned with elegant, leafy flourishes that extend from the top and bottom of the text.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, November 24, 2024

The Rev. Dr. Dennis Bennett

9:00 Adult Sunday School - Library

9:00 Men's Bible Discussion-Parlor

10:00 Worship Service

10:00 Children's Sunday School – CE Wing

Monday, November 25, 2024

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor

11:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

5:30 Deacons – Fellowship Hall

5:30 Session – Library

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Thursday, November 28, 2024

Thanksgiving

Friday, November 29, 2024

Church Closed

Saturday, November 30, 2024

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

Sunday, December 01, 2024

9:00 Adult Sunday School - Library

9:00 Men's Bible Discussion-Parlor

10:00 Worship Service

*Outside Groups

FH = Fellowship Hall

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Cliff & Wanda Hart

Russ Hackett

Ask Me Desk

Sandra Koonce

Maxine Henderson



**Get your tickets for the
Christmas Memories**

**Dinner
TODAY**