

*First Presbyterian Church of Inverness*

*January 12, 2025*

*First Sunday after Epiphany*



**Prelude**

Dr. Marina Veiler

**Welcome**

Minute for Missions

Brett Hartley

**Introit**

“Shall We Gather At The River”

Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship**

From Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He makes me lay down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters, He restores my soul.**

He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

**I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Lord, although You have comforted us in the past, we forget so easily that You have. We face our challenges without stopping to remember that You are with us. We face our troubles all alone without first pausing to ask for Your help. We doubt that You will

provide for our needs; in fear we drop our Biblical values and act as those who do not know You. Forgive these sins and all others that keep us at a distance from You. Meet us here, O Holy Spirit, and minister to us now in our infirmity and weakness. (Silent Personal Prayers) In Jesus' Name we pray. AMEN!

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

“He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love towards those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.” In Jesus Christ all who have repented of their sins are forgiven.

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Musical Response**

*We Are Forgiven*

Chords: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G

Lyrics:  
We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.  
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

**Children's Sermon**

Lori Wolford

**The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Anthem**

“I Will Sing Praise”

Chancel Choir

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

1Samuel 17:1-56

Mark Scott, Jake Campbell, Aidon Jendrzewski

\*Hymn #450

*Be Thou My Vision*

E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)  
 B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with - me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F<sup>#</sup>m7) (G) (A)  
 A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> Gm7 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F<sup>#</sup>) (G) (D)  
 Cm E<sup>b</sup>/G A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

**Dedicating Our Tithes and Offerings in Prayer**

**\*Hymn #175**

*Seek Ye First*

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,  
seek, and you shall find;  
but by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

### **Church Staff and Contact Information**

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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, Amanda Morrison

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

### **WORSHIP FLOWERS**

Worship flowers are given today by Mark & Debbie Viers. Especially in winter, our worship reminds us of God's warmth and love. "He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes." Psalm 147:16

### **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

Parlor

Rev. Dr. Mark Scott

Adult Sunday School

Library

Lori Wolford

Secondary/Youth Group (6-12)

CE Hall, Room 5

Ms. Lori, Mr. Ron &

6:00 p.m.

Miss Kryz

## **SINGLES EATING TOGETHER**

SET is meeting on **January 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** at the Salty Dog, 107 Courthouse Square, in downtown Inverness. Please note the Salty Dog does not open until 4:00 p.m.

## **YOU ARE INVITED**

The family of Barbara Dee Cawley invites you to attend an **after-service reception on January 19<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall in honor of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday (on January 14).

## **NEW CRAFT GROUP**

Do you have a craft that you enjoy? Would you like to learn a craft from others? Would you like to gather with old friends and make new friends? Please join us for our gathering of a weekly craft group in the Youth Room (in the Sunday School wing). We plan to meet on **Thursdays, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.** There is a sign-up sheet at the Sign-Up Station.

## **CUBA UPDATE**

On **January 20<sup>th</sup>**, Pedro Fuentes will be traveling to Cuba to visit with our sister church. The Outreach Committee is collecting the following new and gently loved items for their congregation. Medicines: aspirin (adult and children), Pepto-Bismol, constipation pills, allergy medications, vitamins (adults and children), eye/ear/nose drops, toothache, first aid creams, thermometers (in centigrade if possible), band aids, hearing aids, a blood pressure gauge, powdered milk, instant mashed potatoes, Kool-Aid, condiments, children's clothing (no winter clothes), and reading glasses. There will be a basket in the Narthex for donations. Let's remember to pray for safe travel for Pedro, as well as, for the work of the congregation in Cuba.

If you would like to help in this ministry with a donation to help Christians reach people for Christ, you may note Account #8337 on your check.

## **PUZZLE TABLE**

Looking for something peaceful to do during these cold days? The puzzle table is out in the lobby! Just take a walk from the sanctuary to outside the church office to find the table. Feel free to take a puzzle or leave a puzzle that is gently loved. Have fun!

## **67 MORE POUNDS**

Our CUB (Citrus United Basket) cart was overflowing. Sixty-seven pounds of non-perishable food was delivered to CUB from our church family. The need is great in our county for those struggling to feed their families. Thank you and CUB for being responsive to those in need. It's a mission!

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, January 12, 2025

*Rev. Dr. Mark Scott Preaching*

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

6:00 Anchored

### Monday, January 13, 2025

10:00 Property Committee – Library

11:30 Jim Rains Funeral/Interment at Florida National Cemetery

5:30 Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, January 14, 2025

8:00 Blessings

10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor

11:00 Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

### Wednesday, January 15, 2025

8:00 Blessings

5:30 Finance Committee

### Thursday, January 16, 2025

8:30 Blessings

11:30 Inverness Rotary Board

12:00-3:00 Craft Group-Youth Room

### Friday, January 17, 2025

### Saturday, January 18, 2025

10:00 -11:30 CCCC Rehearsal – Sanctuary

1:00 Gene Roberts Funeral/Reception

### Sunday, January 19, 2025

*Rev. Dr. Dennis Bennett is Preaching*

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

11:00 Birthday Reception for Barbara Dee Cawley - FH

6:00 Anchored

\*Outside Group

FH = Fellowship Hall

A SPECIAL

# Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

*Russ Hackett*

Ask Me Desk

