

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 2025



- Gathering -

Prelude

Dr. Marina Veiler

Welcome

Introit

Come Just As You Are

Chancel Choir

Opening Sentences

We praise you, God, for the diversity of your body. **By God's Spirit, we are one.**

From diverse backgrounds and diverse places, **by God's Spirit, we are one.**

From diverse cultures and diverse generations, **by God's Spirit, we are one.**

From diverse questions and diverse dreams, **by God's Spirit, we are one.**

We celebrate our diversity. We celebrate our unity. **By God's Spirit, we are one. Hallelujah!**

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn #772

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

Confession and Pardon

Holy God, we confess that we have wandered from your light. We follow paths of self-indulgence, instead of focusing on our need of you. We passively accept the suffering of the world, expecting others to stand up and work for the change we would like to see. Lord, in your strength, renew us and compel us by your invitation that we may work to pursue your justice and mercy for all people, sharing your light in ways great and small. (silent confession) Let all God's children say, Amen.

*Passing Christ's Peace

*Gloria #583

Glory to God

Children's Sermon

Lori Wolford

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem

He Looked Beyond My Fault

Chancel Choir

— *Word* —

Prayer for Illumination

**Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace
and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. ¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:14–21

Sermon

Living Jubilee

Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

***Affirmation of Faith**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

— *Thanksgiving* —

*Invitation to Offering

*Prayer of Dedication

— *Sending* —

***Hymn #744**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

***Blessing and Charge**

***Postlude**

**Please stand, if you are able*

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Church Office Hours

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday

Closed on Friday

Our Elders

Class of 2025: Jerry Reynolds, Leah Robinson, Keith Spong

Class of 2026: Barbara Caudill, Bruce Cook, John Morrison, Lesa Shelton

Class of 2027: Caryl Birstler, Clark Stillwell, Lynnette Strickland

Our Deacons

Class of 2025: Pedro Fuentes, Amanda Morrison, Toni Scott

Class of 2026: Ray Birstler, Donna Dublo

Class of 2027: Terri Christoffers, Jacob Gleason, Ron Shafer

WORSHIP FLOWERS

In loving memory of Joseph Manna, Sr. We miss you, Dad!

Mark and Toni Scott

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 Krys

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The **Annual Congregational Meeting will be held TODAY**, after the worship service. After our meeting, join us in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck dinner.

SOUPER BOWL MISSION KICK-OFF

Today, the Vital Congregations Committee is pleased to announce the kick-off of our Annual **Souper Bowl Mission!** Join the fun as two teams battle for bragging rights on donating the most food to feed the hungry in our community. We will be collecting nonperishable food for Citrus United Basket (CUB). There is a 'football stadium' table in the narthex through Sunday, February 9th. Please donate as you feel called.

THANK YOU

During the roughest moments in my life, due to the death of my husband, Jim, God sent His disciples to comfort me and my family. Your prayers; donations of food; the church's support, care and services provided during the funeral, has reminded me that there is always someone to carry us through. I really appreciate and thank you for your prayers and support. *Barbara Rains*

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). Join us on **Thursdays, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

GATHERED UP SERVICE

We are thrilled to announce, "GATHERED UP!", our new casual, alternative worship service to begin on **Sunday, February 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.** "GATHERED UP" is open to all members of our community who may be searching for a church home or seeking a worship experience that is different than a traditional service. Emphasizing interactivity, this service aims to create a dynamic and engaging environment for worshippers of all backgrounds and ages.

Following a 30-minute service, we will enjoy a free light dinner to foster fellowship, connection, and community. Child care will be provided for our little ones. After dinner, there will be a youth group meeting for middle and high school-aged students, providing a space for our younger members to connect and grow in their faith.

SINGLES EATING TOGETHER

SET will meet at Stumpknockers, 110 West Main Street, Inverness, on **Wednesday, February 5th at 4:00 p.m.**

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, January 26, 2025

- 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 Annual Congregation Meeting- Sanctuary
- 11:30 Pot Luck Dinner - FH
- 6:00 Anchored

Monday, January 27, 2025

- 5:30 Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

- *8:00 Blessings
- 10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor
- 11:00 Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
- 5:30 Session Meeting - Library
- 5:30 Deacons Meeting - FH

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

- *8:00 Blessings
- 9:00 Staff Meeting

Thursday, January 30, 2025

- 8:30 Blessings
- 12:00 – 3:00 Craft Group – Youth Room

Friday, January 31, 2025

Saturday, February 1, 2025

- 7:30 Boy Scout Yard Sale
- 10:00 -11:30 CCCC Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Communion Sunday

- 9:00 Adult Sunday School-Library
- 9:00 Men's Bible Discussion-Parlor
- 10:00 Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 Children's Sunday School-CE Wing
- 5:30 Gathered Up Service – FH
- 5:30 Anchored

*Outside Group

FH = Fellowship Hall

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Thank You

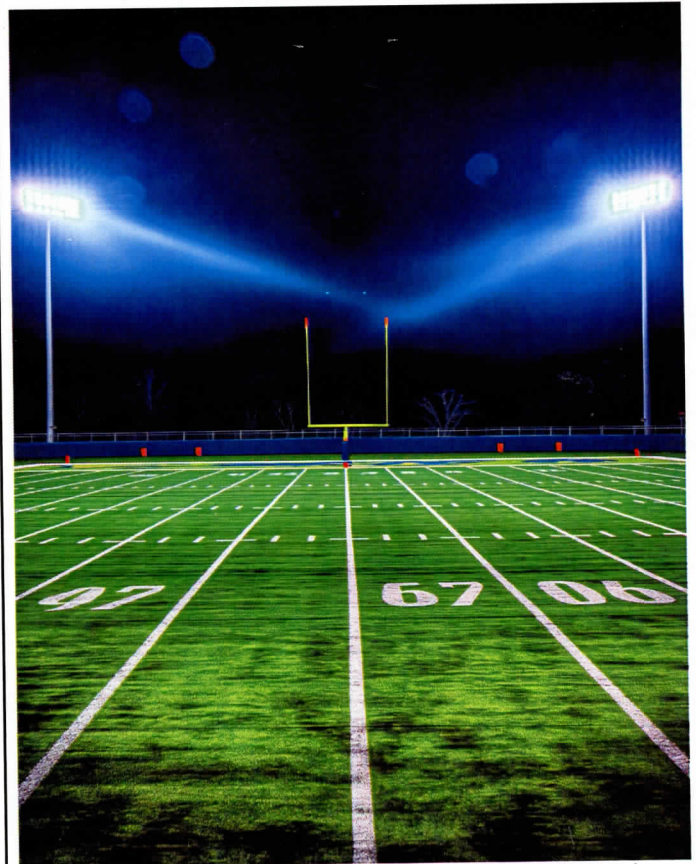
TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Robert Ramsey


Jerry Reynolds

Ask Me Desk



SOUPER BOWL MISSION KICKOFF TODAY

Bring non-perishable food for Citrus United Basket (CUB) to feed the hungry in our community.



THE Spirit of the LORD
is on me. He has
sent me to proclaim
good news to the
Poor. Luke 4:18