

*First Presbyterian Church of Inverness*  
*February 9, 2025*



*Jesus Mafa Calling the First Disciples*

**--Gathering--**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

Dr. Marina Veiler

**Introit**

*God Himself Is With Us*

Chancel Choir

**Opening Sentences**

You call us, O Christ, to live as your disciples,  
**with new life, by way of new paths, seeking new ways.**  
In your call toward deep waters, **grant us faith.**  
In your command not to fear, **grant us courage.**  
In your invitation to follow, **grant us surrender.**  
Restore to us the joy of living as your disciples,  
**that we might travel with you in the way of miracle. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**God who calls through the generations, you have always been inviting your people to join you in your holy work. Thank you for calling us to live as prophets and priests. Thank you for calling us to live as disciples and friends. Grant us attention, that we might hear your call this day, and grant us courage, that we might answer yes, bearing witness to resurrection power in a world that so desperately needs it. Amen.**

\*Hymn #441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

1 Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.  
2 All the sins I have com - mit - ted, to my Sav - ior now I bring.

1 Wo - tan - in wa - ste na - hon po, Je - sus he wa - i - hdu - sna:  
2 Wo - a - hta - ni kin e - ca - mon, hdu - ha Je - sus si - ha en,

Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.  
I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing:  
to - wa - o - si - da kin tan - ka, he de - han i - yo - ma - hi.  
kun i - wa - hpa - mda wa - ce - ya, Je - sus on - ši - ma - da ce.

Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!  
Je - sus Christ wa - ste - wa - da - ka, Je - sus Christ ni - ma - yan: han, wa -

How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.  
ste - wa - da - ke a - ma - ton - we is e - ya wa - ste - ma - da.

**Confession and Pardon**

**Merciful God, you call, but we seldom hear. You beckon, yet we turn away. Sin keeps us from responding to you, thwarting even our best efforts. Forgive our lack of attention to things that matter and restore our sense of your priorities. Focus us on your call to worship and service as we seek to follow after Jesus Christ. (silent confession) Let all God's children say, Amen.**

**\*Passing Christ's Peace**

**\*Gloria**

**Children's Sermon**

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

O God of grace, **ble**ss us with peace.

**Anthem**

*Classic Praise*

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.**

**Scripture**

**Old Testament Lesson**

*Isaiah 6:1–13*

**Epistle Lesson**

*1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

**Gospel Lesson**

*Luke 5:1–11*

**Sermon**

*When You're Lost and Out of Gas* Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

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.**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15*

— *Thanksgiving* —

**\*Invitation to Offering**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**We praise and thank you, Lord God, for the majesty of your work, the wisdom of your word, and the generosity of your grace. Let the gifts of our lives bear witness to your goodness and mercy, your faithfulness and justice, and your steadfast love for all. Amen.**

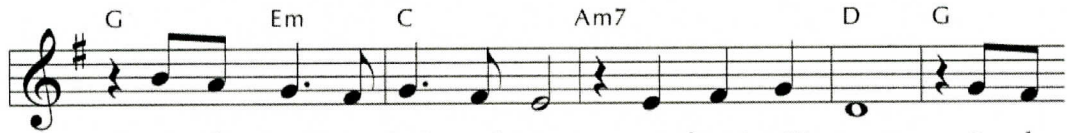
— *Sending* —

**\*Hymn #69**

*I, The Lord of Sea and Sky*



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



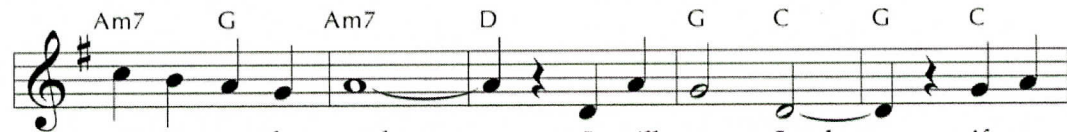
made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

**\*Blessing and Charge**

**\*Postlude**

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\*Please stand

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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**

Worship Flowers are given today by The Savary Endowment

### **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

5:30 p.m.

## **GATHERED UP SERVICE TONIGHT**

We are thrilled to announce, that our first "GATHERED UP!", worship service was well attended and we enjoyed a 30-minute service and a light dinner of soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. Our service 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. We meet each **Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall** and you are invited to join us!

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.

## **THANK YOU**

A note of thanks to all who helped me celebrate my 90th. I am now comfortable in my new apartment in Fernandina Beach and am slowly learning my way around the community. I just want everyone to know that I appreciate your celebrating with my family and me. I will miss you all, But I am happy to be nearer to at least one daughter. Blessings on you and the future of FPCI. Barbara Dee Cawley

P.S. I always welcome company! 13 Vintage Way, Apt. 1315, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

## **CHECK OUT OUR THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Pastor Lou Ellen is holding Bible study on **Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., in the Library** for "*Say More About That*". We look deeper into the Sunday worship service scripture to discuss how it is applicable in our daily lives.

## **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.**

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, February 9, 2025

*Lori Wolford is preaching at Grace St. Mark's,  
Spring Hill*

- 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
- 11:00 Worship Committee - Library
- 5:30 Gathered Up Service – FH
- 5:30 Anchored

### Monday, February 10, 2025

- 5:30 Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, February 11, 2025

- \*8:00 Blessings
- 10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor
- 11:00 Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

### Wednesday, February 12, 2025

- \*8:00 Blessings
- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 10:00 Coffee & Conversation - FH

### Thursday, February 13, 2025

- 8:30 Blessings
- 10:00 Thursday Bible Study – Library
- 10:00 Fellowship Committee - FH
- 12:00 – 3:00 Craft Group – Youth Room
- 6:00 Theology & Wine – Angelo's Pizzeria

### Friday, February 14, 2025

*Valentine's Day*

### Saturday, February 15, 2025

- 8:30-3:00 Relief Share
- 10:00 -11:30 CCCC Rehearsal – Sanctuary

### Sunday, February 16, 2025

- 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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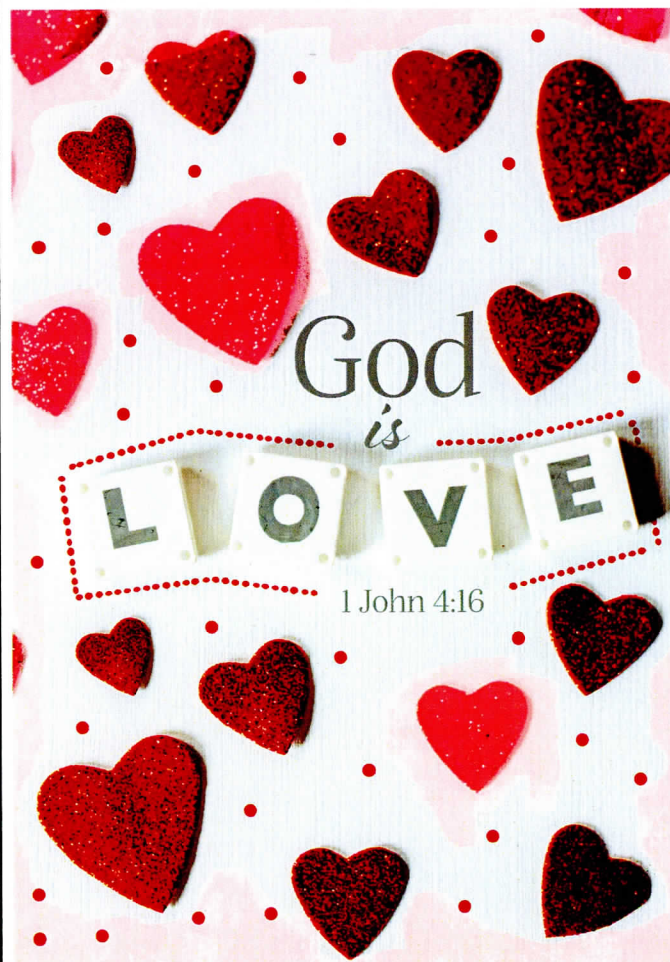
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TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

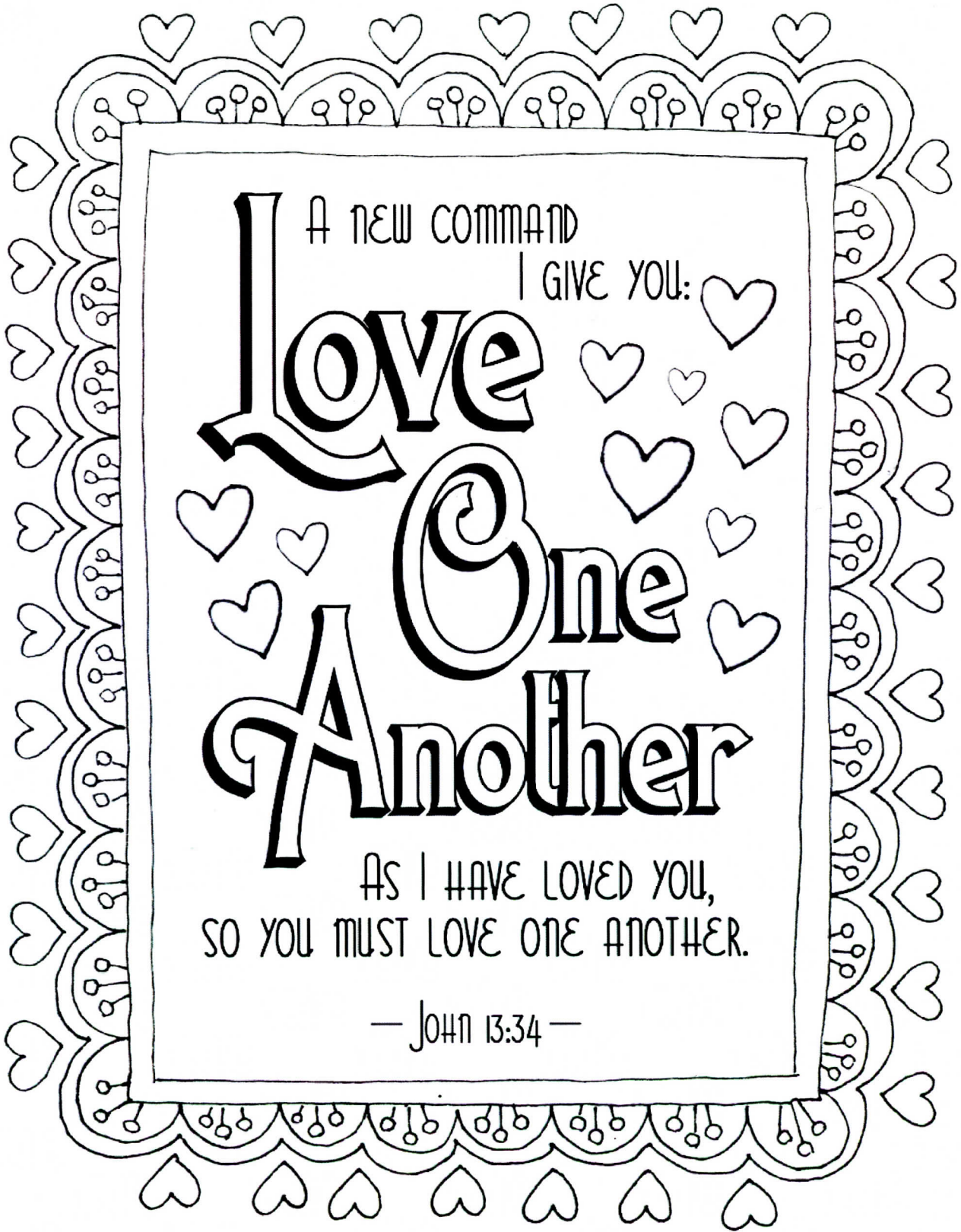
## Ushers

*Russ Hackett*

*Toni Scott*



*Friday is  
Valentine's Day!*



A NEW COMMAND  
I GIVE YOU:  
**Love**  
**One**  
**Another**

AS I HAVE LOVED YOU,  
SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

— JOHN 13:34 —