

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness
February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Prelude

Dr. Marina Veiler

Welcome

Introit

Prelude in E Flat Minor

Dr. Marina Veiler

Opening Sentences

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, **whose confidence is in God.**
They will be like a tree planted by the water, **sending out roots by the stream.**
This tree does not fear when heat comes; **its leaves are green, its fruit endures.**
So come, let us place our trust in God! **Let us live in blessed faith together!**

Prayer of the Day

God of holy instruction, we thank you that throughout the generations, you have taught us how to live. You do not leave us without guidance; you show us the path to life and fruitfulness. Help us this day as we gather again to delight in your sacred gift of instruction. Grant us humility of heart and softness of will, that we might live in the fullness of your blessing this day. Amen.

*Hymn#408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Confession and Pardon

Sustaining God, you would have us be deeply rooted in you, finding strength in your word and nourishment in your grace. More often, though, we live as chaff, blown here and there by the winds of circumstance. Forgive our lack of permanency and our failures to hold fast to our commitments. Grow in us faith that we might be firmly planted in your promises, released from sin, and open to the life you have shown us in Jesus Christ. (silent confession) Let all God's children say, Amen.

***Passing Christ's Peace**

***Gloria**

Children's Sermon

Lori Wolford

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

O God of grace, bless us with peace.

Anthem

Come to Jesus

Lynnette Strickland

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament
Psalm of the Day
Gospel

Jeremiah 17:5–10
Psalm 1
Luke 6:17–26

Sermon

Jesus Really Said That

Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

*Affirmation of Faith

From the Belhar Confession

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #852

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

1 When the Lord re - deems the ver - y least,
 2 When the Lord re - stores the sick and weak, we will re -
 3 When the Lord re - vives the world from death, we will re-joyce, will re -
 4 When the Lord re - turns in vic - to - ry,

joyce.
 joyce, will re-joyce.

When the hun - gry gath - er for the feast,
 When the earth is giv - en to the meek,
 When the word of God fills ev - ery breath,
 When we live in glo - rious lib - er - ty,

Refrain

we will re-joyce. We will re-
 we will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-

joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce.
joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce with glad-ness. All our

days we'll sing to God in praise. We will re-joyce!
We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce!

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 bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system also ends with a double bar line.

Blessing and Charge

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 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.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: JOIN OUR HOSPITAL OUTREACH TEAM!

The Deacons are looking for compassionate individuals to help ensure our church family members who are in the hospital receive the support that they need. By making a simple phone call to check in and offer assistance, we can share God's love and compassion in a powerful way.

Your calls can bring hope, comfort, and the assurance that they are not alone. If you're interested in serving in this important ministry, please contact Jacob Gleason (352-296-3607) for more information or to sign up.

SINGLES EATING TOGETHER

SET will meet on Wednesday, **March 5th** at LaPergola, 2780 North Florida Avenue, Hernando, at 4:00 p.m.

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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Christian Education is hosting a spaghetti dinner on **Sunday, February 23rd** as a fundraiser for children and youth activities. Please plan to join us! All donations will be greatly appreciated!

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY

Updated church directories are available at the Ask-Me-Desk. If you would like to have your picture added to the directory, please call the office and make an appointment to have your picture taken. If your contact information has changed, please email the office (fpcinvooffice@gmail.com) with the correct information; an email will be sent to the congregation with your correct information.

PUZZLE TABLE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who donated and enjoyed the puzzle table. Just as all good things must come to an end, so has the puzzle table. The remaining puzzles have been donated to the Citrus County Library System to be sold at their next book sale. All proceeds from those sales go to buy new books to support the literacy of Citrus County residence. Our youth are happy to be helping share the joy of reading through this donation. Thank you again to everyone who participated.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

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

Monday, February 17, 2025

President's Day

Church Closed

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

- *8:00 Blessings
- 10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor
- 11:00 Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
- 5:30 Finance Committee-Library

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

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

Thursday, February 20, 2025

- 8:30 Blessings
- 10:00 Thursday Bible Study – Library
- 12:00 – 3:00 Craft Group – Youth Room
- 6:00 GenX Night Out

Friday, February 21, 2025

Saturday, February 22, 2025

- 10:00 -11:30 CCCC Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 11:30 – 1:00 CCCC Luncheon - FH

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Ordination/Installation in Worship Service

- 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 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- 5:30 Gathered Up Service – FH

*Outside Group

FH = Fellowship Hall

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Frank & Donna Dublo



***Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser
After Worship Service
Sunday, February 23rd***