

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness
February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



Prelude

Dr. Marina Veiler

Welcome

Mission Update

Pedro Fuentes

Introit

Be Still My Soul

Chancel Choir

Opening Sentences

The way of Christ turns the world upside down. **God's ways are not our ways.**
It moves us beyond retribution and cycles of violence. **God's ways are not our ways.**
It leads us to enemy-love and scandalous forgiveness. **God's ways are not our ways.**
It calls us beyond reciprocity into radical giving. **God's ways are not our ways.**
So let us commit our way to the Lord together
until our righteousness shines like the dawn and our justice like high noon.

Prayer of the Day

God of resurrection, throughout the generations you have been forging a path to new life. Though the death-dealing ways of Empire constantly beckon, you call us forth to a different way, reminding us of the power of resurrection. Free us this day from what tries to steal, kill, and destroy, and restore the joy of our salvation, that we might live secure with you. Amen.

*Hymn #410

God Is Calling through a Whisper

1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
2 God is call-ing through the voic - es of our neigh-bors' ur - gent prayers,
3 God is call-ing through the mu - sic of sub - lime and hu - man arts,

through the thrill of sud - den beau - ties that can catch us by sur - prise.
through their long - ing for re - demp - tion and for res - cue from de - spair.
through the hymns of earth and an - gels, and the car - ols of our hearts.

Flash of light - ning, crash of thun - der; hush of still - ness, rush of won - der:
Place of hurt or face of need - ing; stri - dent cry or si - lent plead - ing:
Lift of joy and gift of sing - ing; days and nights our prais - es bring - ing:

God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

*Confession and Pardon

O Christ, the economy of your love is beautiful, expending goodness and extending lines of forgiveness beyond our imagining. The economy of our love is stingy and crooked. We invest love where it can be repaid. We spend mercy where it yields gain. We advance blessing we can bank on. We hold grudges with interest. We do all of this with no recognition of how deeply indebted we are to you. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray with our whole hearts. (silent confession). Let all God's children say, Amen.

***Gloria**

Children's Sermon

Lori Wolford

Anthem

Worship Tapestry

Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

Luke 6:27–38

Sermon

Seriously, Jesus?

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Elders: Keith Spong, Caryl Birstler, Lynnette Strickland, Clark Stillwell

Deacons: Pedro Fuentes, Ron Shaffer, Terrie Christoffers, Jacob Gleason

Scripture

1 Cor. 12:4–7, 27

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

***Affirmation of Faith**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Constitutional Questions

Prayer

Welcome

*Hymn #697

Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

*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 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
Class of 2026: Ray Birstler, Donna Dublo, Toni Scott
Class of 2027: Terri Christoffers, Jacob Gleason, Ron Shafer

WORSHIP FLOWERS

Worship Flowers are given today by Martha Coughlan, in memory of her parents.

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
Adult Sunday School	Library	Lori Wolford
Secondary/Youth Group (6-12)	CE Hall, Room 5 5:30 p.m.	Ms. Lori, Mr. Ron

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER POSTPONED

The stove in our kitchen is out of commission, so the spaghetti dinner fundraiser is postponed. A new date will be announced when we have more information. Thank you for your understanding.

ROCK OF AGERS GAME DAY

Game day is Wednesday, February 26th, from 10:00 – 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Come and learn how to play canasta.

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.

SINGLES EATING TOGETHER

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

WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to honor someone special by ordering worship flowers for the Sanctuary, we have several Sundays open in March. Two arrangements are just \$37.00. Sign up at the Ask-Me-Desk and drop your check in the offering plate. Be sure to note “Worship Flowers (date)” on the memo line of your check.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Ordination/Installation in Worship Service

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

Monday, February 24, 2025

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

- *8:00 Blessings
- 10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor
- 11:00 Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
- 5:30 Deacons – FH
- 2:00 Session - FH

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

- *8:00 Blessings
- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 10:00-12:00 Rock of Agers Game Day - FH

Thursday, February 27, 2025

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

Friday, February 28, 2025

Saturday, March 1, 2025

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

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Communion Sunday

- 9:00 Adult Sunday School-Library
- 10:00 Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 Children's Sunday School-CE Wing
- 1:00 Anchored – Liberty Park & Ice Cream
- 5:30 Gathered Up Service – FH

*Outside Group

FH = Fellowship Hall

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

*Robert Ramsey
Jerry Reynolds*



Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser
After Worship Service
TODAY

