

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 10, 2022

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

H.H. Hopson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Brooks Sheldon, Liturgist

Leader: Shout praises to the Lord! Praise God in his temple.

People: **Praise him in heaven, his mighty fortress.**

Leader: Praise our God!

People: **His deeds are wonderful, too marvelous to describe.**

Leader: Let every living creature praise the Lord.

People: **Shout praises to the Lord!**

*HYMN #55

“Immortal, Invisible”

W.C. Smith/Welsh melody

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. Our sin has meant failing to love you with a pure heart, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Consequently, we have failed to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you; and have ignored the pain of the world, passing by those who are hungry or poor, beaten or broken, sick or suffering. Forgive our contempt, O Lord, for we often ridicule and place blame, believing that we are positioned to render judgment. In your great compassion, O God, have mercy on us and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, we pray, and renew a right spirit within us; that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen. (Time for Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As God in Christ forgives us, let us forgive one another.
The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ.

***HYMN #86**

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Croly/Atkinson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Amazing Grace"

J. Linker

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

KID'S CHURCH (5th grade and younger)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

ANTHEM

"Order My Steps"

G. Burleigh/J. Schrader

SECOND READING:

Luke 10:25-37

SERMON

"A Troublesome Kindness"

Dr. Walker

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN #508**

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Gladden/Smith

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Epilogue"

L. Smith

() We stand as we are able.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in appreciation of all the church staff
by Lewis and Diane Herndon*

Announcements

Tuesday, July 12 at 5:30 p.m. MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 13 at Noon FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 13 at 6 p.m. TRANSFORM YOUTH DINNER & DEVOTION

Thursday, July 14 at 4:30 p.m. CORNERSTONES TO SEE "SISTER ACT"

Saturday, July 16 at Noon YOUNG FAMILY TRIP TO TALLAHASSEE

Monday, July 18 at Noon CORNERSTONES MEETING

Monday, July 25 OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, July 26 at 12 Noon CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEETING

Thursday, July 28 at 11 a.m. CORNERSTONES LUNCH ON THE ROAD – THOMASVILLE

MARK YOUR AUGUST CALENDARS

WATCH SUPPERS WILL BEGIN AGAIN AUGUST 10

RALLY DAY WILL BE AUGUST 14

CORNERSTONES ANNIVERSARY DINNER WILL BE AUGUST 15

HELPING HANDS COLLECTION BOX: THE CHILDREN'S CHEER TOY SHOPPE

This quarter, First Presbyterian Church is collecting new toys and books – they do not have enough volunteers to clean used ones - and small blankets for the Children's Cheer (Christmas) Toy Shoppe. Put your donations in the large cream-colored box in the Fellowship Hall. The Toy Shoppe serves around 2000 children each year, including those in foster care.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Marty Mathis **ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Brett Johnson

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Patty June

YOUTH NEWS

Transform Youth Ministry: St. George Island Beach Retreat August 27 & 28
Open to all 10-12th graders. **RSVP needed by August 15.**

Upcoming Youth Service Projects:

Aug. 31 – Bingo at Golden Apple

Sept. 21 – Painting at Hero House

CORNERSTONES: SUMMER SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 14th at 5 p.m. - Trip to Valdosta to see "Sister Act"

Monday, July 18th at noon – Cornerstones Meeting

Thursday, July 28th at 11 a.m. - Lunch on the Road to Thomasville

Card Players will be meeting Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Part-time Secretarial Assistant

This position serves to provide a friendly welcome to callers and visitors to First Presbyterian Church.

Call 229-985-3158.

WORSHIP & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Put your talents and interests to good service at church. Let us know if you are interested in volunteering as a Sunday morning liturgist, a new member of the choir, a helper with the Missions Dinner or Rise Against Hunger coming up this fall, or perhaps as a courier/server for our turn with Pathway Outreach Soup Kitchen.