# First Presbyterian Church

Cleveland, GA July 21, 2024



"Growing together by sharing Christ's love"

# First Presbyterian Church 4th Sunday After Pentecost July 21, 2024

# We Gather to Worship God

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Save us, Lord, from being self-centered in our prayers, and teach us to remember to pray for others. May we be so caught up in love for those for whom we pray, that we may feel their needs as keenly as our own, and pray for them with imagination, sensitivity, and knowledge. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

--John Calvin

#### PRELUDE TO WORSHIP

#### **GREETING**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

#### WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 145:10-12

Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

And we, your faithful, bless you.

We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

### \*GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

GtG #408

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you uphold those who are falling down and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore we confess our sins—both things we have done and things we have left undone—in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

So now live knowing the love of Christ, which surpasses all knowledge and fills us with the fullness of God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*SONG OF RESPONSE "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GTG #582

# We Hear the Word of God in Scripture and Song

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**PSALTAR** Psalm 145:10-16 Nancy Webber

**SPECIAL MUSIC** 

**EPISTLE** Ephesians 3:14-21

**SERMON** "My Prayer for You"

\*HYMN "Jesus Loves Me!" GtG #188

## We Respond to the Word of God

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:1, 28, 36-39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God and who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in God's creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

#### **OFFERING**

#### OFFERTORY— A TIME FOR GIVING AND REFLECTION

\*SONG OF GRATITUDE "May the Peoples Praise You" (Refrain)
FPC Songbook #48

May the people praise You, Let the nations be glad! All Your blessing comes that we may praise, May praise the name of Jesus.

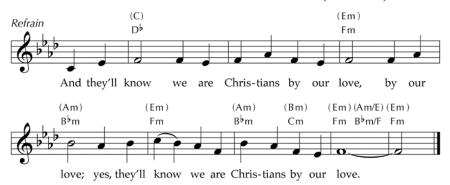
#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN "Christ Be Beside Me" GtG #702

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

# "They'll Know We Are Christians" (Refrain) GTG #300



#### **POSTLUDE**

## **Devotion for Discernment**

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-28

**Focus Text:** "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it" (v. 18).

Listening to God: Never doubt that there is an Adversary who is eager to bring you down and many others with you. In fact, if you are about my business in this world you can expect all kinds of opposition. Don't waste too much time fighting against these things. The opposition is too powerful for you. Instead, trust in my promise that the powers of hell and death will never prevail against my church and my chosen ones. Faithfully put on all the armor that I have provided for you, and the Adversary cannot touch you. Keep on being filled with my Spirit every day, and you will be saved.

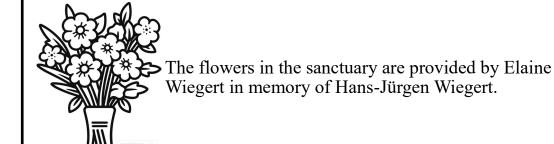
My Prayer:

## **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

**Back to School Bash** - The Annual White County Back to School Bash will take place at Freedom Park on <u>July 27</u> from 10 a.m. until noon. We need volunteers to help with face painting. If you would like to help, please contact Melody Thomason.

**Thanks Y'all BBQ -** The **Presbyterian Women** invite Y'all to a BBQ dinner on Saturday, <u>August 3</u>, at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Upper Narthex.

**Fall Bible Study**: Beginning <u>August 14</u>, we will begin a new Fast Track Disciple Study: New Testament. If you would like for us to order a book for you, please sign up in the Upper Narthex.



#### The Week at a Glance

Monday, July 22nd Office Closed

**Tuesday, July 23rd** 9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

Wednesday, July 24th 9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

**Thursday, July 25th** 9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

Friday, July 26th 9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

Saturday, July 27th 10:00 Back 2 School Bash

**Sunday, July 28th** 10:00 Coffee & Conversation 11:00 Worship Service

## Remember in Your Prayers

## Members' Special Needs, at Home, or Hospitalized

Roy Ficklin

## Family and Friends

Claudette Price, Friend of Rachel Romfo

### In the Military

Zack Ciriello	Ciriello and Murdoch family
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Charlsie Maddox	Maddox family
Tyler Lovell	Royds family

#### THE SESSION

## Reverend Burnetta Armour, Moderator Bruce Morgan, Clerk of Session Jim Hiers, Clerk of Session, Emeritus



<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Phil Baughman Worship	Bruce Morgan Administration & Finance	Judy Massingale Membership
Jim Crawford Membership	Hugh Walters Building & Grounds	Nancy Webber Communications
	Elaine Wiegert Discipleship	

#### THE DIACONATE

Rita Morgan, Moderator Judy Massingale, Session Liaison

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Viveca Cooper	Rita Morgan	Kim Ciriello
Debbie Wessely	Adele Page	Bob Thomason

Pastor:	Rev. Burnetta Armour
Director of Music:	David Arvold
Accompanist:	James Geiger
Organist	Rachel Ficklin
Ushers:	Phil Baughman
Greeters:	Charles Massingale
	Hugh Walters
	Collin Armour
Liturgist:	Nancy Webber
Elder of the Month July:	Elaine Wiegert
Deacon of the Month July:	Adele Page
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