

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**

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our
love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

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 July 27 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, August 3, at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Upper Narthex.

Fall Bible Study: Beginning August 14, 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 flowers in the sanctuary are provided by Elaine Wiegert in memory of Hans-Jürgen Wiegert.

The Week at a Glance

Monday, July 22nd

Office Closed

Friday, July 26th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

Tuesday, July 23rd

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

Saturday, July 27th

10:00 Back 2 School Bash

Wednesday, July 24th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

Sunday, July 28th

10:00 Coffee & Conversation

11:00 Worship Service

Thursday, July 25th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

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

Greyson Ekdahl-McBrideCiriello and Murdoch family

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



Class of 2024

Phil Baughman
Worship

Jim Crawford
Membership

Class of 2025

Bruce Morgan
Administration & Finance

Hugh Walters
Building & Grounds

Elaine Wiegert
Discipleship

Class of 2026

Judy Massingale
Membership

Nancy Webber
Communications

THE DIACONATE

Rita Morgan, Moderator
Judy Massingale, Session Liaison

Class of 2024

Viveca Cooper
Debbie Wessely

Class of 2025

Rita Morgan
Adele Page

Class of 2026

Kim Ciriello
Bob Thomason

Pastor:

Director of Music:

Accompanist:

Organist

Ushers:

Greeters:

Liturgist:

Elder of the Month July:

Deacon of the Month July:

Rev. Burnetta Armour

David Arvold

James Geiger

Rachel Ficklin

Phil Baughman

Charles Massingale

Hugh Walters

Collin Armour

Nancy Webber

Elaine Wiegert

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