

# First Presbyterian Church

Cleveland, GA

July 28, 2024



“Growing together by sharing Christ’s love”

**First Presbyterian Church  
10th Sunday After Pentecost  
July 28, 2024**

**We Gather to Worship God**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Gracious God, from whom comes all the abundance of the earth, and who has given us the true bread from heaven, Jesus Christ, feed us again by your word of truth, that we may believe more deeply and trust more daringly, speaking the truth in love to our hurting world. Make your church a transforming presence among all your children. Amen.

**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 Ephesians 4:2, 4-6

Come, let us worship our God,  
for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all,  
who is above all and through all and in all.  
**We come with humility, gentleness, and patience,  
bearing with one another in love.**

**\*GATHERING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

“God Is Here!”

GtG #409

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, you have called us to live lives  
worthy of the calling to which we have been called.  
But we confess to you and each other  
that we have not always spoken the truth in love;  
we have not always made every effort  
to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
Forgive us and, by your grace,  
help us to grow in every way  
into him who is our head, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.  
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**

**GOSPEL** John 6:24-35 Mil Clyburn

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**EPISTLE** Ephesians 4:1-16

**SERMON** “Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling”

**\*HYMN** “We Are One in the Spirit” GtG #300

# **We Respond to the Word of God**

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Adapted from the  
*Confession of 1967 (9.22)*

**The new life takes shape in a community in which men and women know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.**

## **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**                      “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”                      GtG #306

## **\*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:** Isaiah 64:1-6

**Focus Text:** “From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God beside you who works for those who wait for him” (v. 4).

**Listening to God:** I know you hate to wait, but if you are not willing to wait on me, you cannot work with me. If you are not willing to wait, you will rush in and do things that will carry you and your church away from my will. In this dance of life, I am the one who leads. Your job is to follow my guidance as I give it to you moment by moment, day by day. I will lead you, if you are willing to be led. Walk into this day with me. Pay attention to me as I speak, act, and guide. If you do this, you will see me work in ways beyond anything you have ever imagined.

**My Prayer:**

## ***Announcements & Upcoming Events***

**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 cost of the book is \$16.99 plus shipping.

**Wednesday Night Supper** - Join us on Wednesday, August 21, at 5:30 p.m. for a fun night of games and a pot luck dinner. We will play Phase 10, Mexican Dominoes, Scrabble, Mah Jongg or you can bring your favorite game. (*No gambling, please!*) Please sign up in the Upper Narthex.

FPC will be hosting a **Crafts & Car Show** on Saturday, October 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in having a craft table or showing off your car, please fill out and turn in a registration form and payment to the church office. Registration forms and flyers for you to share are in the Upper Narthex.

**Joyful Ladies Sewing School** - Thank you to all who donated for Loose Change Sunday. We collected \$184.15 to benefit this wonderful mission.



The flowers in the sanctuary are provided by  
Rebecca Wiegert in celebration of  
Trey's and Emily's birthday.

## *The Week at a Glance*

**Monday, July 29th**

Office Closed

**Friday, August 2nd**

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

**Tuesday, July 30th**

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

**Saturday, August 3rd**

6:00 Thanks Y'all BBQ

**Wednesday, July 31st**

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

**Sunday, August 4th**

10:00 Coffee & Conversation

11:00 Worship Service

**Thursday, August 1st**

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

### *Remember in Your Prayers*

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

Roy Ficklin

#### *Family and Friends*

**Melissa Klawitter**, our friend who helps us maintain a clean, inviting worship space

Claudette Price, friend of Rachel Romfo

#### *In the Military*

Zack Ciriello.....Ciriello and Murdoch family

Greyson Ekdahl-McBride .....Ciriello 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

Elaine Wiegert

Charles Massingale

Hugh Walters

Collin Armour

Mil Clyburn

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