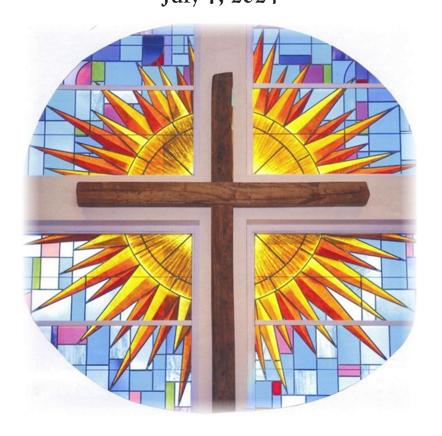
# First Presbyterian Church

Cleveland, GA July 7, 2024



"Growing together by sharing Christ's love"

# First Presbyterian Church 7th Sunday After Pentecost July 7, 2024

# We Gather to Worship God

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Healing God, whose touch we have sought and known and whose compassion has surrounded us like a good shepherd's care for wandering sheep, show us once more the dimensions of wholeness that can restore us to faithful living and fruitful service. May we become reconcilers within and beyond the church. Amen.

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **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

Come away and rest for a while.

Leave behind your busyness to be fully present to God.

We have come for relief from life's turmoil.

God gathers us as a shepherd gathers her sheep.

God's steadfast love surrounds us here.

We are reminded of God's enduring faithfulness.

This is God's house, and we are God's children.

God invites us to feel at home in this place.

We have a covenant with our Creator.

This is a time for renewal of our promises.

God calls for righteousness and justice.

God offers us goodness and mercy all our days.

### \*GATHERING PRAYER

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all times and places,
we confess that we have wandered
after the false gods of this age.
We have disobeyed your commandments,
violated your covenant with us,
and forsaken your ways.
We have denied our need for you,
and mistreated those whom you have called us to love.
We have become strangers and aliens,
plagued by false values that squeeze life from our souls.
Heavenly Father, hear your penitent children,

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...Let us join our spirits and our voices in giving thanks for God's pardon and offer of healing.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

and let us come home, we pray. 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

**OLD TESTAMENT** Jeremiah 23:1-6 Becky Clark

**SPECIAL MUSIC** 

**EPISTLE** Ephesians 2:11-22

**SERMON** "No Longer Strangers"

**\*HYMN**: "O Christ, the Great Foundation"

GtG #361

# We Respond to the Word of God

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Confession of Belhar (10.3)

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

#### **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.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

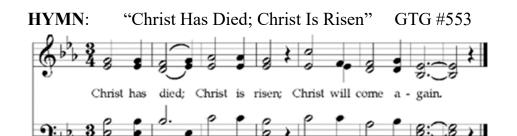
Holy God, creator of the universe...

Therefore, we join our voices with all those who sing your praise:

**HYMN**: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

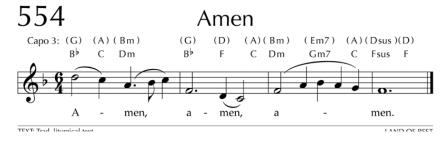
GtG #552

...Great is the mystery of faith.



...All thanks and praise to you, O triune God, now and forever.

HYMN: "Amen" GTG #554



Words of Institution Communion of the People Prayer After Communion

\*HYMN "Called as Partners In Christ's Service"

GtG #761

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



#### **POSTLUDE**

# Announcements & Upcoming Events

Wednesday Book Study will resume on July 10 at 12:00 p.m.

**Discipleship Team** will be meet on Wednesday, <u>July 10</u>, at 2:00 p.m.

Join us for the next **Family Night Supper** on Wednesday, <u>July 17</u>, at 5:30 p.m. This meal will be catered so no need to bring anything. After supper we will have FOCUS GROUPS to discuss the ideas our church family has submitted as part of our year of discernment. Your input is valuable, so plan to share your thoughts. \*Please sign up for supper in the Upper Narthex, we want to be sure to have enough food for everyone.

**In-House Food Pantry:** Our in-house food pantry is in dire need of ready to eat foods such as microwaveable soups, ravioli, beefaroni, spaghetti, individual cans or pouches of proteins such as tuna or chicken, small jars of peanut butter, crackers. We are also in need of toilet paper.

This is a difficult time of year for our brothers and sisters who find themselves in need of assistance. Thank you so very much in advance for your help with this important ministry.

# **Devotion for Discernment**

Scripture: Isaiah 30:15-22

**Focus Text:** "And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it'" (v. 21).

**Listening to God**: You may feel that you are alone, but you are not. Do not let the clamor of the world and the raging of your own spirit drown out the voice of my Spirit within you. You need to listen for me the most when situations are tense and competing voices are loud. As you begin to feel overwhelmed, take time out and let me do my work in you. Here is my promise, and I do not lie: "in returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength" (v. 15).

### My Prayer:

### The Week at a Glance

Monday, July 8th Office Closed

**Tuesday, July 9th** 9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

Wednesday, July 10th 9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours 12:00 Book Club 2:00 Discipleship Team Meeting **Thursday, July 11th** 9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

Friday, July 12th 9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

**Sunday, July 14th** 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
	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



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

## THE DIACONATE

Rita Morgan, Moderator Judy Massingale, Session Liaison

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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:	Penny Murdoch
Greeters:	Charles Massingale
	Hugh Walters
	Collin Armour
Liturgist:	Becky Clark
Elder of the Month July:	Elaine Wiegert
Deacon of the Month July:	Adele Page