

First Presbyterian Church

Cleveland, GA

August 11, 2024



“Growing together by sharing Christ’s love”

**First Presbyterian Church
12th Sunday After Pentecost
August 11, 2024**

We Gather to Worship God

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of steadfast love, your works delight our hearts and expand our thoughts. Your grace and mercy draw us together to praise you and to celebrate your wonderful deeds. Dwell among us today, and reign within the lives of each one gathered here, helping us to grow in discernment and understanding. Grant us wisdom and courage that we may walk in your ways and keep your commandments. Amen.

PRELUDE TO WORSHIP “Give Thanks” arr. Mark Hayes

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**

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in company with the congregation.

**Your work is full of honor and majesty,
O God, and your righteousness endures forever.**

The works of your hands are faithful and just;
all your precepts are trustworthy.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

***GATHERING PRAYER**

***HYMN:** “Let All Things Now Living” GtG #37

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, deliver us from the burden of sin as we make our confession. Remove the scales from our eyes, for we overlook neighbors in need. Cleanse us of selfishness, which keeps us from serving them. Purge us of vanity, since we expect them to be grateful. Help us not to brood over the seeming ingratitude of some we serve. Restore us by Christ’s redeeming sacrifice, and purify our intentions. Make us fit for your service. In Christ’s name, we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus has said, “I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” “Therefore, it is said, ‘Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.’”

Arise; walk in the light, since in Christ you are forgiven.
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 FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Proverbs 9:1-6 Judy Massingale

ANTHEM “Siyahamba” African Folk Song

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8-20

SERMON

“Living as Children of the Light”

***HYMN**

“Longing for Light”

GtG #314

We Respond to the Word of God

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostle’s Creed (Traditional)

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; he descended into hell; 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.**

** “catholic” = “universal”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY— A TIME FOR GIVING AND REFLECTION

“Open Our Eyes” arr. Carol Tornquist

***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**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Prayers of the People

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, Holy, holy Lord—

In grateful praise, let us sing...

HYMN: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

GtG #552

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Thank you, Lord—

Take this bread and cup, O God—a feast of grace;

take our hearts and our lives—an offering of praise.

HYMN: “Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen” GTG #553

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Spirit, come—
 Blessing and glory,
 wisdom and thanksgiving,
 honor and power,
 forever and ever!

HYMN: “Amen” GTG #554

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Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus)(D)
 Bb C Dm Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

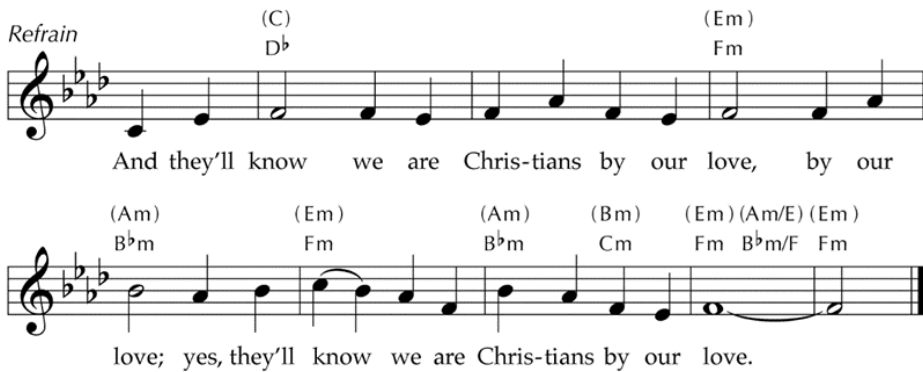
Breaking of the Bread
Communion
Prayer After Communion

*HYMN: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" GtG #542

*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 "Every Time I Feel The Spirit" arr. Fred Bock



The flowers in the sanctuary are provided
by Rachel Romfo in loving memory
of her husband, Tom's birthday

Devotion for Discernment

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15

Focus Text: "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your heavenly Father forgive your trespasses" (vv. 14, 15).

Listening to God: When you refuse to forgive someone, you bind that person and the hurt they caused you to your soul. This blocks your spiritual growth and gives the Adversary lots to work with in your life. I cannot bless you as much as I would like if you are holding on to things you should have forgiven. Unforgiveness is poison to your spirit. If you can't bring yourself to forgive, pray to me your desire to want to forgive. I want to set you free. When you let me do that, many will be blessed through you.

My Prayer:

Pastor:	Rev. Burnetta Armour
Director of Music:	David Arvold
Accompanist:	James Geiger
Organist	Rachel Ficklin
Usher:	Becky Clark
Greeters:	Charles Massingale Hugh Walters Collin Armour
Liturgist:	Judy Massingale
Elder of the Month August:	Phil Baughman
Deacon of the Month August :	Debbie Wessely

Remember in Your Prayers

*Family, friends and those recovering will be kept on our pastoral care list for one month unless an extension of time is requested. Please notify the church office of any changes. **Bold** print indicates new prayer requests. You can call the church or send your new requests to info@fpcleveland.org.*

Members' Special Needs, at Home, or Hospitalized

Roy Ficklin

Family and Friends

Bill Hayes, friend of Roy Ficklin

Chloe Maddox and Family

Douglas Jones' Family, Betty Royd's nephew

Christopher Buice

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

In the Military

Zack Ciriello.....Ciriello and Murdoch family
Greyson Ekdahl-McBrideCiriello and Murdoch family
Charlsie Maddox Maddox family
Tyler Lovell Royds family

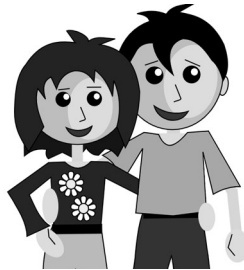
Church Directory



It's time to update the church directory ...

It's been more than a year since we updated our directory, and we'd like to make sure we have the correct contact information for everyone in our church family. Info sheets were given out at the door this morning. Please fill them out and return them on your way out of the sanctuary. The same form has been sent out to our email list. It can be completed on your computer and emailed back to the church office.

... and we'd like to see your faces!



The FPC Communications Team would like to include photos in the directory. Photos can be of individuals, couples, or families. There are several ways to send a current photo to the church office:

1. Take a "selfie" on your phone and email it as an attachment to info@fpccleveland.org.
2. Mail or deliver a printed photo (high-quality, please) to the office. Be sure to let us know if you want it returned.
3. Stop by our photo booth in Fellowship Hall after the worship services on Aug. 11, 18, or 25 and smile for the camera.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

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.

The Week at a Glance

Monday, August 12th

Office Closed

Tuesday, August 13th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

Wednesday, August 14th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

12:30 Bible Study

6:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 15th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

Friday, August 16th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

Sunday, August 18th

9:30 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Coffee & Conversation

11:00 Worship Service

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

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