

First Presbyterian Church

Cleveland, GA

August 4, 2024



“Growing together by sharing Christ’s love”

**First Presbyterian Church
11th Sunday After Pentecost
August 4, 2024**

We Gather to Worship God

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We come to you, holy God, with our many needs. Some of us are people in authority with weighty decisions to make. Some of us are fighting battles we cannot win. Some have faced unexpected losses that tear at the fabric of life. There are broken relationships among us, feelings we do not want to admit, realities we don't want to face. There are also joys we have not really celebrated, reasons to give thanks to which we have never given voice. We come, O God, to be lifted out of our ruts and routines, seeking instead to find fullness of life with you. 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 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood let all of us
speak the truth to our neighbors.

**Let no evil talk come out of our mouths,
but only what is useful for building up.**

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
with which you were marked with a seal.

Let us be kind to one another, tenderhearted, and forgive one another.

Let us worship God!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN “Here in This Place (Gather Us In)”

GtG #401

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Therefore, since we are members of one another,
put away falsehood and speak the truth.

Forgive us, O God, for we deceive one another.

Be angry, but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger.

Forgive us, O God, since we are prone to hold grudges.

Do not steal, but work honestly;

make yourselves able to give to those in need.

**Forgive us, O God, for we squander your mercies
and take no delight in sharing our means.**

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths,
only talk that builds up your neighbor.

**Forgive us, O God, for we slander one another
without being conscious of the destruction we cause.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know that Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**If we are sorry and truly repent of our sins,
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Thanks be to God.

*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

GOSPEL

John 6:35, 41-51

Bruce Morgan

SPECIAL MUSIC

EPISTLE

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

SERMON

“Rules for a New Life”

***HYMN :**

“Though I May Speak”

GtG #693

We Respond to the Word of God

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Hear also these words from holy scripture:
There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

* Profession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose 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.
Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy Christian church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to have you thanks and praise.

The Baptism

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

Welcome

CELEBRATION OF OUR GRADUATES AND BLESSING OF OUR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF

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** “Baptized in Water” GtG #482

***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: John 10:1-18

Focus Text: “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me” (v. 14).

Listening to God: I know you through and through, and I want you to know me. Don't think of me as a holy concept or force. I am a living person right now. Talk to me. Tell me what is on your mind. I don't want to be a stranger to you. Your sin is not a problem with me. I defeated it on the cross, and my Holy Spirit is in the process of rooting it out and destroying it. Spending time with me will help that process along. Give me ten minutes a day, and I will transform you.

My Prayer:



The flowers in the sanctuary are given by
Bruce and Rita Morgan for the Glory of
God and in celebration of their 57th anniversary



Sermons & Scriptures for AUGUST

AUGUST 4

Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-5:2
Rules for a New Life

AUGUST 11

Scripture: Ephesians 5:8-20
Living as Children of the Light

AUGUST 18

Scripture: TBD
Lily Geiger to Share Mission Experience

AUGUST 25

Scripture: Ephesians 5:21-6:9
Being Subject to One Another

Pastor:

Director of Music:

Accompanist:

Organist

Usher:

Greeters:

Liturgist:

Elder of the Month August:

Deacon of the Month August :

Rev. Burnetta Armour

David Arvold

James Geiger

Rachel Ficklin

Phil Baughman

Charles Massingale

Hugh Walters

Collin Armour

Bruce Morgan

Phil Baughman

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

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

The Week at a Glance

Monday, August 5th

Office Closed

Tuesday, August 6th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

Wednesday, August 7th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

2:00 Knit'n'Stitch

6:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 8th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

10:30 Friendship Nursing Home Visit

Friday, August 9th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

Saturday, August 10th

PW at the Farmer's Market

Sunday, August 11th

9:30 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Coffee & Conversation

11:00 Worship Service

Announcements & Upcoming Events

The Growing Place's first day of school is Tuesday, August 6.

Knit'n'Stich will meet on Wednesday, August 7, at 2:00 p.m. Bring your ideas and your additions to our inventory.

Presbyterian Women will be at the Farmer's Market on Saturday, August 10.

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 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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Viveca Cooper
Debbie Wessely

CLASS OF 2025

Rita Morgan
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