

First Presbyterian Church

Cleveland, GA

September 1, 2024



Growing together by sharing Christ's love

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15th Sunday After Pentecost

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We Gather to Worship God

Prayer of Preparation for Worship

We come together in this house of prayer, trusting you, O God, to give us everything we need. As you provide for the birds of the air, you supply life's necessities for your children to share. We choose to respond to your promises by identifying ourselves as your servant people who seek to be guided by your word. We gather to remember and reclaim your covenant with us. Fleeing from the tents of wickedness, we gather to do the tasks you entrust to us here, praying for strength to do our daily work as ministry in your name. Amen.

Prelude to Worship “Glorify thy Name” (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*

based on Psalm 34

The Lord redeems the life of his servants.
Thanks be to God!
No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.
Praise the Lord.

**Gathering Prayer*

***Hymn**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

GtG #275

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, you know our plight.
Offended, we have not believed your words.
Complaining, we have betrayed your love.
We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost.
Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall.
Strangers to your holiness, we wander.
Defenseless against evil within and without,
We are lost.
Shine your light in our darkness,
And guide us back to our place in you. Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news: Christ himself is the Word that offers eternal life to all who receive him. This proves his love for us. In the name of 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

Old Testament

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Dick Frost

Anthem

“How Beautiful Upon the Mountains” (John Carter)

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-20

Sermon “Putting on the Armor of God”

**Hymn* “Fight the Good Fight” GtG #846

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 of Reflection

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (arr. Cindy Berry)

**Song of Gratitude* “May the Peoples Praise You” (Refrain)

FPC Songbook #48

**May the peoples 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 Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God...


With men and women of faith from all times and places,
we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy:

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

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



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, we thank you for your Son Jesus...

Remembering the Lord Jesus,

we break bread and share one cup,

announcing his death for our sins and the sins of the world,

and telling his resurrection to all persons and all nations.

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.

Jesus prayed with and for his disciples...
 we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord,
 in whose name we pray.

Hymn “Amen” GTG #554

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

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1995
 Music Arr. © 1995 GIA Publications, Inc.

LAND OF REST

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.

Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread
 Communion
 Prayer After Communion

***Hymn**

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

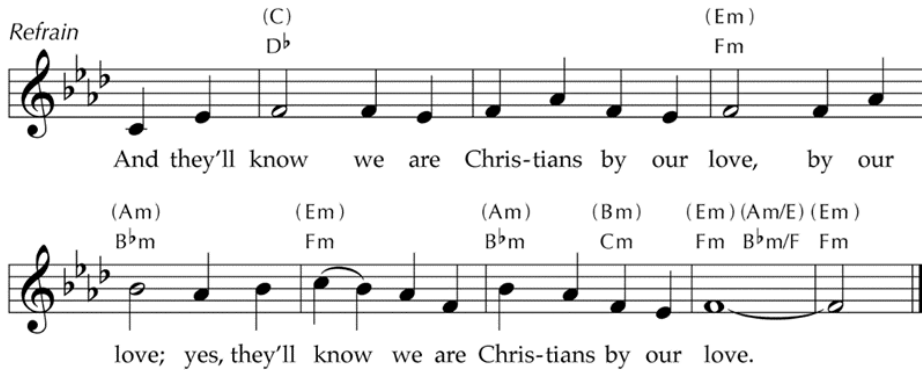
GtG #269

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response “They’ll Know We Are Christians”**

(Refrain) GTG #300

Refrain



(C)
D^b

(Em)
Fm

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

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

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

Postlude

“The Solid Rock” (arr. Mark Hayes)

Devotion for Discernment

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:1-15

Focus Text: “The work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done” (v. 13).

Listening to God: Much is done in my name that has very little to do with me and my purposes in this world. Much energy is spent doing religious activities that will count for nothing in the end. If you are not listening to my direction, your work will not endure, no matter how successful it looks now. You are called to be my disciples. Are you asking my guidance each day about what to do and how to do it? Is what you are doing for your glory or for mine? If you work for yourself, you have your reward. But if you truly work for me by walking with me, your reward will be great in heaven.

My Prayer:

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

Becky and Tony Clark

Mil Clyburn

Mary Ann Clyburn

Dale Williams

Jim Hiers

Bill Hines

Family and Friends

Barbara Russell, Betty Royd's niece

Rev. Roe Calloway

Rev. Rindy Trouteaud, her husband, Bob, passed away

Michael Nix, son of Dewayne Nix

Bill Hayes, friend of Roy Ficklin

In the Military

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

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Wednesday Bible Study will meet on September 4, at 12:30 p.m. The Fall study will be *Disciple Fast Track, New Testament*. Bring your lunch and join us for this New Testament Study.

Presbyterian Women - The Coordinating Team will meet on Wednesday, September 4, at 2 p.m. Planning our calendar for the rest of the year will be on the agenda.

The **PW Bible Study** meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10. Bring your lunch, the hostess will provide dessert and tea. We will be using *3:16, The Numbers of Hope* written by Max Lucado. If you need a book, please contact Bernice Rogers. Cost is \$10.

Knit & Stitch meets every Wednesday of the month except the first one, at 2 p.m. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, at 2 p.m. Come join this active group that will be busy preparing for their booths at Agrifest and the Crafts & Cars event. Bring your ideas!

Wednesday Night Supper - Please join us on September 18 at 5 p.m. for supper and updates on the Year of Discernment. Watch for more information in the weekly bulletin.

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, September 2nd

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3rd

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

Wednesday, September 4th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

12:30 Bible Study

2:00 PW CT Meeting

6:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 5th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

Friday, September 6th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

Sunday, September 8th

9:30 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Coffee & Conversation

11:00 Worship Service

Pastor:

Director of Music:

Accompanist:

Organist

Usher:

Greeters:

Liturgist:

Elder of the Month September:

Deacon of the Month September:

Rev. Burnetta Armour

David Arvold

James Geiger

Rachel Ficklin

Roy Ficklin

Charles Massingale

Hugh Walters

Collin Armour

Dick Frost

Hugh Walters

Bob Thomason

THE SESSION

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Jim Hiers, Clerk of Session, Emeritus

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Building & Grounds

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Nancy Webber
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