

First Presbyterian Church

Cleveland, Georgia

October 20, 2024



Growing together by sharing Christ's love

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22nd Sunday After Pentecost

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We Gather to Worship God

Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Source of all things, how can we approach glory so vast that all space and time is surrounded by you? We cannot comprehend the marvels of the earth. How shall we honor your majesty? You are so unknowable, yet evidence of your work is all around us. The mystery of life in all its many forms, the discoveries we are allowed to make, the sweep of knowledge entrusted to our use, and the amazing resources of this planet. All these speak of a God who cares, who honors us, who provides for our salvation. Let this time of meeting honor you and equip us to do your will. Amen.

Prelude to Worship “Jesus, Name Above All Names” (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*

O Lord my God, how great you are! You are clothed with honor and majesty.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom, you have made them all.

You make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Let us worship God!

****Gathering Prayer***

****Hymn*** “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim ”

GtG #299

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence
we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.**

**Forgive all our sins,
and help us live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Based on Hebrews 5

Since we have a great high priest, Jesus Christ, who has passed through the heavens, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, with assurance that in Christ we 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

Psalter

Psalm 91

Nancy Webber

Anthem

“For God So Loved the World” (Benjamin Harlan)

Old Testament

Job 38: 1-11, 31-41; 40: 1-9

Sermon

“A Big, Big God ”

**Hymn*

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

GtG #438

We Respond to the Word of God

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Second Helvetic Confession (5.029)

We believe that all things in heaven and on earth, and in all creatures, are preserved and governed by the providence of this wise, eternal and almighty God.

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

A Minute for Stewardship

Offertory: A Time for Giving and Reflection

“Near to the Heart of God” (arr. Stan Pethel)

***Song of Gratitude**

“May the Peoples Praise You” (Refrain)

FPC Songbook #48

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn**

“You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (On Eagle’s Wings)”

GtG #43

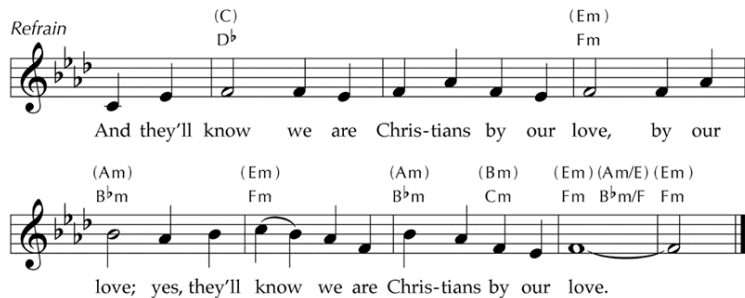
***Charge and Benediction**

***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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (arr. Carol Tornquist)

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

Larry and Linda Hoppock

Jim Hiers

Bill Hines

Eric Wall

Betty Goswick

Betty Sloop

Family and Friends

Chloe McNeely and Family, friend to Kim Ciriello
Andrew George and Family, evacuated from North Carolina
Jannie DeWaart and Family, Cees DeWaart passed away
Beth Ezzelle, Burnetta Armour's mother

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 Week at a Glance

Monday, October 21

Office Closed

Tuesday, October 22

9 am - 1 pm Office Hours

9 am - 2 pm NEGA Presbytery Mtg

Wednesday, October 23

9 am - 1 pm Office Hours

8 am - 12 pm TGP

12:30 pm Bible Study

2 pm Knit'n'Stitch

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 24

9 am - 1 pm Office Hours

8 am - 12 pm TGP

Friday, October 25

9 am - 1 pm Office Hours

Sunday, October 27

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10 am Coffee & Conversation

11 am Kirkin' o' The Tartans

Worship Service

Announcements & Upcoming Events

NEGA Presbytery will meet at FPC on Tuesday, October 22, from 9am until 2 pm. The group includes commissioners and pastors from 48 Presbyterian churches.

Kirkin' o' the Tartans - On October 27 we will celebrate our Church's Scottish Heritage, as well as our own, during the Worship Service, and social hour immediately following. The service will start with the Parade of the Tartans, led by the Bagpiper, the Beadle, and the introduction of the Clans. The reception will feature several types of Scottish shortbread which is always a delightful treat.

Volunteers to help with the social hour, bringing shortbread, and carrying a Tartan, are always welcome. Please see Judy Massingale if you are willing to help in any way possible.

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:	Rev. Burnetta Armour
Director of Music:	David Arvold
Accompanist:	James Geiger
Organist:	Rachel Ficklin
Usher:	Roy Ficklin
Greeters:	Charles Massingale, Hugh Walters, Collin Armour
Liturgist:	Nancy Webber
Elder of the Month for October:	Jim Crawford
Deacon of the Month for October:	Viveca Cooper