SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
First Presbyterian Church
Tallahassee, Florida
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 13th, 2023, 11:00 AM

GATHERING

Ringing of the Zimbelstern
Welcome and Announcements
Rev. Anne HK Apple
Minute for Mission
Preschool Scholarship Fund Drive
Tip Tomberlin
Voluntary
Variations on the Netherlands Folk Hymn “Blest be Our Joyful God”: Variations 1 and 2
Samuel Scheidt
Guest organist, Anthony Rimore
*Call to Worship
Ethan Murphy

God speaks peace to the faithful **and preserves us for God’s purposes**
through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
With thanksgiving, praise the Lord! **I will praise God all my days!**

*Hymn 377
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Houston

*Call to Confession
Rev. Apple

*Prayer of Confession
Rev. Apple

Lord of all, we call upon you. We are intimidated by our circumstances, drowning in
doubts and fears. We envy the blessings of others, secretly jealous of their dreams. Our
hearts harden to the suffering of our siblings, we cannot face their captivity to injustice.
Lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and familial love. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon
Alleluia. **Amen.**

*Response — Hymn 6, v. 5
I Bind unto Myself Today
Deirdre

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

*The Peace
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Presentation of Bibles and Hymnals
Emily Bruno

PROCLAIMING

Prayer for Illumination
Miriam Gurniak

God of abundance, **meet us here.**
Open our eyes to see you **and our ears to hear you.**
Come, Holy Spirit, Come. **Amen.**

Hebrew Scripture Lesson
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
When he summoned famine against the land
and cut off every supply of bread,

he had sent a man ahead of them,
Joseph, who had been sold as a slave.
His feet were hurt with fetters;
his neck was put in a collar of iron;

until what he had said came to pass,
the word of the Lord kept testing him.
The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

He made him lord of his house
and ruler of all his possessions,
to instruct his officials at his pleasure
and to teach his elders wisdom.

Praise the Lord!

Epistle

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*Proclamation Hymn 353 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Gospel

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Ellie Stewart

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles’ Creed)

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.
Blessing

Responsive Prayers of the People

After hearing, “For these we pray,” respond by singing:

“Wait for the Lord” Communauté de Taizé

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.

Call to Offering

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

A Gaelic Prayer

Ammarr. David M. Lowry

Deep peace of the rolling wave to you;
Deep peace of the flowing air to you;
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you;
Deep peace of the shining stars to you;

Deep peace of the gentle night to you;
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you;
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you;
Deep peace of Christ to you.

*Doxology – Hymn 643, v. 3

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn 835

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Rev. Apple and Ellie Stewart

*Charge and Benediction

Variations on the Netherlands Folk Hymn “Blest be Our Joyful God”: Variation 3

Samuel Scheidt

Meredith Strange

Ellie Stewart

Rev. Dr. Greta Reed

Ellie Stewart

David M. Lowry

NUN Danket alle Gott

Deep peace of Christ to you.

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IN WORSHIP TODAY
*Asterisks indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in bold print.

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon are offered from the baptismal font. We believe that baptism enacts and seals God’s grace, offered freely to all people.


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool Scholarship Fund Drive — The First Presbyterian Preschool Board of Directors is conducting its annual scholarship drive for the upcoming school year. With funds from the Belinda Kelly Scholarship, the Preschool is able to offer several partial scholarships so that children whose families cannot afford tuition can attend. See Tip Tomberlin at the table on the portico before or after worship to donate or learn more!

Presentation of Hymnals and Bibles — Today in worship, the Kindergarteners (Ilsa Bruno, Willa James, Aria Willis) will be presented with Hymnals, and 1st graders (Ollie Groll and Darsey Strange) will be presented with Bibles!

Kick Off Sunday — Sunday, August 20th, will be Kick Off Sunday! We will gather in the Sanctuary at 9:30 AM for opening words and prayer before splitting off into Sunday School (for children and youth) and the Westminster Room.

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering — The PW Fall Gathering will be on Sunday, August 27, from 3:30-5:00 PM. Rev. Trinity Whitley will introduce the new PW Bible Study using Sacred Encounters by Olive Mahabir.

Prayer Concerns — We offer prayers for healing for Bob Piccard, Tara Reynolds, Jodie Kim Geradine, Martha Miller, Sandra Sherrard, Ben Powell, Wayne Friedmann, Emily Landreth, Michelle Chason, Martha Snowden, Suzanne Young, and Catherine Parrish, and we give thanks that Perry Chang has received an encouraging report following surgery; we offer prayers for strength and mercy for the family of Richard Gamble (grandfather of Jane Atkinson and great-grandfather of Celeste and Mateo), who passed away Tuesday night at his home in Indiantown, South Carolina at the age of 97; for Diana Bruno, Jan O’Neil, Patricia McCoy Delancey, Thaddeus Gillon, and Aidan, grandson of Sue Safford; for Monique Ellsworth and the staff and volunteers of Second Harvest of the Big Bend, for the people of Ukraine, for Pastor Izett Samá Hernández and the Presbyterian Church in Cuba, and for the churches of the Presbytery of Florida; and for all those affected by recent wildfires; we pray for those in military service, including Jonathan Babineaux, Brian Guisao, Ross Yielding, David DelRossi, and Owen Elzie; and we offer prayers of celebration for those who are preparing to be married, including Kelly Ann Kennedy and Zachary Broadway.

Future Announcements — Please direct worship and bulletin announcements to Office@OldFirstChurch.org by 5 PM on Thursdays.

The Calvin Room — The room across from the main office has been restored as a place for meditation and intentional prayer. The names of the active elders are on the table in the southeast corner — a cue to pray for church leaders, among other prayer concerns.

Children are welcome in this service as full members of God’s family. Learning in Worship packets are in the narthex. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in them. Child care for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each aisle. Please note that during worship the Education Building is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T–telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

Large print versions of the Glory to God hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

Brochures are in the narthex display rack.

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