

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 25, 2024, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP – Dennis the Menace Prayer (Unison)**
“Dear God, you’d be surprised how easy it is to be naughty down here! Amen.”

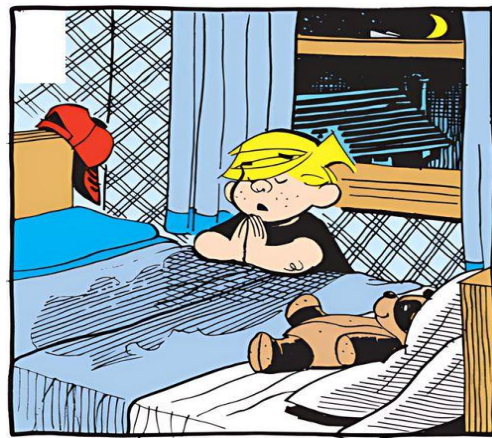
*** HYMN # 138 (Blue Hymnal)**
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

LITANY OF CONFESSION & PARDON

Unison: *Why should living mortals complain about the punishment of their sins? Let us lift up our hearts to God in heaven, for we have transgressed and rebelled.*

Leader: *God says, "I formed you; you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."*

Unison: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning! Great is your faithfulness, O God; therefore, we will hope in you.*



***GLORIA PATRI - Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.**

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

A Very Funny Video

THE MORNING PRAYERS and THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)
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

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

GIVING GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY - Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: **Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: **Romans 7:15-25a**

THE SERMON: **Dr. William D. Coker**

“Why Do We Do the Things We Don’t Want to Do?”

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **Affirmation of Peace**
I believe in God, who is love and who has given the earth to all people. I believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us, and to free us from sin. I believe in the Spirit of God, who works in and through all who are turned towards the truth. I believe in the community of faith, which is called to be at the service of all people. I believe in God’s promise to finally destroy the power of sin in us all, and to establish the kingdom of justice and peace for all people. Amen.

***HYMN # 280 (Blue hymnal)** *Amazing Grace*

***BENEDICTION**

There are two paths in life: one led by the flesh and one guided by Your Holy Spirit. Help us to turn away from what is selfish and temporary and cling to what lasts. Our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus is counted to us as righteousness, and our hope for true life is in that work. Amen.

POSTLUDE - (*) We stand as we are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **8 Most Significant Words: “Who will you invite to church next Sunday?”**
2. **#1 Reason to Be at First Pres: *Because we know why we’re here – to share the Real Jesus.***
3. ***We’re on a mission for God. Plan to join by Profession of Faith in Christ, Reaffirmation of Faith, or Transfer of Letter and help us make a difference for Christ in Tifton.***
4. ***Spread the word that our worship services are on “Facebook Live” and “Instagram” every Sunday.***
5. ***Invite, Invite, Invite. Your invitation may change a life for Christ. We are creating a “Culture of Invitation” here at First Pres through the following “Commitments for Christ”, which are easy ways for you to invite others:***
 - #3 – *Heartwarming worship stories.*
 - #7 – *Service jobs and ways to make a difference in the Church.*
 - #10 – *The movie “Jesus Revolution.”*
 - #12 – *A new Chancel Choir.*
6. ***Check out our new 12 Commitments for Christ and our Donation’s Lists***
7. ***SAWDUST SPREADING PARTY IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP – WEAR BLUEJEANS AND COWBOY BOOTS AND BRING A SHOVEL AND RAKE.***
8. ***Prayer List:***
 - a. *Patsy Rohrer (sister-in-law of Margaret Connor) – Chemo*
 - b. *Marlene Mathis as she is dealing with an eye ulcer*
 - c. *Paul Bott (son-in-law of Allen & Debra Boyd)- pray for a successful surgery*
 - d. ***Anonymous Prayer Requests:***
 - i. *A person with Pancreatic Cancer*
 - ii. *A person with a Kidney Stone*
 - e. *The Need for Unity in Our Country*
 - f. *Israel*
 - g. *Ukraine*
 - h. *Our New 12 Commitments for Christ*
9. ***If anyone has a prayer request/need, you can fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate or email us at 1stprestifton@gmail.com***



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