

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*How good and pleasant it is when God's
people live together in Unity.*

Psalm 133:1

August 11, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

We know that God is always with us, so we come this morning to remind ourselves that we are with God. In this time of worship, may our hearts be glad; May our souls rejoice; May our bodies rest secure. God shows us the path of life and in God's presence there is fullness of joy. Let us worship God.

* HYMN #442 (Blue Hymnal)

The Church's One Foundation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) *Psalm 130:1-4*
Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; LORD, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Luke 1:68, 74-75
Praise be to the Lord . . . because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has rescued us from the hand of our enemies and enabled us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

*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.*

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: Isaiah 40:28-31
NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 12:1-3
THE SERMON: Dr. William D. Coker
"Run Your Race for Christ"

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Trinitarian Creed
Leader: God is Love;
People: *God is Love, indeed!*
Leader: Jesus is Lord;
People: *Jesus is Lord, indeed!*
Leader: The Holy Spirit Comforts;
People: *The Holy Spirit Comforts, indeed!*
All: *Glory be to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen*

*HYMN # 438 (Blue hymnal) *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*BENEDICTION 2 Corinthians 13:11
Finally, brothers and sisters rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. 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; we have been working diligently to upgrade the appearance of our facilities.**
7. **Prayer List:**
 - a. **Patsy Rohrer (sister-in-law of Margaret Connor) – Chemo**
 - b. **The Need for Unity in Our Country**
 - c. **Israel**
 - d. **Ukraine**
 - e. **Our New 12 Commitments for Christ**
8. **If anyone has a prayer request/need for yourself or someone else, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate or email us at 1stprestifton@gmail.com.**
9. **Our next fellowship luncheon will be August 18 after worship.**

We will have a congregational meeting today, August 11, 2024, immediately following the 11:00 worship service to inform the congregation of action that was taken at the Session meeting on 7/30/2024.



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