



Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

July 28, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison) 2 Samuel 22:2-3, 32, 47, 50

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God? The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Savior! Therefore, I will praise you, LORD, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name.

* HYMN #482 (Blue Hymnal) *Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

.Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Timothy 2:3-6

God our Savior wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

*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.*

* HYMN #554 (Blue Hymnal)

Let All Things Now Living

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

FIRST READING: Matthew 7. 7-11

SECOND READING: Psalm 103

THE SERMON: Rev. John Akers

"A Meditation on the Psalms "

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE FIRST CREED

Leader: *Jesus is Lord!*

People: *Jesus is Lord, indeed!*

All: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.*

*HYMN # 276 (Blue hymnal) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*BENEDICTION 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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. *Copies of the August calendar have been placed on the table in the back of the church.*
5. *Spread the word that our worship services are on “Facebook Live” and “Instagram” every Sunday.*
6. *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.*
7. *Check out our new 12 Commitments for Christ and our Donation’s Lists*
8. **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*
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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