

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever.
- Psalm 134 and 26 -

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 21, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Unison) *Psalm 100*
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Let us worship God.

*** HYMN #372 (Blue Hymnal)** *Lord I Want to Be a Christian*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
Lord Jesus, I confess my sins and ask for your forgiveness. Please come into my heart as my Lord and Savior. Take complete control of my life and help me to walk in Your footsteps daily by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord, for saving me and for answering my prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: We know that God is not out to get us but to save us. Therefore, let us open our hearts and lives to God's presence and accept the gift of life eternal and declare:

All: *In Jesus Christ, we 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.*

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

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: 1 Chronicles 16:34-36

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:6-9; 5:16-18

THE SERMON: Dr. William D. Coker

"The 'A' Word That We All Need"

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **The Apostles Creed**

Leader: The Apostles' Creed is a 2nd Century affirmation that has been used for almost 2,000 years. It states our belief in God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. "He descended into hell" means Jesus was "truly dead." "Quick" means "living." "Holy catholic Church" means the "Church universal." The "communion of saints" means "fellowship of believers." When we recite the Apostles' Creed, we are affirming the essential tenets of our faith. Let us stand and affirm the Apostles' Creed. Friends, what do you believe about God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

All: *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*

***HYMN # 324 (Blue hymnal)** *Open My Eyes That I May See*

***BENEDICTION** **Ephesians 3:20-21**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! 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. ***Copies of the July calendar have been placed on the table in the back of the church.***
5. ***Our next fellowship luncheon will be today after the service.***
6. ***Spread the word that our worship services are on “Facebook Live” and “Instagram” every Sunday.***
7. ***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.*
8. ***Check out our new 12 Commitments for Christ and our Donation’s Lists***
9. ***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*
10. ***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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