

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 22, 2024

**THE CHURCH GATHERS; CHIMING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE**

Call to Worship

Psalm 63:1-4

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name, I will lift up my hands.

* Hymnal No. 150 (Blue Hymnal)

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Confession of Sins:

Psalm 117

Leader: O Lord, from all of us who dwell below the skies, we offer praise to you, our gracious and loving Creator.

People: Forgive us when we fail to acknowledge Jesus as our Redeemer and Savior.

Leader: O Lord, with cheerful sounds our voices raise and fill this community with joyful praise.

People: Forgive us by Your eternal mercies and teach us Your eternal truths as we attend to Thy eternal Word.

All: O Lord, our praises shall sound from shore to shore till suns rise and set no more for your faithfulness endures forevermore. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: We know that God is not out to get us because He loves us. Therefore, let us open our hearts to God's presence and accept His gift of life eternal, for:

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 Message for the Young at Heart

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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

A Time For People To Pray and 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

2 Kings 5:1-15

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 19:26

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

“Naaman – Shazam!”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymnal No.369 (Blue hymnal) I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*Benediction

Numbers 6:22-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace, now and forevermore.

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. Remember that it can take 7 invitations or more before your friend comes to sit with you in Worship.**
6. **New Sermon Series: Unfamiliar Old Testament Characters - For the next 2 weeks, Dr. Coker will focus on 2 more unfamiliar Old Testament Characters - Naaman, & Amos. October 6th is World Communion Sunday. Dr. Coker's sermon title is: "Candy Bars, Cheese Crackers, & a Bag of Fritos". At 1:00 p.m., we will meet at church and take Melvin & Marlene's Bus to Moultrie to participate in Rise Against Hunger. Please join us!**
7. **Prayer List:**
 - a. **The family of Barbara Chalfant Swack; Barbara died on September 4th. Her mother Marge and sister, Nancy are long time members of FPC**
 - b. **Patsy Rohrer (sister-in-law of Margaret Connor) – Chemo**
 - c. **Cathy Martin (Biff's sister)- Pancreatic Cancer**
 - d. **The Need for Unity in Our Country**
 - e. **Israel**
 - f. **Ukraine**
 - g. **Our New 12 Commitments for Christ**

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



The Cleansing of Naaman, Cornelis Engebrectsz (1462-1527)

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