

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 8, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

Call to Worship

(Leader)

Let us focus on God's presence. Come worship a God who feeds the hungry. Come worship a God who calls for compassion. Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world. Come worship a God who gives life meaning. Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace and love know no end!

* Hymnal No. 482 (Blue Hymnal) Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Prayer of Confession:

(Unison)

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.

Assurance:

(Leader)

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Amen.

*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

A Time to be Generous with our 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:

Psalms 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Romans 8:28

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

"The Lord Is with Us, Even in the Valleys"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

(inspired by 1 John)

We believe in God the Father, who reveals his love to us in Christ. We believe in God the Son, who pours out God's Holy Spirit on us. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who teaches us God's truth. We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymnal No. 324 (Blue Hymnal)

Open My Eyes That I May See

*Benediction

Hebrews 13:20

Now may the God of peace equip you in every good thing to do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever 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. **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. **Our next Fellowship luncheon will be next Sunday, September 15th.**
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. **Paul Bott (son-in-law of Allen & Debra Boyd)- as he recovers from surgery**
 - d. **Cathy Martin (Biff’s sister)- Pancreatic Cancer**
 - e. **The Need for Unity in Our Country**
 - f. **Israel**
 - g. **Ukraine**
 - h. **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

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me
all the days of my life; and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23



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