

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 15, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

Call to Worship

(Leader) Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

*Hymnal No. (Insert)

Love Lifted Me

A Litany of Wholeness

Leader: Jesus, you came that we might have life, and have it abundantly

People: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

Leader: You poured living water into lives that were parched and thirsty

People: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

Leader: You fed souls that were hungry with the bread of life

People: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

Leader: You brought Salvation through the cross,

People: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

Leader: You brought a means through which mankind could be made right again with its Creator.

People: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

*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

Genesis 14:18-20

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 7:22b-28

THE SERMON

Dr. William D. Coker

“Melchizedek: The Gift of Blessing”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The First Creed

Leader: Jesus is Lord!

People: Jesus is Lord, indeed!

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

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymnal No. 294 (Blue hymnal)

Wherever I May Wander

*Benediction

The peace of God be in your heart; The grace of God be in your words; The love of God be in your hands; The joy of God be in your soul and in the song that your life sings. 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. Remember that it can take 7 invitations or more before your friend comes to sit with you in Worship.**
6. **We will have our Fellowship luncheon immediately following today's service. .**
7. **Birthdays this week: Frank Bowyer (9th); Wayne Howell (21st)**
8. **New Sermon Series: Unfamiliar Old Testament Characters - For the next 3 weeks, Dr. Coker will focus on 3 unfamiliar Old Testament Characters - Melchizedek, 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!**
9. **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



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