

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
October 20, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS' CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

Call To WORSHIP

based on Psalm 126

Let us begin this day by rejoicing! The Lord has done such wonderful things for us. Let us be glad! The day before us is uncertain. We know not what we will encounter on our way. Wherever we go, we go forth as people of the living God, And we go forth to touch the lives of all with his healing touch. Let us begin this day with rejoicing and return to our homes with gladness!

\*Hymnal No. 473 (Blue hymnal)

For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

inspired by Acts 2:1-21

Almighty God, We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth. Thanks be to God!

\*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.

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

1 Peter 1:3

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

A TIME TO PLACE PRAYER REQUESTS AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Hymn

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O LORD, hear our prayer, O LORD;

incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

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 Chronicles 20:5-12

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Mark 9:14-29

THE SERMON

Dr. William D. Coker

“The Exciting Church Where People Really Pray”

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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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. 426 (Blue hymnal) Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak

\*Benediction – As you enter a new week, may you experience God's presence.

And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each of you; 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. **Our fellowship luncheon will be today after the service.**
7. **We are starting a flower calendar again for those who would like to have to purchase fresh flowers for the sanctuary. We have set up an arrangement with Murray's Flower Gallery to provide the flowers for us. The cost will be on average \$55, but special requests would cost more. An email was sent with more information. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.**
8. **Please take some of the flyers for the Kirkin Service next Sunday and pass them out to your friends, family and others you would like to invite to this special service.**
9. **Prayer List:**
  - a. **Patsy Rohrer (sister-in-law of Margaret Connor) – Patsy has made tremendous progress in her cancer battle; her tumor has shrunk. She has 2 treatments left.**
  - b. **Cathy Martin (Biff's sister) - She has begun treatment for Pancreatic Cancer**
  - c. **Allie Morris (Biff's daughter-in-law) – Hashimoto's disease**
  - d. **Peggy Edwards – cataract surgery**
  - e. **JD Hart on the loss of her mother during Hurricane Helene.**
  - f. **The Need for Unity in Our Country**
  - g. **Those impacted by Hurricanes Helene & Milton**
  - 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](mailto:1stprestifton@gmail.com)



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