

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Faith  over Fear

August 18, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

Leader: You are the God of the universe, mighty and powerful, wise and compassionate. You are everywhere and in every moment.

People: *And we trust you.*

Leader: Our fear is swept away in Your glory.

People: *Our fear is bound in Your strength.*

Leader: Perfect love casts out fear.

All: *Our fears disappear in the wonder of Your love.*

* HYMN #379 (Blue Hymnal)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Unison)

Peace-giving God, we are your people, and we belong to you. Often our fears and our anxieties overwhelm us. We come before you, seeking the strength and courage that only you can provide. We come to grow in our confidence in you so that our faith will overcome our fears. We come to relinquish our worries and be freed from our burdens that we may fully experience your peace and joy through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

based on 2 Timothy

This is what the Lord says---- Do not fear for I have redeemed you. I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned. For I am the Lord your God who has not given you a spirit of fear but a spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind.

*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:

Psalm 27:1-4

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Matthew 10:28-31

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

"Fear Factor"

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: The Apostles' Creed is a 2nd Century affirmation of faith that has been used in worship throughout the centuries. It summarizes what we believe about the Trinity, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Friends, what do you believe about God the Father?

People: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth;*

Leader: What do you believe about God the Son?

People: *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.*

Leader: What do you believe about God the Holy Ghost?

People: *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 # 361 (Blue hymnal)

How Firm a Foundation

*BENEDICTION

Do not fear, but trust in God's word. Watch for the Lord with eager expectation and be generous with all God has given you.

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. *Check out our new 12 Commitments for Christ and our Donation's Lists*
7. *Prayer List:*
 - a. *Patsy Rohrer (sister-in-law of Margaret Connor) – Chemo*
 - b. *Marlene Mathis as she is dealing with an eye ulcer*
 - c. *Paul Bott (son-in-law of Allen & Debra Boyd)- surgery again*
 - d. *The Need for Unity in Our Country*
 - e. *Israel*
 - f. *Ukraine*
 - g. *Our New 12 Commitments for Christ*
8. *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.*
9. *You are invited to stay for our fellowship luncheon today after worship.*

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6



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