

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Seeking to know Christ and make Christ known”

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Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 18, 2021

GATHERING

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE — *“How Majestic is Your Name / Great Are You, Lord”*
- Michael W. Smith

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (said silently)

You, O Lord, are the Good Shepherd. Yet we drift like sheep without a shepherd. We pursue goals that demand too little of us, challenge too few of us, and threaten all of us. Deliver us from our aimless wanderings, O Lord, and lead us into paths of righteousness for your sake and ours. Amen.

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come,
you who are weary.
Come,
you who are anxious.
Come,
you who are uncertain.
Come,
you who are burdened.
Come away
to a deserted place,
to a restful place,
to a renewal place,
to a grace-full place,
with Jesus.

*** HYMN #803** — *“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”*

RESIGNATION

*My shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows;
your oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest,
but like a child at home.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, our need is great. The pandemic has left us tired, anxious and uncertain. We have stretched beyond our limits and numbed ourselves to our pain. We have accepted getting by as good enough. We have rejected your offers of spiritual food as unrealistic and impractical. Help us, Holy God, to acknowledge and confess our need. Help us embrace your command for Sabbath rest. Help us care for ourselves so we can continue to care for others.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus invites the thirsty to drink from his well. Jesus invites the hungry to dine at his table. In Christ, we are forgiven, we are filled, we are made whole. Let us hear, accept and embody this Good News. For I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

* **GLORIA** — “*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*”
GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING — Jeremiah 23:1-6
Pew Bible: pg. 725

ANTHEM — “*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*” - Irish Folk Song

GOSPEL READING — Ephesians 2:11-22
Pew Bible: pg. 192

SERMON — “*Come Together*” - Rev. John Brock

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* **STATEMENT OF FAITH** — Apostles’ Creed

* **HYMN #302** — “*When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace*”
O WALY WALY
(Cannot print lyrics because of copyright)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY —

“In My Life Be Glorified/Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”
- Bob Kilpatrick and Ken Medema

*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

*** HYMN #840 — “When Peace Like a River” VILLE DU HAVRE**

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain:

*It is well with my soul;
it is well; it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]*

*He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]*

*Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. [Refrain]*

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE — “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” - Jacques Berthier

DEPART IN PEACE

WELCOME to all who worship with us today. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church, please contact Rev. Brock at johnbrock@gmail.com or 256-486-5003.

WEDNESDAY NOON PRAYER SERVICE will meet this Wednesday, July 21 at noon in the Sanctuary. We will meet in the front of the sanctuary at the communion table, socially distanced for a time of prayer and celebration of the Lord’s Supper. We hope you can join us!

WOW WEDNESDAY will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 5:15 for dinner and then our study of “*Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers.*” We will be discussing Chapters 5&6 on Humanity and the Holy Spirit. We hope to see you there!

CHOIR PRACTICE will meet in the choir room at 10:30 am on Sunday morning.

OFFERING: If you are worshipping online, please mail your tithes and offerings to the church. You may also give online, if you prefer using your check card. Go to <https://firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give> on your phone and the website will direct you.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PASTORAL NEEDS: Please contact Rev. Brock at 256-486-5003 or by email johnbrock@gmail.com.

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Kay Baker, Bill Dunlap, Susan Richardson, Bobby Sanborn, Joseph Boggus,
Duane Mauk

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MILITARY MEMBERS: Nicole Barrett, Reed Burggrabe, Lamar Flowers,
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LIVING WATERS COMMUNITIES: Los Higos, Matagorda, Mata de
Plantano, Piedra Blanco Abajo, La Quebrada, Paso Bajito, La Pita, Sabaneta
School, Piedra Blanca School, Jarabocoa Fire Department

Calendar

Wednesday, July 21

12:00 - Prayer Group - Sanctuary

5:15 - Wednesday Night Dinner

5:45 - Wednesday Night Study on “*Presbyterian Questions*” Ch. 5&6

Sunday, July 25

11:00 - Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook

SESSION

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