

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Seeking to know Christ and make Christ known”

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**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17, 2021**

GATHERING

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE — *“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”* - Harold Friedell

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (said silently)

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. Amen.

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT — *“Here in this Place”* - David Haas

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus is here among us. How will we welcome him?

We will sweep the floors and put flowers on the tables.
Jesus is here among us. How will we welcome him?
We will set aside our distractions, sit and breathe deeply.
Together let us receive the good news that Jesus is here!
Let us laugh and sing, rest and listen; our hearts are ready.

*** HYMN #409** — *“God is Here!”*

ABBOT’S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation, O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. But we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior. You have not given this world to us that we should destroy it, but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty. Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people. These things we pray in the name of the Master Servant, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
(Silent Prayers of Confession)

KYRIE

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, knows our attitudes. In the midst of our sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us. Receive the forgiveness which God has offered to you. Live in God’s love.

Thanks be to God.

* **GLORIA PATRI #581**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING — 1 Kings 17:8-16

Pew Bible: pg.

ANTHEM — *“How Lovely, Lord”*

- Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING — Luke 10:38-42

Pew Bible: pg.

SERMON — *“Know Thyself”*

- Rev. John Brock

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* **STATEMENT OF FAITH** — *from The Confession of 1967*

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

* **HYMN #644** — *“Give Thanks, O Christian People”*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

* **DOXOLOGY**

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

* **HYMN #435** — *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

IN BABILONE

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE — *“Postlude on Madrid”*

- arr. G. Sikes

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.

FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bobby Dixon on his birthday with love from Mary Dixon.

WEDNESDAY NOON PRAYER SERVICE will meet this Wednesday at the front of the sanctuary.

SESSION will meet this Wednesday, October 20, at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any agenda items, please get them to Cathy Childree by Tuesday at noon.

WOW WEDNESDAY will be meeting this Wednesday, October 20. If you are interested in eating before hand, we will have dinner at 5:15. We will continue our book study of *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers*, looking at Chapter 10 - Sacraments. Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5:40.

CHOIR PRACTICE will be in the choir room at 6:30 pm this Wednesday.

COFFEE AND CHATTER will continue next Sunday, October 24, at 10:00 am. We will meet in the kitchen for a time of connection and discussion over coffee and treats. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

CARES AND CONCERNS: (members in bold) Allen Stanton, Kaitlin Hoover Black, Nathan Moon, David Keyser, Eric Maddox, Viola Loving, Beck Abraham Wohlers, Vicky Walters, Billy Joe Andrews, Jane Nix, Kay Baker, Bill Dunlap, Susan Richardson, Bobby Sanborn, **Judy Umstatdd**, Morgan Grant, Mike Dixon

WORSHIPPERS AT HOME: Pegge Abraham, Emma Foy, Jane Price, Bettie Bland, Don Vandenberg

MILITARY MEMBERS: Nicole Barrett, Reed Burggrabe, Lamar Flowers, Brooks Welk

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Jack Brock, Teddy Brock, Erin Forbes, Shelby Hawkins, Taylor Welk

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

Tuesday, October 19

4:00 pm - Outreach Committee - Superior Pecan

Wednesday, October 20

12:00 noon - Prayer Group - Sanctuary

4:00 pm - Session - Fellowship Hall

5:15 pm - Wednesday Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall

5:45 pm - WOW Book Study - Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm - Choir Practice - Choir Room

Sunday, October 24

10:00 am - Coffee and Chatter - Fellowship Hall Kitchen

11:00 am - Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook

<u>SESSION</u>		
<i>Class of 2021</i>	<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>
Anne Hawks	Arnie Cutchen	Jim Bradley
Al Peak	Zoe Powell	Jenni Clark
Suzann Tibbs	Callie Strickland	Wayne Fiquett

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