

**October 13, 2024**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS’ CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE**

**PRAYER FOR THE PREPARATION OF WORSHIP**

**Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing,**

**People:     They will rejoice in God’s reign forever.**

**Leader: Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving**

**People: They will be comforted in God’s reign forever.**

**Leader: Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness**

**People: They will find it in God’s reign forever.**

**Leader: Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs**

**People:     We will live in God’s reign forever.**

**Leader: Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God’s name.**

**All:    Let us worship together, serving our Mighty God. Amen.**

**\*Hymnal No. 391 (Blue hymnal) Take My Life (1-4)**

**Prayer of Confession**

**O Lord, we think more highly of ourselves than of others. We seek and seize the honor that others deserve. We vie for position and office. Lord, please forgive us and form us to be more like Jesus.. May we trust You rather than our own plans. May we use our positions to elevate others. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon 1 Timothy 2:3-6**

**God our Savior wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.**

**\*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.**

**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**

**FIRST READING: Luke 20:27-40**

**SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17**

**THE SERMON**  **Dr. William D. Coker**

**“Traditions - Good or Bad”**

**WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed**

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

**WE GO IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*Hymnal No.387 (Blue hymnal) Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us**

**\*Benediction**

**As the disciples walked with Christ so long ago, walk with Christ in your hearts and spirits. Feel the power of the Holy Spirit guiding your path. Know the love of God which is poured out for you and rejoice. Go in peace and may God’s peace go with 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. ***We are planning to start a flower calendar again for those who would like to have fo purchase fresh flowers for the sanctuary. Look for an email with further details.***
7. ***Our next fellowship luncheon will be on October 20th.***
8. ***Prayer List:***
	1. ***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.***
	2. ***Cathy Martin (Biff’s sister)- She has begun treatment for Pancreatic Cancer***
	3. ***Peggy Edwards – cataract surgery***
	4. ***The Need for Unity in Our Country***
	5. ***Those impacted by Hurricanes Helene & Milton***
	6. ***Our New 12 Commitments for Christ***

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***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***



***Our Vision: Always Be Christ’s Disciples***

***Our Mission: To share how Jesus and His love are real through all Church activities*.**

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