

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Melick

Response: Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

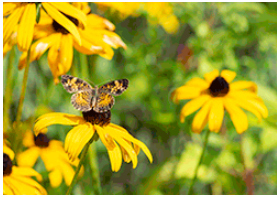
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Sending Hymn #726** *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*

***Charge and Benediction**

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***Congregational Response** *Threefold Amen* Hymn #601



The flowers this morning are from Bill & Nancy Clayton, in honor of their 60th anniversary!

This Week at FPC

August 25 – 7:00pm, AA meeting
August 26 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice

Mark Your Calendars

August 30 – Brunch Church
September 2 – 6-8:00pm, Messy Church
September 2 – 7:30pm, Choir Practice
September 3 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle begins, see Ann Murray for a Study book.
September 6 – 10:30am, Elementary Sunday School
September 9 – 10:00am, Miriam Circle begins
September 20 – 10:30am, Outdoor Service & Potluck, Ft. St. Clair
October 4 – 2:00pm, Blessing of the Animals

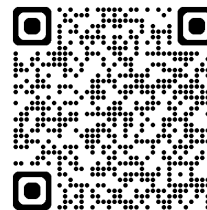
Anniversaries – starting in January I will be posting Anniversaries along with birthdays. Please make sure you turn your anniversary into the office at office@eatonfpc.org.

Miriam Circle – Will start on September 9, 10:00am in The Gathering Place. They will be starting a new book “Life Lessons from Matthew” by Max Lucado. If you have a book, please read the Introduction and Lesson 1. All ladies are welcome. Call Arthella, 937-456-1289 if you have any questions or need a book.

Common Good Food Bank - They are in need of the following: Spaghetti Sauce, Hygiene Items (deodorant, shampoo, feminine hygiene, toilet paper, bar soap, etc...)

Blessing Box – Pop top meals, breakfast bars, fruit cups

Giving QR Code



If you would like to give you can scan this QR code and will be given the option to select an amount, fund, frequency, and either credit card or ACH bank transfer. Thank you!

Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you"

~Jeremiah 29:12

In our continuing prayers:

Countries at War

Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter
Cy - pray for strength and healing
Logan Eifort - stable but still needs prayers, Keith & Chris Jones grandson
Stacey Creech - prayers for breast cancer treatment, Margie's friend
Jack & Nancy Turner - recovering at home
Diane Kasten - recovery at home
Russell DeLuca - severe neuropathy, Joe DeLuca's brother
Deb Tinstman - lymphoma, Dave Tinstman's sister, Molly Hurd's aunt

Remember and Uphold:

Diane Kline - Vancrest Dale Robertson - Greenbrier
Alice Lindley Beth Mickelson - Friends Fellowship Community

Our at Home Shut-ins

Marge Jordan, Julia Withrow, Zoe Barnes

For our Nation and those who serve Church Members & Friends In The Service

Carson Cooper, Army National Guard - Rusty & Stephanie Cooper's son
Tanner Crabtree, Army - Barb & Randy Wright's nephew
Justin McIntosh, Army National Guard - Bella Hurd McIntosh's husband
Cameron Rife, US Navy - Anne Grim's nephew
Nicholas Rife, US Navy - Anne Grim's nephew
Drew Roach, US Navy - Bonnie Smith's grandson
Ben Freytag, US Navy - Rainelle Tusing's grandson

Soldier's Prayer

Dear Lord, please bless our soldiers, protectors of our land. Servants called to battle when our country takes a stand. Our country's prayers are with them no matter where they roam. Please listen when they are lonely and return them safely home.

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: annmurray916@yahoo.com, call the church office, 937-456-3754, office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

*Our Response of Praise - #581 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.

Children's Message The Poor Widow

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Prayer for Illumination

Bob Beeghly

New Testament Scripture Reading Matthew 16:13-20

Response:

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Who is Jesus? - Jesus Is the Messiah

Rev. Melick

*Reflection Hymn #697 Take My Life

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

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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 Spirit, 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 at 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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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Offerings may be placed in the offering boxes at the back of the sanctuary or on the Information Table. You may also give online.

*The Doxology # 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

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Who is Jesus? Jesus Is the Messiah

¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Welcome & Announcements

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Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev. Melick & Bob Beeghly

Liturgist: Look around at God's church – people gathered, people at home.

All: Together we are the body of Christ. Christ is the cornerstone of the church.

Liturgist: Beginning with Peter, God has made us into living stones.

All: God's house will stand forever! Let us worship the Lord!

Opening Hymn #321 *The Church's One Foundation

Litany of Confession and Passing of the Peace

Bob Beeghly

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Holy One, there is much we must confess: Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

People: We call you the Son of the Living God. But we do not trust you to be at work in our world here and now.

Liturgist: Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

People: You are the Messiah, who delivers us from death to life. But we doubt your power to transform our lives.

Liturgist: Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

People: We profess you are the Christ, the Lord of our lives. But our attention often wanders and our loyalty is tested.

Forgive us. Help us not only to proclaim you, but to follow your way of justice and peace.

Declaration of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WORSHIP AT HOME

Question for Reflection

In Romans 12:1–8, Paul urges us not to be conformed to the world's standards, but to be transformed and renewed by God's will. Is there an area of your life that is in need of transformation and renewal? Reflect and pray this week, asking God to show what God wills for you in this area of your life. Paul goes on to name a variety of gifts that members of the church have been given, all of which contribute to the overall functioning of the body (the church). Is there a gift in that list which you possess? Which one? How are you making use of that gift among God's people? Is there someone in your church or in your life who shares a particular gift of the Spirit faithfully? This week, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for that person and for any others who use their gifts to enhance your life or the life of your worshiping community.

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this new day. You have blessed me in so many ways in days that have come before. Today I will look and listen for signs of your joy and gladness present in my life, in the lives of others, and in the beautiful world you garden. As I begin this day, I pray that you will strengthen my soul and that whatever your purpose for me will be fulfilled in faithfulness and love. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of my salvation, preserve anyone in danger this night; reach out to anyone who is in trouble. Give us the quiet rest that comes from knowing you are above everything, watching over us with steadfast love. I pray that today, in some word I spoke, in some act of care I offered, Christ was lifted up as Lord and Savior. Continue to transform me so that I may discern what you find good and acceptable and perfect. Help me to dream always your own vision of a world in full bloom, verdant with joy and gladness, teeming with thanksgiving and justice. At the close of this day, I entrust myself, and all those I love, to your care and keeping. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Our Mission:

*Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus and
serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

~Approved by Session November 2016



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