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**Deacons:**

Marie Davids  
Deb Kruse  
Brooks Logan  
Brian Miller  
Betty Ransom  
Linda Stafford

**Guest Speaker**

Becca Redding is a woman of many talents. She is the youngest daughter of 6 children to Bob and Mina Kirkland. She is married to Jon and is a mother of 2 children, Sarah and Grace. She has worked as a full-time teacher at Fruitland Park Elementary School for many years and has lived in Fruitland Park for nearly 50 years. She also worked at New Life Presbyterian Church as Children's Director. She received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at UCF. Becca is certified as an ESE teacher and certified in Early Childhood Education. She completed a master's degree at Bethel Seminary, Minnesota in Children's and Family Ministry. She "takes the lead" in Sunday worship for Pastor RJ when he is away. She brings a welcome, refreshing and relatable approach to worship and sermons.



# First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

July 23, 2023  
10:00 a.m.



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## ***THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING***

### **WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY**

Becca Redding

### **PRELUDE**

Be Thou My Vision

Cathy Bullock, Piano

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*Come, Now is the Time to Worship

\*To God Be the Glory

In Christ Alone (with The Solid Rock)

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

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### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Betty Palmer, Lay Leader

**God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know  
what to do with ourselves.**

**We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance  
upon those who wronged us.**

**We laze about in the good news of our faith and  
do not consider the deep commitment of faith.**

**We care for ourselves but not for others.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Forgive us, help us to repent,  
and make us whole. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison)**

Betty Palmer, Lay Leader

**God forgives those who humbly repent and truly believe the gospel.**

**Since Jesus died for us, we have peace with God,  
to whom be praise and honor for ever. Amen.**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Becca Redding

### **ADVENTURE TIME**

Becca Redding

### **ANTHEM**

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Joyful Ringers Trio



## ***THE LITURGY OF THE WORD***

### **WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

#### **Offering**

#### **Special Music**

Bill Neale, Guitar

#### **\*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.

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Betty Palmer, Lay Leader

### **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

Becca Redding

#### **Our 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.

### **THE SCRIPTURES**

Betty Palmer, Lay Leader

Isaiah 44: 6-8; Romans 8: 12-25

### **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Becca Redding, Guest Speaker

"Who is Your Wise Counsel?"

### **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Trust and Obey – Hymn 349 (verses 1, 3 & 5)

### **\*BENEDICTION**

Becca Redding

### **\*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

God Be With You – Hymn #602 (verses 1&2)

### **POSTLUDE**

Cathy Bullock, Piano

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



## **First Presbyterian Church Happenings – July 23, 2023**

### **Prayers & Praises**

Earl Lemon is having hip replacement surgery upcoming in NY. Earl and Inge moved to NY to be close to family. This past week he has been busy with pre-op procedures. Their address is 869 West State Rd., Cortland, NY, 13045.

Adam Swallow has a new address and a new home: 2015 Onaka Drive, Orlando, FL 32839. Congrats, Adam!

Julie Waters, a member for the past 27 years, passed away on June 1, 2023 with hospice care. She has been homebound for at least the past 10 years, with husband Robert as her care giver. Robert and Julie have been faithful supporters of First Pres since joining. Robert is in his 90's. Please keep Robert in your prayers. His address is 6122 Wade St., Leesburg, FL, 34748.

Praise God for 207 people attending the American Heritage Concert on July 9. Praise God for the talented musical leaders, participants and pastors.

### **August 2023 Worship Theme**

*Taking Care of Yourself*

August 6, 2023 – Desperate for God

August 13, 2023 – Spiritual Nutrition

August 20, 2023 – Forgiveness is Spirit Food

August 27, 2023 – Giving is Worship

### **Upcoming Dates**

Gifford Scholarship Committee meet

**Friday, July 21, 2023 at 10 a.m.**

Office Conference Room

The Villages Charter Schools start **Friday, August 4, 2023.**

First Academy (First Baptist) starts **Tuesday, August 8, 2023.**

The Lake County Schools start **Thursday, August 10, 2023.**

Labor Day is **Monday, September 4, 2023.**