

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Leek

**\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**

Chancel Choir

Go Ye Now in Peace

**POSTLUDE** – There’s a Song in the Air

Carole Makus

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Commitment Sunday  
November 12, 2023  
10:00 a.m.



Disciples Making Disciples



# ***THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING***

## **WELCOME**

Minute for Stewardship  
Blessing Operation Christmas Child

Rev. RJ Leek

## **PRELUDE – Be Still, My Soul**

Carole Makus

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*Rock of Ages  
\*How Can I Keep from Singing?  
Ancient Words

Sufficient Grace & Congregation  
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## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Steve & Maureen Weller, Lay Leaders

**Jesus, teacher and Lord,  
when we hear Your criticism of the behavior  
of the scribes and the Pharisees in the gospel today,  
we wonder what has changed.  
People still place unwarranted burdens on others,  
still demand preferential treatment,  
still abuse positions of leadership.  
We are ashamed to confess that this does not only happen  
in society at large,  
it happens also within the church.  
Forgive our participation in practices  
which inflate our egos at the expense of others.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)**

Steve & Maureen Weller, Lay Leaders

Hear the good news:  
**God has forgiven us all our sins,  
erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.**  
This God set aside, nailing it to the cross.  
**In Jesus Christ, therefore, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!**

## **PASSING THE PEACE ADVENTURE TIME**

Rev. Leek  
Dick Krase

## **ANTHEM – Come Unto Me and Wait**

Chancel Choir

\*Please stand, if able.

## **\*APOSTLES CREED**

Steve & Maureen Weller, Lay Leader

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.

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

## **WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

### **Offering**

I Can Only Imagine

Jim Gordon, Solo

### **\*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**

Steve & Maureen Weller, Lay Leaders

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Leek

### **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**

Steve & Maureen Weller, Lay Leaders

Amos 5: 18-24; Matthew 25: 1-13

## **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Rev. RJ Leek

“Success Depends on Follow Through”

## **DEDICATION OF 2024 COMMITMENT PLEDGES**

Rev. Leek

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE – Hymn #454**

Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

(Remainder of Worship Service order is on the back of the bulletin.)

## **First Presbyterian Happenings:**

### **Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

Session Meeting, Parlor, 4 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner & Hymn Sing with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5 p.m.,  
FPCL Fellowship Hall, Sponsored by FPCL Deacons  
Meat and drinks provided by the church. Sign up at Information booth.  
Bring a side dish please.

### **Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

TOPS Weight Loss Support Group, Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m.  
Sufficient Grace Practice, Sanctuary, 10 a.m.  
Staff Meeting, Office, 11 a.m.  
Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room, 3:30 p.m.  
Joyful Ringers Practice, Choir Room, 5 p.m.

### **Thursday, November 23, 2023**

Thanksgiving Day  
Church office closed Nov. 23 & Nov. 24 for the holiday

### **Sunday, November 26, 2023**

Hanging of the Greens, 11 a.m., Church Campus  
Volunteers invited to help decorate for Christmas  
For questions, please contact Beth Malak ([bethmalak@comcast.net](mailto:bethmalak@comcast.net)) or Betty Palmer  
([shuttle05@hotmail.com](mailto:shuttle05@hotmail.com))

### **Tuesday, December 5, 2023**

We will be hosting the **Central Florida Presbytery meeting** at our church campus. We are expecting 125 representatives from PCUSA churches in Central Florida. The meeting includes PCUSA business and a worship service. **Company is coming!** Many volunteers are needed for registration, selling meal tickets, food/refreshment serving, greeting/guidance, parking, ushering, set up and clean up. Let's show off some southern hospitality and as always, service to the Lord. A sign-up sheet will be on the Information Booth or contact Susan at the church office, 352 787 5687.

### **Boy Scouts of America, Troop 13, Pack 13**

The boy scouts will be meeting at our church every Thursday evening in Classrooms 2 & 3  
Please be aware and welcome them with open arms!



## *Holiday Celebrations*

First Presbyterian Church Annual Christmas Concert  
“Celebrate the Prince of Peace”  
First Pres Worship Center  
Sunday, December 3, 2023  
4 p.m.

Joint Hand Bell Concert with First Presbyterian Church &  
St. Timothy’s Catholic Church  
1351 Paige Place, Lady Lake, FL 32159, 352-753-0989  
Sunday, December 10, 2023  
2 p.m.

First Presbyterian Joyful Ringers  
Hand Bell Christmas Concert  
“Christmas Bells are Ringing”  
First Pres Worship Center  
Sunday, December 17, 2023  
4 p.m.

First Presbyterian Candlelight  
Christmas Eve Service  
First Pres Worship Service  
Sunday, December 24, 2023  
6 p.m.

