

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Leek

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**
Benediction

Chancel Choir & Joyful Ringers

POSTLUDE – We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Carole Makus

Our Team:

R.J. Leek, Head of Staff
pastorj@firstpresleesburg.org

Carole Makus, Worship Director
carolemakus@yahoo.com

Cathy Bullock, Sufficient Grace & Joyful Ringers Director
cathy.bullock@usu.edu

Steve Weller, Property Manager
weller7@verizon.net

Danny Licata, Media Specialist
dlicata@speedupshare.com

Susan Sapp, Administrative Assistant
susan@firstpresleesburg.org

John Caldwell, Maintenance Assistant
fpcl@comcast.net

Jon Redding, Audio Video Consultant
jon@firstpresleesburg.org

Deb Kruse, Treasurer
dndkruse@aol.com

Beth Malak, Clerk of Session
bethmalak@comcast.net

Elders

Alice Coleman
David Frazier
Bob Glockler
Ernie Halley
Milt Levy
Beth Malak
Rick Miller
Betty Palmer
Steve Weller

Deacons

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



First Presbyterian Church

200 S. Lone Oak Drive, Leesburg, FL 34748

(352) 787-5687

fpcl@comcast.net

www.firstpresleesburg.org

November 19, 2023
10:00 a.m.



Disciples Making Disciples



THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. RJ Leek

PRELUDE – We Gather Together

Joyful Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Give Thanks

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Dave Raber, Lay Leader

**Again we must confess, Master of the Universe,
our struggles to be faithful disciples.**

Entrusted with all Your gifts.

**We become fearful once again of misusing them,
missing the chance to be a blessing to others.**

Invited to dance in the light of Your love,

we stand against the wall once again,

keeping company with our old friend, sin.

Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life,

we fill ourselves once again, with scorn

for the poor choices they make.

Have mercy, Journeying God, have mercy on us.

Once again, open our eyes to Your kingdom in our midst,

so we might discover that Your day of hope and grace

has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

Dave Raber, Lay Leader

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life,

to embrace hope, and to receive forgiveness

Jesus Christ, our Servant.

**The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness,
but the fullness of grace and hope in our God.**

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

ADVENTURE TIME

ANTHEM – We Come to Say Thank You

Rev. Leek

Dick Krase

Chancel Choir

*Please stand, if able.

***APOSTLES CREED**

Dave Raber, 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

Never Alone

Williams Family

***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**

Dave Raber, Lay Leader

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

Dave Raber, Lay Leader

Psalm 90: 1-8; Matthew 25: 14:30

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Rev. RJ Leek

“Wise Decisions Are Also Predictions”

HYMN OF RESPONSE

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

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

First Presbyterian Happenings:

Wednesday, November 22, 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

The 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) or Betty Palmer

(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.

Stewardship Pledge Card for 2024

If you didn't get a chance to make your 2024 Commitment pledge, the blank cards are available in the lobby. Once completed, please place it in the offering plate.

Operation Christmas Child from Pris Peterson, Coordinator

71 OCC shoeboxes were delivered to Central Baptist Church for transfer to Atlanta and then around the world. Thank you for participating and spreading the Gospel.

Joining Hands In Food Ministry

Our joint food ministry with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church needs peanut butter and canned fruit. They are also requesting Little Debbie Christmas Tree snack cakes to give out on the December 8th distribution date. Carts/boxes are available in the lobby for drop-off.

Howard Fowler (Organist Emeritus) has a new address: 2009 Witt Road, White Pine, TN 37890. He will return to FL in the late winter.



Holiday Celebrations

First Presbyterian Church Annual Christmas Concert
“Celebrate the Prince of Peace”
Choir joined by singers from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
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.

