

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Leek

**\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**  
Benediction

Chancel Choir & Joyful Ringers

**POSTLUDE**

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Disciples Making Disciples



Sunday, November 26, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

# ***THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING***

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY PRELUDE**

Rev. RJ Leek  
Carole Makus

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*Stand in the Congregation  
\*Praise to the Lord the Almighty  
Give Thanks

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

Dave Raber, Lay Leader

**We stock the food pantries,  
but brush aside those  
who hunger for friendship.  
We give our hand-me-downs away,  
but overlook those whose hopes  
have been stripped away.  
We glad-hand those just like us,  
but turn a deaf ear to  
our neighbors who ‘talk funny’.  
Forgive us, Hope of the ages.  
You persistently search for us in the side streets of the world,  
gathering us up and bringing us home, so we may be drenched  
in the waters of Your bottomless pool of forgiveness, watched  
over by Your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

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

Dave Raber, Lay Leader

God searches for the lost,  
**And finds us;**  
God invites the hungry to the table,  
**And feeds us;**  
God sends Jesus,  
**And frees us from death’s prison;**  
God forgives all who sin,  
**And heals us with mercy and grace.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **PASSING THE PEACE ADVENTURE TIME**

**ANTHEM** – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

\*Please stand, if able.

Rev. Leek  
Dick Krase  
Joyful Ringers

## **\*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**

Sanctus

Chancel Choir

### **\*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

Ezekiel 34: 11-16; Matthew 25: 31-46

## **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Rev. RJ Leek

“Jesus, the Just God”

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

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

## **First Presbyterian Happenings:**

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

TODAY, Hanging of the Greens, Church Campus

Volunteers encouraged and welcomed. Stay as long as you like. On average, it takes 1 – 1 ½ hours to decorate throughout. Beth Malak & Betty Palmer make it organized and easy.

### **Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

TOPS Weight Loss Support Group, Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m.

Sufficient Grace Practice, Sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room, 3:30 p.m.

Joyful Ringers Practice, Choir Room, 5 p.m.

### **Sunday, December 3, 2023**

Team and Volunteer Meeting, Final Instructions/Preparations for Hosting Presbytery, Staff and Volunteers, 11 a.m. – 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. Pastor asks staff and volunteers to wear a purple top (or shades thereof) for the meeting, if you have one.

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

Central Florida Presbytery meeting begins at 9 a.m. Registration and meal ticket sales are in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a worship service with a delegation meeting to follow. Morning and afternoon refreshments are available. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. We still need volunteers to clean up in the afternoon. Sign up is available at the Information Booth. If you have any questions, contact Susan at 352 787 5687.

### **Stewardship Pledge Card for 2024**

Letters (enclosed with a 2024 pledge card) have been mailed to the members and routine attendees as an opportunity to make a commitment.

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Salvation Army Angel Tree**

Pick a tag off the Angel Tree and make a child happy for the holidays. Packages are due back by **Friday, December 8, 2023.** Do not wrap the packages, just place them in a gift bag along with the tag. Return them to the Angel Tree in the church lobby.



## *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.

