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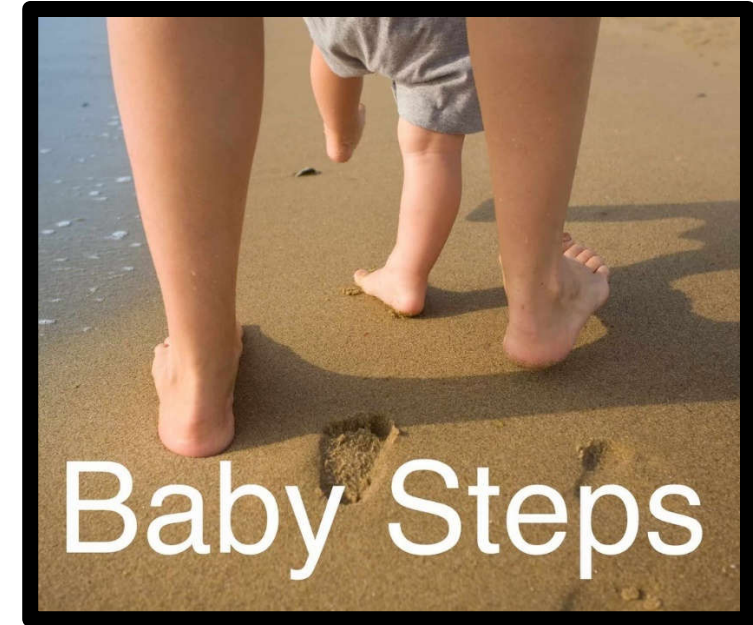
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Sunday, October 15, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

# ***THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING***

## **WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY**

Rev. RJ Leek

## **PRELUDE - Wings of the Rainbow**

Carole Makus

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

\*We Will Glorify

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

In Christ Alone (with Solid Rock)

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)**

Monica Kilburn, Lay Leader

Your word cried out as the tanks rolled over the students in Tiananmen Square.

**We tried not to listen.**

Your Word rings as the students in Colorado work for the release of slaves in Sudan.

**We suggest the futility of the project.**

Your Word startles the calm when babies squeal and youth demand their place.

**We struggle to control the intrusion.**

Your Word shouts in this place.

Your Word cries out in our day.

Your Word is never far from us.

**Gracious God,**

**Speaking, moving, acting God**

**forgive us**

**cleanse us**

**and move us to a new beginning.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Monica Kilburn, Lay Leader

The God who brought light into the darkness brings grace and forgiveness

in Jesus' name. In the wonderful name of Jesus your sins are forgiven. Amen.

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

Rev. Leek

## **ADVENTURE TIME**

Dick Krase

## **ATHEMN**

My Song of Praise

Chancel Choir

## **\*APOSTLES CREED**

Monica Kilburn, 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**

Higher Ground

Winds of Spirit

### **\*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**

Monica Kilburn, 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**

Monica Kilburn, Lay Leader

Isaiah 25: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14

## **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Rev. RJ Leek

“Cowboy (or Girl) Up”

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

I Am Thine, O Lord – Hymn #358 – verses 1, 2 & 3

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

## **\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Leek

## **\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

## **POSTLUDE – They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love**

Carole Makus

**First Presbyterian Church Events**

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

Class #6 for Confirmation, Fellowship Hall, 4 p.m.  
Lego Club, Basement, 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

TOPS Weight Loss Support Group, Fellowship Hall, 9 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.

*Congregational Meeting, **Sunday, October 22, 2023, 11 a.m.**,  
Election of Officers*

Confirmands join church, **Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023**

*Group Church Outing to Epcot, **Saturday, November 4, 2023**  
Meet at Space Ship Earth at 10:30 a.m.*

Octoberfest Car Show, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,  
Bring can donations, proceeds go to Joining Hands In Food Ministry  
**Saturday, November 4, 2023, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

*Daylight Saving Time Ends, **Sunday, November 5, 2023**  
Fall back one hour*

**Commitment Sunday, November 12, 2023**

Make your pledge

*Potluck & Hymn Sing with Gloria Dei Church, **Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 5 p.m.***

Thanksgiving, **Thursday, November 23, 2023**

*Annual Christmas Concert, **Sunday, December 3, 2023, 4 p.m.***

Joint Christmas Hand Bell Concert with FPCL and St. Timothy's Catholic Church,  
1351 Paige Place, Lady Lake, FL, **Sunday, December 10, 2023, 2 p.m.**

Christmas Hand Bell Concert, **Sunday, December 17, 2023, 4 p.m.**

### Pastor's Bible Quiz

October 8 Question: In the Song of Solomon what mountain is not one he calls his bride down from? Answer: Horab

### What is Operation Christmas Child?

The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift—filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. **This year, Operation Christmas Child will celebrate its 30th year of ministry!**

Your shoeboxes are due back to the church lobby by **Sunday, November 5, 2023**. For questions, contact Pris Peterson (352-728-6319) and Donna Slack.

### Office Volunteers

All our church volunteers are VIP's. I'd like to give a special shout out to the church office volunteers. They show up rain or shine to help. Many have volunteered for 10+ years. Thank you, Betty Palmer, Martha Gail Huff, Ida Canal, Sonnie Kintzler and Becky Miller. Your "behind the scenes" work is greatly appreciated! Susan Sapp, Administrative Assistant

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Asterisk (\*) in the worship service means "Please stand, if able".

