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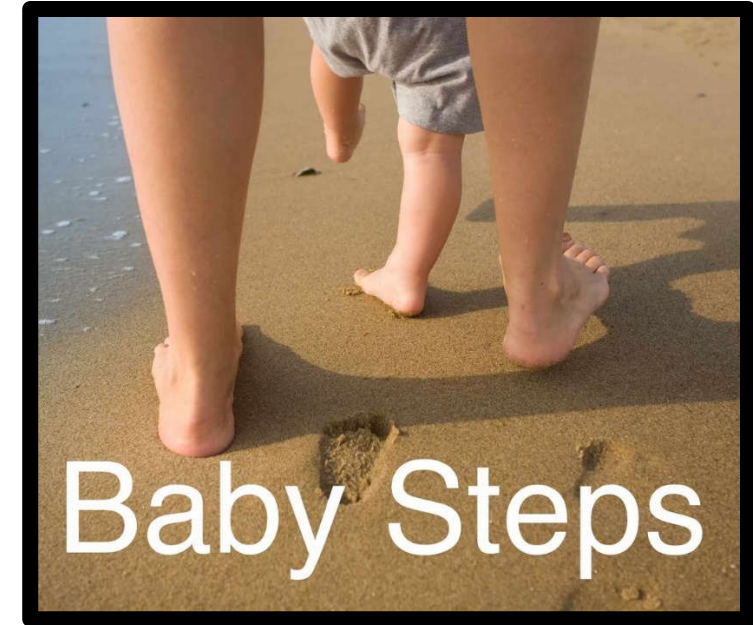
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Sunday, October 8, 2023
10:00 a.m.

THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Rev. RJ Leek

PRELUDE

Carole Makus

CALL TO WORSHIP

*The River is Here Sufficient Grace, Congregation, Nancy Brammer, Penny whistle
*Oh for a Thousand Tongues Sufficient Grace & Congregation
I Am Yours (with Take My Life) Sufficient Grace & Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

Monica Kilburn, Lay Leader

Awesome God, when we catch sight of the totality of Your claim on our lives;

Our believing waivers.

When we hear the absurdity of Your unbreakable covenant with us;

Like Sarai and Abram, we laugh.

When we face the foolish wisdom of the looming cross;

Like Peter, we suggest an alternative.

Meet us in our disbelieving, loving God,

Move us gently into the deep waters of faith.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Monica Kilburn, Lay Leader

Jesus Christ did not come into the world to condemn but to forgive.

In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven this day. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Leek

ADVENTURE TIME

Dick Kruse

ATHEM

Hallelujahs

Lynne Frazier, Soloist

***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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Carole Makus & Cathy Bullock, Handbell/Piano Duet

***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

Philippians 3: 4-14

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Rev. RJ Leek

"Moving Forward in All Things"

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Higher Ground – Hymn #399 – verses 1, 2 & 4

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Leek

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

POSTLUDE

Carole Makus

(*If able, please stand.)

First Presbyterian Church Events

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Class #5 for Confirmation, Fellowship Hall, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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

Staff Meeting, Office, 11 a.m.

PW Ruth Circle, BYOLunch, Bible Study, Parlor, 11:30 a.m.

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

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

Thursday, October 12, 2023

PW Rebekah Circle, Bible Study, Parlor, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, October 13, 2023

Joining Hands In Food Ministry, Inc., Volunteers welcome,

Food distribution, Gloria Dei Parking Lot, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Future Events

Lego Club, **Sunday, October 15, 2023, 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.***

Future Events – Continued

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.

Thanksgiving Day

The Session is interested in hosting a Thanksgiving Day Potluck Dinner for the congregational members and several of their guests. The church would provide the turkey. Guests would be asked to sign up and bring a side dish. It's not a "for sure" thing yet. We are seeking your interest and a possible number of attendees. If you would be interested in this idea, please contact Betty Palmer (352-728-1351) or Deb Krase (352-430-1060).

Pastor's Bible Quiz

October 1 Question: Zephaniah prophesied during the days of what king?

Answer: Josiah

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

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!**

Last year, FPCL donated 48 boxes to this project. Can we do more this year? Pris Peterson (352-728-6319) and Donna Slack have volunteered to take a lead role. Wanna help? Boxes and instructions are available in lobby.



We are getting media saavy

FPCL got its most recent 5-star review on Google. Our new member Ron Harrison said: "A great church full of great people and a great pastor. Go to Google. Search for our church. Click it. On the home page, look for "Write a review". Click it. Sign into Google and then write your review.