

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**

May the God of Hope Go with Us

POSTLUDE – Wonderful Words of Life

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First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

Sunday, September 24, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Disciples Making Disciples



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THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Rev. RJ Leek

PRELUDE - Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Carole Makus

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rock of Ages

*Lord, Reign in Me

Be Thou My Vision

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

Susan Sapp, Lay Leader

We are too often stuck in the past,
nursing old wounds, rehearsing sins of long ago
allowing our visions for today and tomorrow to be stalled.

Lord have mercy,

Lord have mercy,

Have mercy upon us.

We are gathering into barns (and bank accounts)
preparing educationally, spiritually, and emotionally for the future;
denying the pleasure of life today with eyes focused on tomorrow.

Christ have mercy,

Christ have mercy,

Have mercy upon us.

We are so intent on caring for our nuclear families
we miss the presence of Christ in the homeless, the aging, the vulnerable
who live just outside our doors.

Lord have mercy,

Lord have mercy,

Have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Susan Sapp, Lay Leader

Our God, our help in ages past, present and future.
Remind us that you cast our sins as far as east is from west.
Remind us we are forgiven this day in Jesus' name. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Leek

ADVENTURE TIME

Dick Kruse

*If able, please stand.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Go Out and Tell

***APOSTLES CREED**

Susan Sapp, 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Carole Makus & Cathy Bullock, 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**

Susan Sapp, 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

Susan Sapp, Lay Leader

Jonah 3: 10 - 4: 11; Philippians 1: 21 - 30

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Rev. RJ Leek

"Be the Best Jesus You Can Be"

(Turn to the back of the bulletin for continued worship order.)



First Pres Church Events

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Class #3 for Confirmation, Fellowship Hall, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Staff Meeting, Office, 11 a.m.

Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room, 3:30 p.m. (new time)

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

Save the Date

*Fall began Saturday, **September 23, 2023***

World Communion Day, **Sunday, October 1, 2023**

*Lego Club, **Sunday, October 15, 2023, 5 p.m.***

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

*Group Church Outing to Epcot, **Saturday, November 4, 2023***

Octoberfest Car Show, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,

Saturday, November 4, 2023, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Daylight Saving Time Ends, **Sunday, November 5, 2023***

Commitment Sunday, November 12, 2023

*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.***

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).

Wifi Password

FPC Guest: GodIsGreat

Name Tag

If you need a name tag, contact the church office at 352-787-5687.

Pastor's Bible Quiz

September 17 Question: How many kings did Daniel, the prophet, serve or live under?

Answer: 5 - Jehoiakim, Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius, and Cyrus

September 24 Question: What crop was Ruth harvesting in the Book of Ruth?

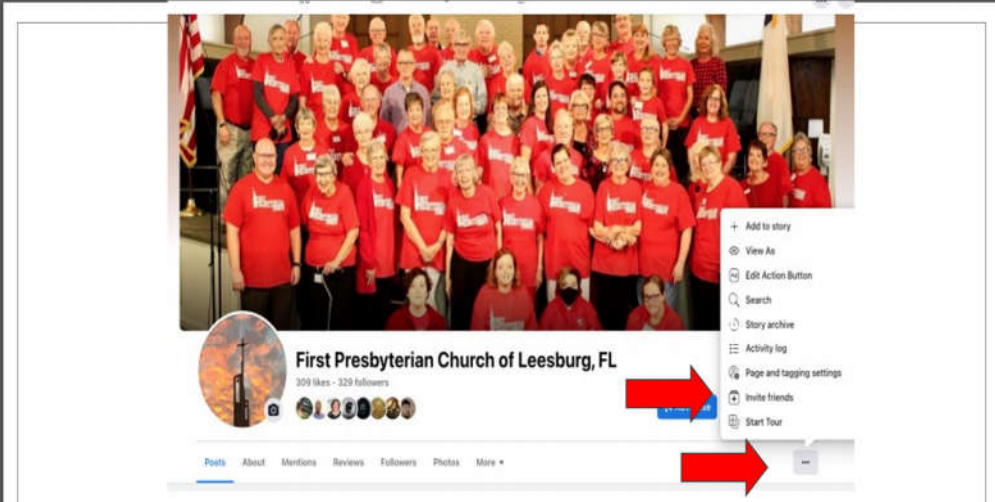
What is Operation Christmas Child?

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.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 209 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories. In 2023, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 11 million children. **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 will be available soon.

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