

Perry Presbyterian Church



A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



*Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone
with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*

Colossians 1:28



November 20, 2022

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Nancy McLendon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103: 1-5; 19-22

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His Word! Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will! Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever. AMEN

HYMN OF PRAISE

We Gather Together

Theodore Baker (1917)

#363

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
Sing praises to his Name; He forgets not his own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!**

**We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CALL TO RENEWAL

Psalm 103: 8-10

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Psalm 103: 12-14

As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

SONG OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Louisa Stead (1882)

#679

**'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise; just to know "Thus saith the Lord."
Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!
Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!**

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!**

**I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!**

DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Psalm 116: 12-14

What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of His people.

GOD CALLS US TO HIMSELF THROUGH THE MEANS OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 136

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, **for His steadfast love endures forever.**
²Give thanks to the God of gods, **for His steadfast love endures forever.**
³Give thanks to the Lord of lords, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
⁴to Him who alone does great wonders, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
⁵to Him who by understanding made the heavens, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
⁶to Him who spread out the earth above the waters, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
⁷to Him who made the great lights, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
⁸the sun to rule over the day, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
⁹the moon and stars to rule over the night, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
¹⁰to Him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
¹¹and brought Israel out from among them, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
¹²with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
¹³to Him who divided the Red Sea in two, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
¹⁴and made Israel pass through the midst of it, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
¹⁵but overthrew Pharaoh and His host in the Red Sea, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
¹⁶to Him who led His people through the wilderness, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
¹⁷to Him who struck down great kings, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
¹⁸and killed mighty kings, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
¹⁹Sihon, king of the Amorites, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
²⁰and Og, king of Bashan, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
²¹and gave their land as a heritage, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
²²a heritage to Israel his servant, **for His steadfast love endures forever.**
²³It is He who remembered us in our low estate, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
²⁴and rescued us from our foes, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
²⁵He who gives food to all flesh, **for His steadfast love endures forever.**
²⁶Give thanks to the God of heaven, **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE

"A Psalm of Thanksgiving"

Rev. Parker Agnew

COMMUNION HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley (1739)

#164

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley (1739)

#164

**Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.**

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

*WORD OF BLESSING

Deuteronomy 7: 9

Know that the LORD your God is a faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations. Go in peace.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me

Anna B Warner (1859)

#189

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Adult Classes:

PATHFINDERS CLASS – Room 5-last room on the left in the education building

TEACHERS: Parker Agnew, Brandon Eubanks, John Hutchens, Nathan Tart, Dan Peterson

STUDYING: The Righteous Shall Live by Faith, a study of the book of Romans by R.C. Sproul

WESTMINSTER CLASS – Rooms 2 & 4-Media room

TEACHERS: Glenn Jakes and Chris Kinnas

STUDYING: "Exodus: Let My People Go"

Youth and Children's Classes:

YOUTH – Upstairs in the Youth Hall

TEACHER: Louis Shelton, Jerrell Williams, Karl Nelson, Carlos Molina

STUDYING: "The Upper Room", by Sinclair Ferguson

JR. HIGH – Breakout Room in Youth Hall

K3-K5 – Playschool room, next to the nursery

TEACHERS: Toni Smith, Jane Shepley, Elizabeth Williford

1st – 5th Room 1, upstairs on the youth hall

TEACHERS: Brod Bourque, Wes Ellis, Denise O'Neal, Marla Sellers, Lynn Watts, Linda Nelson

STUDYING: Great Commission Curriculum

Events at Perry Presbyterian

November 20, 2022

- 9:30 am Corporate Worship/Communion
- 10:45 am Fellowship
- 11:00 am Sunday School
- 6:00 pm Combined Thanksgiving Celebration

NOVEMBER

- 20th – Communion
- 20th – Combined Thanksgiving service/reception
- 24th – Thanksgiving Day
- 24th & 25th – Office Closed
- 27th – Congregational meeting to elect officers
- 30th – Women's Evening Bible Study

DECEMBER

- 4th – Installation/Ordination of Officers
- 6th – Senior Saints Christmas Coffee & Dessert
- 7th – Creekside Kids
- 8th – WOW Christmas Dinner
- 9th – Playschool Christmas Program
- 14th – Deacon's Meeting
- 14th – Creekside
- 18th – Children's Christmas Party
- 18th – Youth Bonfire/Hayride
- 21st – Session Meeting
- 25th – 10:30 am Worship Service
- 31st – New Year's Eve Communion

WELCOME: It is a blessing to announce that our PPC family has grown. Welcome to our newest members, Carl and Doris Hammock. We are thankful to have you with us.

THANK YOU! We appreciate your help purchasing items for our Samaritan's purse shoeboxes. Together, we collected and packed 37 boxes. Our Creekside Kids did a wonderful job packing the boxes and praying for the recipients.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Following next Sunday's worship service we will hold a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing Deacons.

OUR DEEPEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Kellie Day and her family following the death of her mother, Patsy Roumanos on November 12, 2022.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CROSSROADS: This year's event is a collaborative effort between the Perry Ministerial Association and the City of Perry. It will take place **Saturday, November 26th at 6:00pm** in front of the old courthouse. The mayor will welcome everyone and then hold a drawing for a prize giveaway followed by Christmas music, a message, a time of prayer and the lighting of the Christmas tree.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER: The Lord's Supper is the family meal of Christians in which Jesus, as host, offers Himself and all the blessings of salvation to His people. Everyone who professes faith in Christ, is a baptized member of an evangelical church in good standing, and seeks strength to love God and love his neighbor, is invited to partake of this meal. We encourage you to spend this time seeking God in prayer; confessing your sins, and asking for His forgiveness and renewing grace. Please consider the following passages before coming to the table: I Corinthians 10:16-22, 11:27-29, Matthew 5:23-24. Note about our Communion: the outer ring of the tray contains rose-colored cups with wine and the inner rings contain clear cups with grape juice.

CAKE MIXES: This year our church has been asked to donate 400 boxes of cake mix to Project Agape Love (PAL). PAL is a ministry of Perry Volunteer Outreach and they will use these cake mixes to prepare Christmas food boxes for families experiencing hardship in South Houston County. Please help us with this vital and compassionate project. The cake mixes need to be turned in by December 7. There are containers in the vestibule and in the education building in which to place your cake mixes.

WOW MINISTRY PROJECT: You will find a large basket right inside the women's restroom in the vestibule to place the feminine hygiene products we are collecting for Loaves and Fishes. This is an ongoing project that will continue throughout the year.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The presence of flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings add beauty and warmth to our weekly gatherings for worship as a congregation. If you would be willing to provide flowers for the 2023 calendar year, please call the church office, or send us an email. We are working on the schedule now.

ANNUAL PCA THANKSGIVING SERVICE: This year, Perry Presbyterian Church is privileged to host our annual Houston County Presbyterian Thanksgiving celebration. We will be joined by the Houston Lake Presbyterian and Covenant Presbyterian churches for our annual Thanksgiving service to be held TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship in our Fellowship Hall. Since we will be hosting, Perry Presbyterian members are asked to bring finger foods or a dessert to share during the fellowship time. This is always a wonderful time of worship and fellowship!

WOW CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY: "Ready for Christmas" is the theme of our women's ministry event, December 8 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Perfect Pear is catering the meal and transportation is available upon request. Please RSVP to the church office by November 30th.

Starting today, you can sign up to decorate a table. There will be 10 tables at the dinner available for decorating with six place settings at each table. If you are interested in decorating a table, please call Joy Peterson.

Youth Ministry



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:

Thanksgiving Service at 6:00 pm

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Today (7-8:45pm) Food and Games with Houston Lake Pres
- Dec 30th - RYM Scholarship due

GOD'S WORD FOR YOU

THIS WEEK:

*A road will be there and a way;
it will be called the Holy Way. The
unclean will not travel on it, but it will be
for the one who walks the path.
Even the fool will not go astray.
There will be no lion there, and no
vicious beast will go up on it;
they will not be found there.
But the redeemed will walk on it,
and the redeemed of the Lord
will return and come to Zion with
singing, crowned with unending joy.
Joy and gladness will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee.*

Isaiah 35: 8-10

GOOD SAM CLUB



CHRISTMAS DESSERT

The Good SAM Club will gather together for our Christmas Coffee and Dessert on Tuesday, December 6 from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite dessert or snack to share. Coffee and beverages will be provided.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY TEAM

DATE	DEACON OF THE WEEK	FLOWERS	SOUND SYSTEM	LIVE STREAMING	NURSERY
11/20	Len Stephens	COMMUNION	Brod Bourque	Oliver Stephens	Dawn Knappek
11/27	Greg Watts	Robin O'Neal	Billy Sellers	Jake Watts	Janet Ellis
12/04	Billy Sellers	Susie Greer	Wesley Ellis	Danny Deal	Elizabeth Day
12/11	Danny Deal	Bristol Williams/ Louis Shelton	Brod Bourque	Louis Shelton	Kat Brown
12/18	Len Stephens	Joe & Michelle Andrews	Billy Sellers	Oliver Stephens	

MINISTRY TEAM VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service to the body of Christ here at Perry Presbyterian. If you are unable to work on your designated day, please remember to find a replacement or switch with another volunteer and contact the church office so we can update the calendar

OUR Wi-Fi PASSWORDS: The sanctuary is Wi-Fi accessible. The network is **Netgear 09-5G** or **Netgear 09**. The password for the Sanctuary is: **hungrysquash567**

LIVE STREAM BROADCAST/SOUND: Each Sunday, our worship service is broadcast live on Facebook. It is also posted on YouTube. Here are the links to both web sites:

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/PCAPerryGeorgia/>

YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/CyhG9VAZhSje-xy6ajTidRg>



“...and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

IN OUR JERUSALEM – PERRY AND HOUSTON COUNTY

Iglesia Christiana El Mana
Presbyterian Playschool

Perry Ministerial Association
Perry Volunteer Outreach

Presbyterian Church Outreach

IN OUR JUDEA – GEORGIA

Athens – Chinese Outreach, Joe & Elizabeth May
Athens – UGA RUF, Ben and Anna Coppedge
Lookout Mountain – Covenant College
Macon – Covenant Care Adoption Agency
Sacred Roots Farm

Macon – Mercer RUF, Marlin & Caroline Harris
Macon – Wesleyan RUF
Statesboro – GA Southern RUF, Nathanael & AK Miller
Valdosta -VSU RUF, John & Sarah Gordy

IN OUR SAMARIA – REGIONALLY

University of Arkansas, RUF - Austin & Anna Carolina Royal
International Students Inc – Jeff & Mary Townsend
Hernando, MS – Palmer Home

Hispanic Ministries – Hernando & Debbie Saenz
Penn State Univ RUF International – Richard & Lynne Smith
Chattanooga, TN, African American Presbyterian Fellowship – Wy & Shirley Plummer

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Africa, Sub Saharan – Don & Fran McNeill
Ontario, Canada – Bill & Mae Lee Letchworth
Victoria, British Columbia Canada – Jeff & Robyn Candell
London, England – Jonathan & Leah Jakes
Aix-en-Provence France – Donald & Claire-Lise Cobb
Peru – Andrew and Krista May
Glyfada, Greece – David & Erin Pervis

Guam – Mike & Eli Sabin
Hungary – Endi & Kati Kovacs
International Missions – Cheryl Crocker
Latin America – Ash & Betsy Aeschliman
Juarez, Mexico – Aaron & Leticia Zapata
World Reach – Rick & Kathryn Searle

2022 LEADERSHIP & STAFF

Pastor: R. Parker Agnew

Assistant Pastor: Glenn Jakes

Pastoral Intern: Carlos Molina

SESSION:

Wesley Ellis (2023)

Brandon Eubanks (2027)

Chris Kinnas (2023)

Karl Nelson (2025)

Dan Peterson (2027)

Mayo Sexton (2027)

Todd Sichelstiel (2027)

Nathan Tart (2025)

Clerk: Nathan Tart

Administration: Chris Kinnas, Karl Nelson

Children's Ministry: Nate Tart, Wesley Ellis

Christian Education: Wesley Ellis/Brandon Eubanks

Missions/Outreach: Glenn Jakes/Dan Peterson

Fellowship/Shepherding: Mayo Sexton/Dan Peterson

Trustees: Joe Andrews, Steve Howard, Todd Sichelstiel

Worship: Todd Sichelstiel/Brandon Eubanks

DIACONATE:

Danny Deal (2024)

Billy Sellers (2023)

Len Stephens (2024)

Greg Watts (2022)

Chairman: Billy Sellers

Vice Chairman: Greg Watts

Finance: Billy Sellers and Greg Watts

Benevolence & Widows: Greg Watts

Media & Sound: Danny Deal

Property: Billy Sellers and Len Stephens

ELDERS EMERITUS

Bob Kirkpatrick, Herbert Moore, Jim Stovall

OFFICE/STAFF

Secretary: Bridget Howard

Treasurer: Bonnie Franklin

Children's Ministry Coordinator: Denise O'Neal

Worship Music Coordinator: Gary Johnson

Pianist: Nancy McLendon

Nursery Coordinator: Megan Stephens

Playschool Director: Jane Shepley

CARE AND PRAYER GUIDE

Virginia Bryant, Carol Fudge, Herbert Moore,

Jim Stovall, Ellen Wright

Ryan Brewer – Friend of the Eubanks – diagnosed with a glioblastoma

Leeza Brown – pray for her spiritual and mental health

Jim and Jona Clark – health needs

John Geiger – Beginning a new immunotherapy treatment this week

Diane Graham – Linda Nelson's sister, early onset Alzheimer's

Brian Griffin - Betty Clay's grandson

Steve Howe - Carol Fudge's son-in-law, Cathy's husband, Lymphoma

Dr. John Legg – Linda Nelson's father, medical issues

Donna Lehr – Recovering from surgery

Andrea Lasseter – broken femur

Doug Lilley – Recovering from surgery

Hulda Moseley – Marla Sellers' mom, ALS

Chalese Lassiter Newberry – medical needs

Lexie and Art Reilly and their twins, Trace & Evalyn

Joe Rogers – Anne Agnew's brother, Parkinson's Disease

Scotty Rogers – Anne Agnew's brother, MS

Larry Simpson - Heart and lung issues

Bella Velie – home and recovering

Landon Whitehead – Bruce and Sally Sampson's grandson

MILITARY FAMILIES - **Troy Doster,**

Nick & Izelde Fricchione,

Tyler & Kelly Franklin Heck,

Aaron Lilley,

Cody Ramos,

Jeff & Beth Ellis Sabelko,

Jason & Ellen Skelton,

Grace Tinkey,

Eddie Wiggins



Why Do We Do That?

We believe that God's Word is powerful. When we gather as a church, we gather to be formed by His Word. Therefore, we want to do the things He has called us to do, and trust that, as we submit ourselves to this Word-driven Liturgy, God will do a good work through us as His people.

Hear the Word – from the call to worship, to scripture readings, the text of the sermon, to the closing benediction.

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.
1 Timothy 4:13

Sing the Word – songs in which we sing to God, and encourage one another about the character and promises of God.

Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart. – Ephesians 5:19

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. – Colossians 3:16

Pray the Word – prayer from Scripture, in line with Scripture, and in response to Scripture.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship to the breaking of bread and the prayers. - Acts 2:42

First of all then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people. – 1 Timothy 2:1

Preach the Word – an exposition of a Biblical text where the main point of the sermon is that of the text.

Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. – 2 Timothy 4:2

See the Word – Sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper are physical pictures of spiritual realities.

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. – Romans 6:1-4

And when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me. – 1 Corinthians 11:24

*Perry Presbyterian Church exists
to glorify God by making disciples who
love God, love one another,
and reach their world
with the gospel of Jesus Christ!*



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