

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT RICHEY

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SEPTEMBER 16, 2018, 10:00 A.M. – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise. Psalm 95:1, 2*

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### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITHOUT COMMUNION

PRELUDE: “Psalm XIX” – Marcello

## ***WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME***

### WORDS OF WELCOME

\*OPENING HYMN: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” No. 376

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**All: *God's steadfast love endures forever.***

One: I called to God: Lord, save my life!

**All: *God has delivered my soul from death.***

One: Let us worship God.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

**Great God, you sent Jesus Christ to serve the least and save the lost. Take us in your arms and teach us to welcome all of your children so that we may be one family; in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

From the Call to Worship: Lectionary Aids for Year B, Volume 51.1. David Gambrell, editor. Used by permission.

## ***WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD'S PRESENCE***

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

**All: *Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We protect what is dear to us and neglect what is dear to you. We preserve our own way of life and profit at the expense of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us the error of our ways, and guide us back to your path of righteousness, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Congregational Response: “Threefold Amen” (SEATED)

## ***WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD***

SCRIPTURE: I John 3:11-24 (NRSV)

“<sup>11</sup>For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup>We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup>Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters,<sup>14</sup> that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup>We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup>All who hate a brother or sister<sup>16</sup> are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. <sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister<sup>18</sup> in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.”

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON: "Compliance is Mandatory" Dr. Guild

SILENT MEDITATION

***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "the Apostles Creed" (see card in hymnal rack)

Celebrations and Concerns of the Church

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND PETITION  
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (see card in hymnal rack)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" – Cherwein

\*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. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***WE GO OUT TO PROCLAIM GOD'S NAME***

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Go with Us, Lord" No. 535

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day,  
That in Your Spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.*

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\*CONGREGATION TO STAND (those who are able) CCLI # 11273863



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Call the office for an appointment with the pastor.

**SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES: 9/16-9/22**

**Sunday**  
9:30 a.m. Elders Prayer Time  
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m. Light Meal  
11:15 a.m. Transitional Team Meeting  
1:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothing Boutique  
**Tuesday**  
8:30 p.m. N.A. Meeting  
**Wednesday**  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts  
8:00 p.m. N.A. Adult/Parent  
**Thursday**  
8:30 p.m. N.A. Meeting  
**Friday**  
11:00 a.m. Community Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothing Boutique  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Community Meal  
10:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting

**LITURGIST – Allan Love**

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 9/9**

Sun. 9/9: 30; Fri. 9/7: 12                      TOTAL: \$ 2022.25

A full report is available through the treasurer’s office.

**Friday Mission:**

9:30 a.m. – Health Fair  
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Community Worship  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Community Meal  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30p.m. – Food Pantry & Boutique

**Sunday Mission:**

11:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. – Community Meal  
11:30 a.m. – 12:00p.m. – Food Pantry & Boutique



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**SESSION RESCHEDULED**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

The Session meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 23, following the worship service.

**FRANK WARSICK**

The sympathy of the church is extended to the family of Frank Warsick, who passed away on September 4. Visitation is scheduled for Sunday, September 16, 4-6 p.m., at Dobies Funeral Home, 9944 Hudson Avenue, Hudson. On Monday, September 17, 1:00 p.m., there will be a graveside committal at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell (6502 SW 102nd Ave, Bushnell, FL 33513).

**PACKAGES FOR THE HOMELESS**

**Again, here is the general list of items:**

dental floss, toothpaste (regular size), toothbrush, small tissue, small bar soap (1.75 oz.), pair of socks, PCPT one-day bus pass, 12 oz. hand sanitizer, \$5 McDonald’s gift card, travel pack of wet wipes, granola bars, gallon size zip lock bags. (Put them in the large red tote.) **THANK YOU!** ~Lyz Alamo

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Ashley Arbogast* (niece of Julie Kovar)  
*The Bierlys*  
*Heidi Brown* (daughter of the Bierlys)  
*Karen Buller*  
*Stephen Cook*  
*Jean Corke* (mother of Kathleen Webster)  
*Michael Davis* (friend of Robin S.)  
*Gail Guild*  
*Family of Bob Himes* (cousin of Bev Webster)  
*Becky Kovar*  
*Ginger Leatherberry*  
*Vi McDonald*  
*Leslie Miller* (friend of Bev Webster)  
*Holly Peet*  
*Don Salerno*  
*Tiemeyer Family* (friends of Gladys Almgren)  
*Connie Turkette*  
*Family of Frank Warsick*  
*Our Military Servicemen and Women*  
*Our President, Our Nation, and Our Church*  
*Call Gladys Almgren @727-868-6404 or the church office.*

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

9/19 Agnes Donehoo  
9/25 Bob Bierly  
9/27 Elsie & Ed Fritz  
10/1 Ted Ortoski  
10/14 Marilyn & Dwight Hofer  
10/24 Becky & Leonard Kovar  
10/25 Ken Webster