

WELCOME

This morning as we join in worship, our hope for you is that you will find renewed life, health, and strength in God. We are glad that you have heard God's call to come and worship, and that you have chosen to do so with this congregation. If you do not have a church home in this area, we invite you to join with us as we seek to serve Christ and live as His disciples. You may be received into church membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested in uniting with this church, please contact the church office or any elder.

Session Members

Nancy Mason - '20 - Worship	Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.
Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship	Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care
John Hehn - '21 - Facilities	Patty MacEwen - '21 - Administration
Bob Friskney - '22 - Fellowship	Carol Shick - '22 - Worship
Deborah Thatcher - '22- Mission	Cammie Williams - Clerk of Session

Our Mission Statement

To provide opportunities for people to
discover God's love,
seek God's purpose,
and do God's will.

Our Vision Statement

Glorifying God with
mind, body, and soul.

Pastor: The Rev. Loli Reiter
Ministers: The Congregation

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts
of him who called you out of darkness into
his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

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March 29, 2020, 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Be Still My Soul"

Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 130)

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

SONG "I Saw The Light"

**I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light**

**I saw the light I saw the light
No more in darkness no more in night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light**

**Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light**

**I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Earth and sky and everything in between, we forgot to thank you for the beautiful sunset you gifted us with every day last week. We forgot to thank you for all that we do have in our fridge and our pantry and our closets. And we forgot to mention those in more need than us in our prayers. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to keep others in our nation and around the world in our thoughts and prayers, and when our thoughts turn inward, may our prayers first give You thanks for the many ways you've blessed us. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting! God never forgets you, and thanks to Jesus' sacrificial love, God's forgiveness is always available to us. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING John 11:38-44

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴ Then he

said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹² Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

SERMON *"O Lord, only you know!"*

HYMN "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life for all eternity.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory of Our Time

What talents do you have that can bring a smile to someone...
Baking, sending something funny or cute through your device,
playing music, drawing a picture? Find a way to bring a smile to
someone this week....and thank God for that gift!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

**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 sins as we
forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SONG

"Great Are You Lord"

**You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You Lord**

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only**

**And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (the congregation joins hands to sing)

**The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
be with you all, be with you all.
The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen**

POSTLUDE

"Christ Our Protector"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES The office will be PHYSICALLY closed as we continue to be a part of the effort of keeping our congregation and community safe. Kara will continue to be available by telephone and email during regular church hours (Mon.- Thurs., 9:00am to 2:00pm), and the mail will continue to be picked up regularly. If there is a need, or you've got a really good joke, don't hesitate to contact us. Meals on Wheels will continue to prepare food on Wednesdays, but we encourage all other groups to refrain from gathering until further notice. Please continue to pray and know you are being prayed for. God bless!

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE THIS WEEK

Temple Keeper: Fred Shambach (on or before 4/4)

HOW CAN I CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE AMAZING MINISTRIES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEFFNER?!? ...

Glad you asked! You can put your tithe/offering in the mail and send it to:

Presbyterian Church of Seffner/ P.O. Box 545/ Seffner, FL 33583.

You can also set it up with your bank as "Bill Pay", and coming soon, you will be able to give your tithe/offering or donate by making a secure gift through our website. Thank you for your faithful support!

LEMONADE TIME - Believe it or not, the Corona Virus will not be with us forever. So, when we gather again, if you would like to host lemonade time, but don't know what's involved? Call the church office (689-4412) to sign-up or get instructions.

DO YOU ENJOY SPENDING TIME IN AND ON THE WATER?

Water Wonder Adventure Camp (for 3rd-6th graders) may be the perfect program for you. Join us for an exploration into God's gift of water. You will play in and learn about the waters that fill the Alafia River, which flows through camp, and tackle all of Cedarkirk's most popular activities with your small group! The week culminates with a behind-the-scenes tour and overnight stay at the Florida Aquarium! Register for this exciting program at www.cedarkirk.org.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER - If you would like to purchase a flower for the Easter Garden, an order form is available in your bulletin. Please fill out and send it in to the church with your payment. You may also email or call the church with your order, then send your payment in by mail or electronically through your bank. **Deadline** for flower orders is **April 5th**.

PROGRESS CONTINUES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL - Our [Rejuvenation Project](#) continues, with great progress! Please continue to keep it in your prayers.

MISSION FOCUS FOR APRIL - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

- In Isaiah 58, God issues a call and a challenge to love one another more deeply by sharing what we have with those in need. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

BLOOD DRIVE - SUNDAY, MARCH 29 - Walmart in Seffner, 10:30 am -5:30 pm. Currently, an unprecedented 500+ blood drives have been cancelled as businesses and schools close due to the Coronavirus. This accounts for over 8,000 blood donations that will go uncollected. The time to donate is now, and it's needed more than ever. We are asking all eligible donors to donate to help keep a ready blood supply for those in need, and help combat the national blood shortage we are currently facing. On our previously scheduled blood drive date of March 29th, you can instead visit Walmart in Seffner between 10:30am and 5:30pm. As a "Thank You" for your support in the mission to save lives, all donors will receive a \$20 eGift Card that can be used at places such as Target, Amazon, Walmart, and many others. If you are unable to make it on the 29th, visit OneBlood.org/Corona to find a blood drive near you! Of course the safety of donors and team members is always a top priority. The blood bank is increasing sanitation measures and promoting social distancing by allowing people to wait in their cars if they like, where they may be contacted by cellphone when it is their turn to be processed. Thank you for your continued support of the patients needing blood to survive as we work to navigate these turbulent times.

HENRY AND SHIRLEY JOKERST SCHOLARSHIPS - We are accepting scholarship applications. Please contact Kathryn Shick or the office for an application. **Deadline June 30, 2020.**

PRAISES and CONCERNS

Pray at all times in the Spirit...Ephesians 6:18a

Our ministry is to pray for our members who are hospitalized, ill, home bound, attending college, and in the military; and to also encourage others to send cards, make a phone call or visit if possible. If you do not have a directory or need an address not listed, please contact the church office, we will be happy to help.

Maggie Hehn	Joy Lavazza	Bill Worth
George Kosan	Susan Kriska	Tammy Wooster
Terry Cooney	Bob Stetler	Jim Barfield
Charles Brandt	Anne Wheeler	Bonnie & John Taylor

College: Kai Abe, Elizabeth Banks, Michaela Brushwood, Danh Cooney, Michael Hawkins, Christian Jaimungal, Rachel Kosan, Peter Lapham, Amber Todd, Jenny Todd

Military: Jeff Mason Jr., Diego Rincon, Justin Ernul, Wyatt Harris, Michael Paynter, Sherryn Ramkarran, Aaron Sampson

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 29, 2020

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

8:30 am Meals on Wheels

Sunday, April 5, 2020

11:00 am Palm Sunday Worship Service Online Live

A HOPEFUL LOOKING AHEAD

- Apr. 5 Palm Sunday Service
- 6 Possible Virtual Committee Meetings
- 7 Virtual Office Staff Meeting
- 9 Maundy Thursday Service
- 12 Easter Worship Service
- 14 Virtual Session Meeting
- 15 Meals on Wheels
- 16 Virtual Easter Study
- 19 Holy Humor Sunday
- 22 Meals on Wheels, Virtual Easter Study
- 29 Meals on Wheels, Virtual Easter Study



If you would like to dedicate an Easter lily in honor or memory of someone, call the office or fill out the information below. Please print clearly.

Your name: _____

Phone #: _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Quantity ____ X 8.00 ea = ____ check ____ cash ____

You may place form and payment in the mail.

Presbyterian Church of Seffner, P.O. Box 545, Seffner, FL 33583

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