



# Peace River Presbytery

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

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5600 PEACE RIVER ROAD NORTH PORT, FLORIDA 34287

Greetings,

August 2, 2021

In Genesis 28, after waking up from a dream, Jacob declares, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.”

COVID-19 has pumped the brakes on many of the traditional ways we have worked together as a Presbytery. At the same time, this pandemic has forced us to be creative in our individual churches’, worship, missions, and ministries. Now, the time has come to gather in-person once again as a Presbytery to celebrate the connectional glue that unites our churches and is the foundation of Peace River.

With this in mind, we invite you to join us at the 2021 Peace River Presbytery Retreat, which will be held on Wednesday, November 17 and Thursday, November 18 at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center in Lithia Springs. We invite all Pastors, Ruling Elders, and other church leaders to join us for this important time of relaxation, rest, and renewal. We’ll take advantage of the many activities Cedarkirk has to offer, meet their staff, and learn more about their mission, worship together, and participate in breakout groups designed to remind us how God has been present during these past two years, especially as we work to redefine “normal” and share the best practices that have guided our churches through this season. Whether you’re a seasoned Pastor in the life of the Presbytery or a new Elder seeking to learn what Presbytery is all about, we’d like you to join us.

On Wednesday, you’re invited to arrive at Cedarkirk as early as you’d like, using the day to withdraw into the beauty of God’s creation on your own. Dinner, breakout groups, and, of course, a campfire will follow. On Thursday, we’ll gather for breakfast, worship, and lunch, before spreading out to enjoy Cedarkirk’s facilities -- think canoeing, ziplining, volleyball, and so much more. We’ll also get to enjoy opportunities to meet one another in an informal setting, observe the Lord’s Supper together, and learn who the 2022 Blessing Grants recipients are.

More information, including the cost to attend, draft schedule, and registration information, can be viewed on the two attachments. Registration will be handled through Alesia in the presbytery office, who you can contact with any questions, (941) 426-8421 x403.

**The DEADLINE to register is Thursday, September 9, 2021.**

We invite you to share this letter with your Elders, Staff, and Church Leaders. Our hope is to ensure participants from every church can be present as we gather to celebrate a new season for our churches and our Presbytery.

Together, we will awaken to the wonderful ways that God is working among us. We sincerely hope you’ll join us in November at Cedarkirk. Oh, and to be sure, yes, there will be Cinnamon Rolls.

Peace and Grace,

*Carson Brown* and *Rob Marrow*, Co-Moderators  
Communication, Connection, and Community Team

### **Attachments**

- Registration Information & Schedule
- Registration Form  
(please complete & return to PRP office)

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## Registration Information

You may Register for overnight accommodations on Wednesday, or just to join us on Thursday.

- Wednesday night A/C Lodging with 3 Meals  
(Wednesday dinner, Thursday breakfast, Thursday lunch) | \$76.50
- Wednesday night A/C Lodging with 2 Meals  
(Thursday breakfast, Thursday lunch) | \$66.50
- Thursday only with 1 Meal (Thursday lunch) | \$11.00
- *The DEADLINE to register is Thursday, September 9, 2021.*

*Please see attached form for registering.*

## Schedule

### Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Anytime	Free time for meditation and relaxation
5:30 p.m.	Dinner and Welcome
6:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
7:30 p.m.	Campfire Activities

### Thursday, November 18, 2021

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
10:30 a.m.	Worship <i>This will include Communion and a presentation of the Blessing Grants recipients.</i>
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Optional Cedarkirk Tour
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Cedarkirk Adventures Free Time <i>We invite you to use this time to explore and take advantage of the numerous activities Cedarkirk has to offer.</i>

**Peace River Presbytery**  
**Church Leadership Retreat**  
at  
**Cedarkirk** *A place apart to build up  
the body of Christ in love.*  
**CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER**  
Lithia, Florida

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Teaching Elder / Ruling Elder / Church Leader / Staff / Other  
**(Please circle one)**

**Each person must complete a registration form.**

**The DEADLINE to register is Thursday, September 9, 2021.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021**

**Overnight Lodging includes 3 meals:**

(Wednesday Dinner, Thursday Breakfast & Lunch)

\* \_\_\_\_\_ \$76.50 per person

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021**

**Overnight Lodging includes 2 meals:**

(Thursday Breakfast & Thursday Lunch only)

\* \_\_\_\_\_ \$66.50 per person

**Thursday, November 18, 2021**

Only one meal – **(lunch only)**

\* \_\_\_\_\_ \$11.00 per person

**Tee-Shirt Size**

XS    S    M    LG    XLG

(Please circle one)

Please make **checks payable to:**  
Peace River Presbytery

and **mail** with your **completed form** to:

5600 Peace River Road  
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Or you can **fax** or **email** your completed form to:  
(941) 423-8412 or [alesia@peacriverpresbytery.org](mailto:alesia@peacriverpresbytery.org)