



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*of Lynn Haven*



MORNING WORSHIP

17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**September 19, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY  
LENT | EASTER | **PENTECOST**



**Welcome to all who gather to worship this day!** We are now in the season of Pentecost, which focuses on the teachings of Jesus and how we are shaped and challenged by them. It is our hope that you feel the warmth of God's presence and welcome here. If this is your first time joining us, we are honored by your presence and hope to see you again soon! To stay informed, scan the QR code or visit [www.firstchurchlh.org](http://www.firstchurchlh.org) and subscribe to our weekly email.

## - About the Service -

***Wearing a face mask is strongly recommended for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Please observe responsible physical distancing as a courtesy to others worshipping with us.***

*The single chime and Prelude call us to silent, prayerful preparation for worship.*

*The People's words are in bold text. \*Indicates that the congregation may rise.*

*Offering plates are in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship.*



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*a member congregation of:*

**The Presbytery of Florida,  
The Synod of South Atlantic, and  
The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

*The Session (spiritual leaders of the church):*

Moderator: **The Rev. Lisa Martin**

Clerk of Session: **Rosa Stanley**

Class Of 2021: **Marcia Burden, Steve Gabbard**

Class Of 2022: **Rich Kangas, Nancy Mills, Wanda Wallace**

Class Of 2023: **Huey Hayes, Ann Fyfe**

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# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON, arr. Brad Thoreson

## CHIMING THE HOUR

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Paraphrase of James 3)

*When the world around us seems to be shaking,*  
**God’s love is our foothold, which shall not be moved.**

*When the life within us is dry and parched,*  
**God’s word is our wellspring, our fount of living water.**

*Let us worship the One who offers us wisdom*  
**And teaches us how to serve.**

\*OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

**God of the first and the last, give us strength of mind, that we might walk the path of obedience and discipleship without wasting our time thinking about who is more important. Instead, guide our thoughts and our emotions that we may be like children, totally dependent on you, welcoming all with hospitality and love. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

“Sanctuary”

Randy Scruggs and John Thompson

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Michael W. Smith

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Forgive us, we pray. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

## PIANO MEDITATION

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE, arr. Brad Thoreson

# WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT Mark 9:30-37

(see back side fold)

MESSAGE

“First and Last”

Rev. Ted Land

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH (PCUSA)

Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of rejecting. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin. Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all people and accepted their love. We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He demonstrates the new humanity that God promises to give.

SOLO

“The Servant Song”

Richard Gillard

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# WE DEPART TO SERVE THE RISEN LORD

\*HYMN

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

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\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

NUN DANKET, arr. Brad Thoreosn

## THE GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

<sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

### O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

(MARYTON)

1 O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of  
care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to  
move  
by some clear, winning word of  
love;  
teach me the wayward feet to  
stay,  
and guide them in the homeward  
way.

3 Teach me thy patience, still  
with thee  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet  
and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over  
wrong.

4 In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening  
way;  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- September 19, 2021 –

**Today we welcome The Rev. Ted Land to FPC.** Ted is a retired PCUSA minister living in Marianna. We are grateful for his presence with us today while Pastor Lisa and Roy travel home from daughter Anna's wedding in New York City.

**This is our final week to receive donations of clothing for Lynn Haven Elementary School!** We will bless them next Sunday during worship and deliver them on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>. We're receiving:

- sweatpants and sweatshirts, child sizes 4 - 12
- boy's and girl's sneakers, all sizes
- children's low-cut socks, all colors
- boy's and girl's coats and winter hats

If you'd prefer to give cash, we have "personal shoppers" who will do the shopping for you! Mark your check "LHES" or bring to the church office.

**Tuesday is the International Day of Peace.** From the United Nations web site: *The 2021 theme for the International Day of Peace is "Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world". We invite you to join the efforts of the United Nations family as we focus on recovering better for a more equitable and peaceful world. Celebrate peace by standing up against acts of hate online and offline, and by spreading compassion, kindness, and hope in the face of the pandemic, and as we recover. **What can we do to spread peace?***

**These Days and Our Daily Bread devotional booklets for Oct-Dec** are available in the Narthex. The session prays that you are blessed by reading and sharing them!

**Next Sunday we receive the Two-Cents-a-Meal offering** that supports food insecurity ministries of FPC and Florida Presbytery. Thank you for giving generously!

## **Statement from the Session Regarding Covid-19, 8/8/2021:**

As Christians our primary concern is care for others and ourselves.

As the Delta variant of Covid-19 puts people in the hospital who are unvaccinated and can make sick even those who are vaccinated, what is our Christian response?

Since those who are vaccinated can still get the virus and can pass it on to others, what is our Christian response?

As we strive to care for others and ourselves at First Presbyterian Church, what is our Christian response?

Shouldn't our Christian response be to do what we can to help care for others and ourselves? Given the heightened impact of Covid-19, the Session strongly recommends that everyone – unvaccinated and vaccinated alike – wear masks during worship and at small group gatherings.

Further, we encourage all who are unvaccinated to get vaccinated as soon as possible.