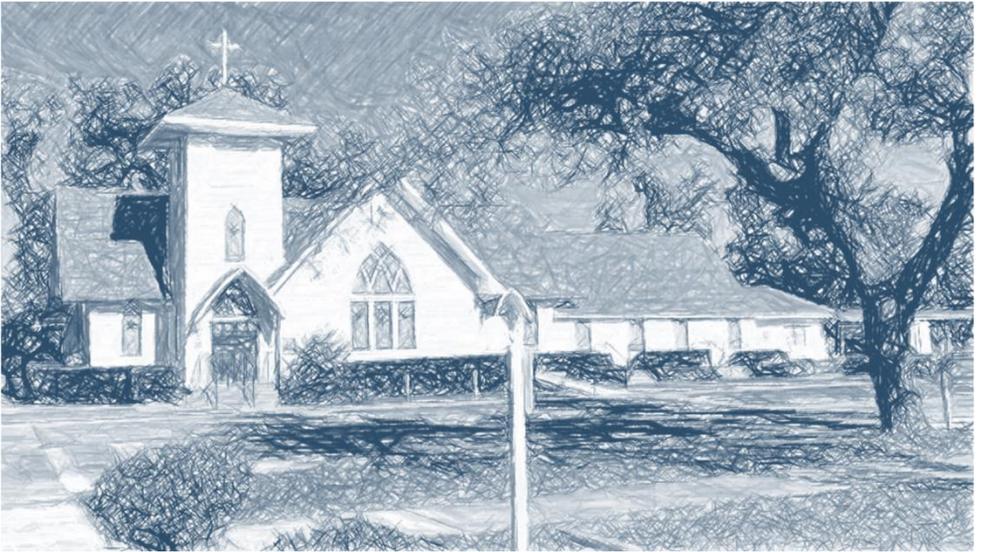




FIRST
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MORNING WORSHIP

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 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 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**

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Three Hymn Preludes”

Pietro Cattaneo

(SWEET SACRAMENT/NETTLETON/CWM RHONDDA)

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 84)

How lovely is God’s dwelling place!

Our souls long for the dwelling place of God.

Even the sparrow finds a home at the altar of God – that’s where she lays her young.

Happy are those who remain in God’s house, whose strength is in God, in whose hearts are pathways to holiness.

With them, let us go from strength to strength in the joy of the Lord!

*OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

God our strength, you have brought us into your holy place by the nudging of your Spirit, and we are grateful. Through Christ, who has the words of eternal life, you make us alive to be his body in the world. Inspire us to witness boldly to your Gospel of love, so that we may welcome the stranger, pursue peace, and stand firm through the struggles of our times. In Christ we pray, Amen.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

“Dwelling Place” and “Sanctuary”

T. Walker/J. Thompson and R. Scruggs

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, saving the crushed in spirit.

Be near to us in our brokenness, O God, and love us into wholeness.

The Lord is near to those who are hurting;

yet we keep our distance to avoid difficult conversations.

The Lord envisions a world where all needs are met;

yet we hoard our possessions and cling to our power.

Be near to us in our brokenness, holy God, and love us into wholeness.

By your mercy, forgive our sins. By your grace, free us into joy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

PIANO MEDITATION

“Wonderful Words of Life”

P. Bliss, arr. Lura Foster

WE EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD

THE GOSPEL John 6:56-69

(see back side fold)

MESSAGE “From Bread to Bread”

Rev. Lisa Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH (Presbyterian Church USA)

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with the people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church toward the kingdom of God, with just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding, and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

SOLO “Abundant Life”

Shaun Garrison

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

“Wonderful Words of Life”

(see back side fold)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary on ‘Festal Song’”

D. Berghout

(Rise Up, O Saints of God)

THE GOSPEL **John 6:56-69**

⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.

⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

⁶⁰On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

⁶¹Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

⁶⁶From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷“You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

(WORDS OF LIFE)

1 Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty,
teach me faith and duty:

Refrain
Beautiful words, wonderful
words,
wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful
words,
wonderful words of life.

2 Christ, the blessed one, gives to
all
wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call,
wonderful words of life.
All so freely given,
wooing us to heaven: **Refrain**

3 Sweetly echo the gospel call,
wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all,
wonderful words of life.
Jesus, only Savior,
sanctify forever. **Refrain**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- August 22, 2021 -

We did it! Thanks to your generosity, we collected and delivered 101 clipboards and 93 headsets for the students at Lynn Haven Elementary School! They were beyond grateful to receive these items for their fifth grade students!

A Note from Aixa Corbitt: *Thanks for all of the prayers and meals that have been given in support of my mother and myself. The love of God has surely been expressed, seen, and felt by the hands, feet, and knees of our church family. They have been an incredible blessing to us. We love you all very much. God bless all of you always.*

Next Sunday we receive the 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering, which supports food insecurity ministries of this congregation and the Presbytery of Florida. The offering basket will be in the Narthex!

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.



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