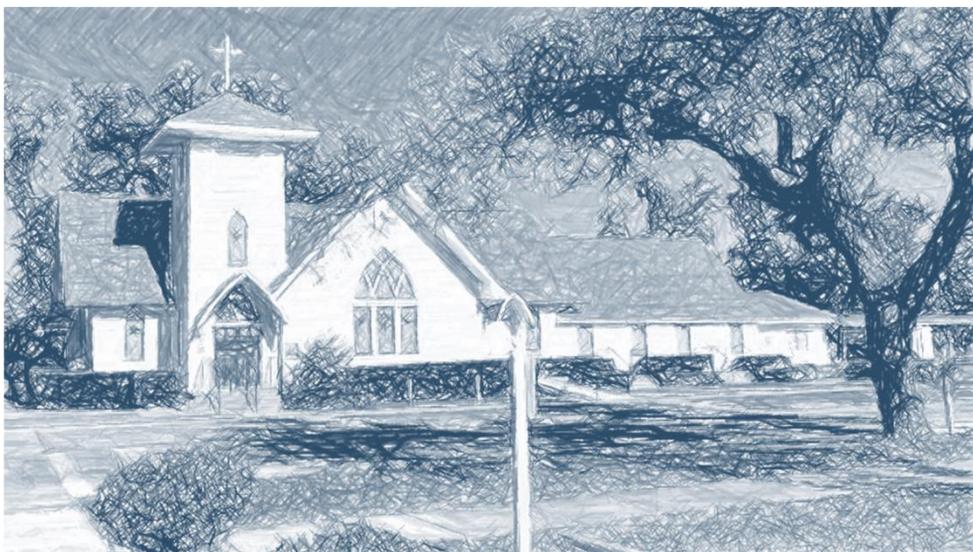




FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*of Lynn Haven*



MORNING WORSHIP

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

**August 29, 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**

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

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# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

“Prelude on ‘Spanish Hymn’  
(Come, Christians, Join to Sing)

Neil Harmon

## CHIMING THE HOUR

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 45 and 95)

*God’s throne endures forever and ever!*

**God, our God, has anointed us with the oil of gladness!**

*God is worthy of all our praise, all our devotion.*

**Let us worship and bow down before the Lord our maker!**

*For the Lord is a great God, a great king among all kings. We are the people of God’s pasture.*

\*OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

**God our maker, you created us in love and you give us all we need to worship and serve you. We bow down before you, offering the first fruits of our devotion. Bless us by your Spirit as we worship, that we may honor you boldly and creatively when we leave this sacred space. In the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

“Shout to the Lord”

Darlene Zschech

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of light, we confess that too often we live in the shadows of life. We are more prone to thinking ill of someone rather than good, withholding forgiveness for those who have hurt us, hoarding life’s bounty rather than sharing it, and regarding ourselves with less love and respect than we regard others. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us from the prison of our sins and bring us to your light, that we may serve you with sincere hearts. In Christ’s name, Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

## PIANO MEDITATION

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

H. A. César Malan, arr. Greg Howlett

# WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT James 1:17-27

(see back side fold)

MESSAGE

“First Fruits”

Rev. Lisa Martin

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH (The Apostles' Creed, 8<sup>th</sup> c.)

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PIANO MEDITATION

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Anonymous, arr. James Koerts

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

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

(see back side fold)

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Kathleen Thomerson

<sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

<sup>26</sup> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

<sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

## Lead Me, Guide Me (LEAD ME, GUIDE ME)

### **Refrain:**

Lead me, guide me along the way;  
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;  
Lord, let me walk each day with  
Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak, and I need Thy  
strength and power  
To help me over my weakest hour;  
Let me through the darkness Thy  
face to see,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

2 Help me tread in the paths of  
righteousness;  
Be my aid when Satan and sin  
oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in Thee,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

3 I am lost, if you take your hand  
from me;  
I am blind, without Thy Light to  
see;  
Lord, just always let me Thy  
servant be,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

### **Refrain**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- August 29, 2021 –

**Today we receive the 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering**, which supports food insecurity ministries of this congregation and the Presbytery of Florida. The offering basket is in the Narthex! *What's 2-Cents-a-Meal, you ask?* Great question! The goal is that every time you eat you put two pennies in a special collection jar and donate it every last Sunday of the month to help alleviate food insecurity in our area. We gladly accept checks, by the way! Last month's donation was \$311.09. Way to go!

## **We continue to be a blessing to Lynn Haven Elementary School!**

Through September 23, we are receiving donations of the following:

- 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
- boy's and girl's winter hats

If you'd prefer to give cash, we have "personal shoppers" who will do the shopping for you! Either way, bring items to the church office M - Th (9-2) or to the sanctuary on Sundays. ***Like a good neighbor, First Church is here!***

## **Next Sunday we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.**

Everyone is welcome to the Table of Grace! Please prepare your hearts and minds to receive "the gifts of God for the people of God."

### **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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