



All are welcome, because God is Welcome!

We hope you feel the warmth of God's presence and a genuine welcome here. If this is your first time with us, we are honored to have you and look forward to seeing you again soon!

Connect with First Church by scanning the QR code or visiting our website. There are many wonderful things happening here, and we'd love for you to find your place in our community of faith!

- About the Service -

Worship services are filmed for later access on Facebook and our church website.

The People's words are in **bold text**.

*Indicates that the congregation may stand.

When we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please know that all are welcome at the table of our Lord.

Offering plates are available in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship. Your generosity enables First Church to make a meaningful impact in our community and beyond. As we like to say, we are "blessed to be a blessing!"



THE SESSION

(elected spiritual leaders of this congregation)

Moderator: **The Rev. Lisa W. Martin**

Clerk of Session: **Rosa Stanley**

Class Of 2025: **John Deegins, Rich Kangas**

Class Of 2026: **Ann Fyfe, Bob Plank**

Class Of 2027: **Jennifer Hodges, Kathy Welsh**

A CONGREGATION IN CONNECTION WITH

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

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GOD WELCOMES US

PRELUDE

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Bradley Thoreson, organ

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

arr. Phil Lehenbauer

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Martin

GATHERING SONG (Hymn 701)

"Lord, Prepare Me"

SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary:

Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

*WE REJOICE IN GOD'S WELCOME

Psalms 30

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,

and give thanks to his holy name.

*HYMN 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

God who calls us, we join our voices with those of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name. As we worship this day, remind us that we belong to you and that in you alone we find our purpose for life. By your Spirit, may our lives reveal and reflect the life of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin as an offering of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, when we have done what is wrong and displeasing in your sight, extend your love to correct us. When we ignore those in need and close our eyes to injustice, help us to face the truth. When we turn a blind eye to evil, teach us your ways. Energize us to extend your love to all people as a sign of our repentance. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise. Reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. God's word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live boldly and courageously. Brothers and sisters, let us believe and celebrate the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

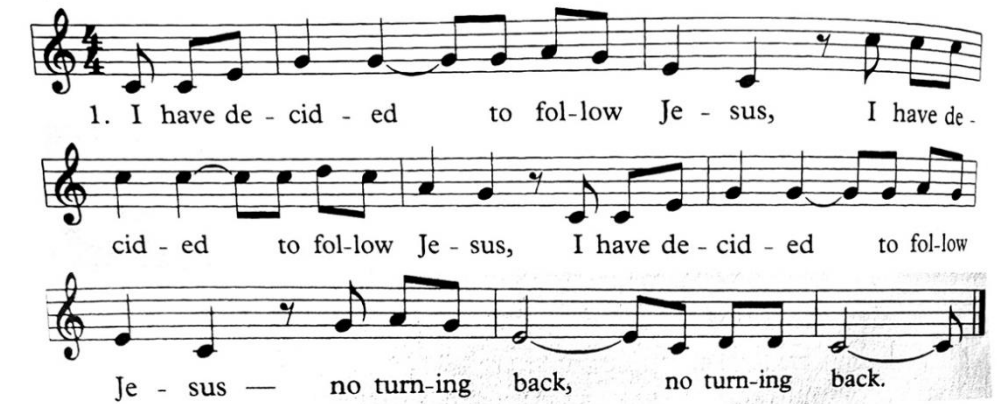
*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

CONGREGATIONAL ANTHEM

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Traditional melody/Anonymous text



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus — no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
2. The world behind me, the cross before me ...
3. Though none go with me, still I will follow ...

GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN

OLD TESTAMENT

Nehemiah 8:1-3

OT, p. 596, softback

OT, p. 390, hardback

THE EPISTLE

I Corinthians 12:12-27

NT, p. 233, softback

NT, p. 930, hardback

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

NT, p. 84, softback

NT, p. 830, hardback

MESSAGE

"Overcoming Mayhem"

Rev. Dr. Havey Jenkins

GOD CALLS US TO ACT

*HYMN 720

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

*DECLARATION OF FAITH (The Rev. Amanda Burr, Palm Springs, CA)

**We believe in God,
the creator of all things,
the giver of life and breath.**

We believe in Jesus Christ,
born Emmanuel, God with us,
baptized and revealed the beloved Son of God.
He sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon
himself, suffering for us, dying for us
and being raised from the dead for our sake
and for the sake of all the world.
We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
continually poured out, refreshing our lives,
leading us into a new day,
ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.
This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth
reminding us of the gift of faith,
the ever presence of God,
and the promise of eternal life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

GOD SENDS US TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

*HYMN 835

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

CLOSER WALK

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

*POSTLUDE

"I'm Gonna Sing"

André J. Thomas
arr. Douglas E. Wagner



Let's stay in touch! Sign up to receive the e-Alert, prayer concerns, and *This Week @ First Church* notices! Click the QR code with your phone's camera!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 26, 2025

Welcome to worship! We are now in the season of Epiphany, when the church focuses on the ways that Jesus makes himself known to the world around him. We're glad you're here!

A special "welcome" today to "our own" The Reverend Harvey Jenkins, who leads us in worship while Pastor Lisa is in New York City loving on her granddaughter Alessandra ("Allie"). Lisa will be back in the office on Wednesday.

Today we receive the 2-cents-a-meal offering which supports food insecurity ministries of First Church and Florida Presbytery. Through our generosity, we now feed weekend meals to 40 students at Lynn Haven Elementary School.

Kids Connection meets after worship today in the sanctuary classroom. All elementary age children are welcome!

This Thursday, First Church is hosting the Bay County gathering of Presbyterian churches! Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Our meal will be homemade chili, cornbread, and desserts. **If you'd like to provide chili, cornbread, and/or desserts, please reach out to Pastor Lisa.** Everyone is invited to this gathering with brothers and sisters from Grace, Parkway, and Gulf Beach churches. Dinner cost is \$5, with all proceeds going to the American Red Cross of Northwest Florida.

Next Sunday we celebrate the sacrament of holy communion. Please prepare your hearts and minds to receive "the gifts of God for the people of God". ALL are welcome to the Table of Grace

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Chancel Choir
Bradley Thoreson, Music Director, Organist
The Reverend Dr. Harvey Jenkins, guest preacher

ASSISTING TODAY 1/26

Greeters: Garrett Kivett and Charles Willis
Church Safety Volunteer: Lloyd Stanley

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK 2/2

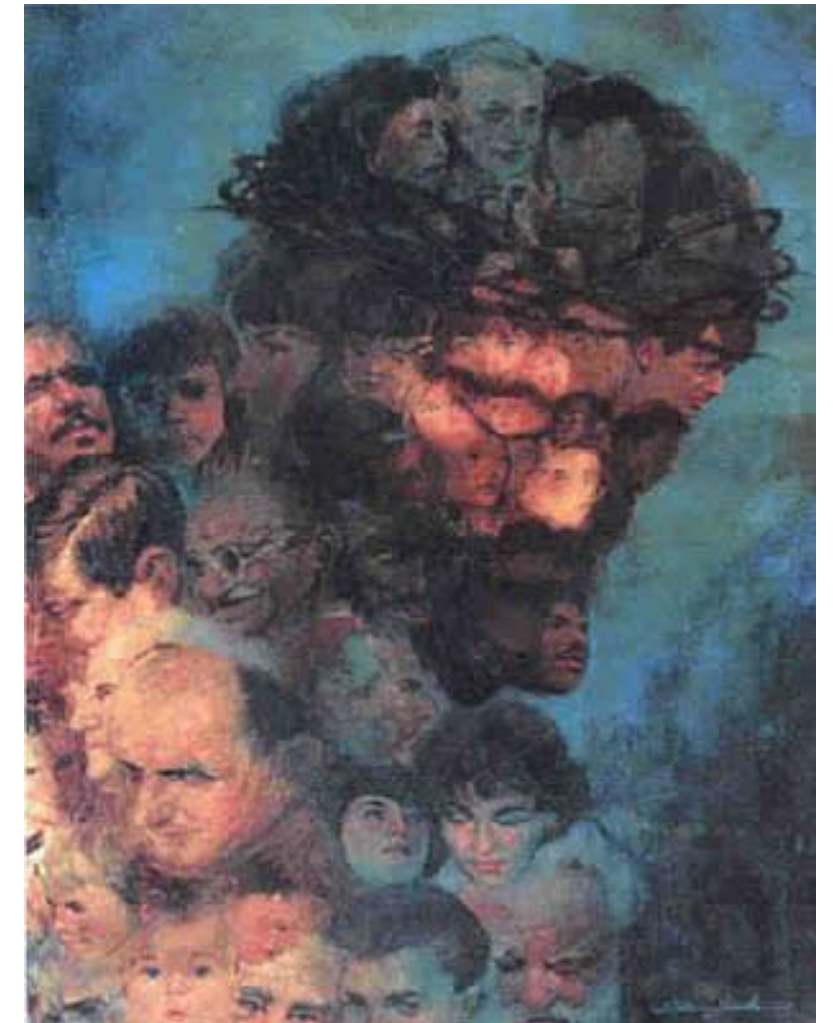
Greeters: Janet and Rich Walker
Church Safety Volunteer: Rich Walker

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FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Lynn Haven

MORNING WORSHIP



3RD SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 26, 2025
10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST