



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 wonderful things happening here, and we would love for you to find your place in our community of faith!

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Worship services are recorded and available on Facebook and our church website.

*Indicates that the congregation may stand. **Words we all say are in bold print.**

We celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions. **All are welcome at the table of our Lord.**

Offering plates are available in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship, or you can give online by scanning the QR code. Your support enables First Church to make a meaningful impact within our community and beyond. As we often say, we are truly **"blessed to be a blessing!"**

CONNECTION, LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

WE ARE A CONGREGATION IN CONNECTION WITH

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

THE SESSION

The Rev. Lisa Martin, Moderator, **Rosa Stanley**, Clerk of Session

Elected spiritual leaders of this congregation:

John Deegins ('25), **Ann Fyfe** ('26), **Jennifer Hodges** ('27),
Rich Kangas ('25), **Bob Plank** ('26), **Kathy Welsh** ('27)

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GOD WELCOMES US IN LOVE

Prelude ‘The Old Rugged Cross’ George Bennard
arr. Bradley Thoreson

Chiming the Hour

Words of Welcome

Gathering Song
‘Come Into God’s Presence’ COME INTO HIS PRESENCE

Musical notation for the gathering song with lyrics:

1 Come in - to God’s pres-ence sing - ing “Al - le - lu - ia,
2 Come in - to God’s pres-ence sing - ing “Je - sus is Lord,
3 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing “Wor - thy the Lamb,
4 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing “Glo - ry to God,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.”
Je - sus is Lord, Je - sus is Lord.”
wor - thy the Lamb, wor - thy the Lamb.”
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.”

***We Rejoice in God’s Welcome** from Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
We will serve the Lord with gladness and come into God’s presence with singing!
Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are his; we are God’s people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to God; bless God’s holy name.
For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

***Hymn 12** ‘Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise’ ST. DENIO

***Prayer of Praise**
Immortal, invisible God, you reign in glory and dwell in light. We praise you for making yourself known to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Through him we have grace sufficient for faith, mercy that covers us in acceptance, and joy that claims us for service. Bless our worship and grant us peace in believing. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession
The grace of God overflows for us through the faith and love that are ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, in Jesus Christ we see the lengths and depths to which you go to save us. Yet we are a stubborn people, intent on following our own way instead of the way of Jesus. Forgive us, we pray. Make us glad in our salvation so that we may share this good news with those around us and with all the world. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness 1 Timothy 1
The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. Brothers and sisters, let us believe and celebrate the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Joyful Response** ‘We Are Forgiven’ Hal H. Hopson

Musical notation for the joyful response with lyrics:

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Solo ‘Great is Thy Faithfulness’ Thomas Chisholm/William M. Runyan
arr. Greg Howlett

GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN

Epistle 1 Timothy 1:12-17 NT p. 963, hardback
NT p. 281, softback
Message ‘Overflowing Grace’ The Reverend Lisa Martin

GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

***Hymn 649** ‘Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound’ AMAZING GRACE

***Declaration of Faith** A Declaration of Faith, PCUSA
We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God’s undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God’s demand upon every one of us,

though never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

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.

GOD SENDS US TO LIVE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Congregational Meeting

- *Hymn 353 ‘My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less’ SOLID ROCK
- *Benediction and Three-fold Amen
- *Postlude ‘Postlude on Savior, Like a Shepherd’ Gene Roberson



100th Birthday Party

Kay McBride

Saturday, September 20
1:30–3:00

Party Room Mathison Retirement Community
3637 West Highway 390, Panama City, FL

When you arrive, please park in the back and enter through the doors – the party/dining room is on the right

RSVP by 9/15 to David McBride
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GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Welcome to worship on this Lord’s Day! We are in the season of Pentecost, a time to celebrate God’s faithful love, Christ’s saving presence, and the Holy Spirit who empowers us to live with hope, joy, and purpose. **Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments and conversation** immediately following worship!

The session has called for a congregational meeting to be held at the close of worship today for the purpose of requesting Florida Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Pastor Lisa.

The session will meet at 11:30 today in the church office parlor. All members are welcome to attend the stated meetings of the session!

Kids Connection kicks off its fall season today! All children are invited to join DeeDee Broadhead in the sanctuary classroom after refreshments to explore Bible stories with crafts and conversation.

Pastor Lisa has some books and other fun things to give away! Check out the table in the Fellowship Hall. ☺

Everyone is invited to join Katy Mackay this Thursday, September 18, for Bible study. We will gather from 6:00-7:30 P.M. in the church office parlor to explore the scriptures together. This month’s topic is “A Song for the Ages”. Bring your Bible, invite a friend, and let’s learn from one another! No need to sign up ahead of time; just come and be blessed!

There will be no Fellowship Lunch next Sunday! Instead, we’ll gather between 1 – 3 pm to celebrate Pastor Lisa and Roy and wish them a blessed farewell upon their move to Virginia.

Congregational Care needs you! We’re looking for a few people who can transport people to church on Sundays. Talk to Kathy Welsh, CC chair, if interested!



Let’s stay connected! Sign up for This Week @ First Church, worship links, prayer concerns, and important updates by scanning the QR code with your phone.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

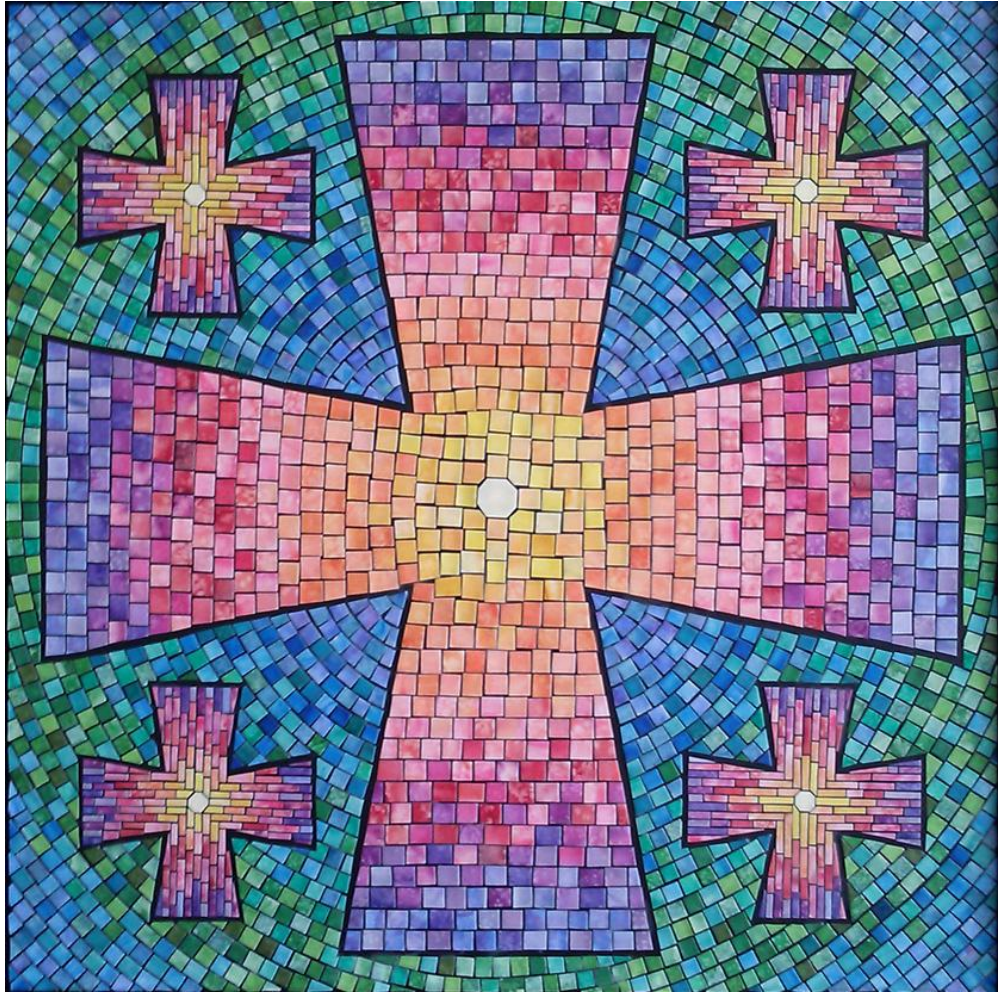
The Chancel Choir
Bradley Thoreson, Music Director, Organist
The Reverend Lisa W. Martin, Pastor

ASSISTING TODAY 9/14

Linda Wentworth and Charles Willis, Greeters
Bill Mease, Church Safety Volunteer

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK 9/21

Carol Oakley and Larry Hammond, Greeters
Jerry Miller, Church Safety Volunteer



14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING WORSHIP
September 14, 2025
10 AM