All are welcome, because God *is* Welcome!

We're so glad you're here! Whether you're visiting for the first time or worshipping with us regularly, you are part of what makes this community a place of faith, hope, and love. You are welcome here.

- Scan the QR code to stay connected with everything happening at First Church–from weekly events and opportunities to serve, to today's scripture lessons.
- Sign up for *Faith Forward* and weekly *e-Alert* and prayer request emails, explore online worship, and visit our website.
- Access our secure online giving platform.

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Services are recorded and available on Facebook and our website.

*Indicates that the congregation may rise in body or spirit. Words we all say are in **bold print.**

Generally, we celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions.

Offering plates are available in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship, or you may give online by scanning the QR code. Thank you for helping to make Christ's love shown within our community and beyond. We are *"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 (USA)**

THE SESSION

The Rev. Julie Thompson, Moderator
Bob Plank, Clerk of Session

Elected spiritual leaders of this congregation:

Claire Calohan ('28)
Ann Fyfe ('26)
Jennifer Hodges ('27)
Steven McPherson ('28)
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God Welcomes Us in Love

Chiming the Trinity

Prelude *Prelude on "St. Denio"* — *Phil Lehenbauer*

Words of Welcome — Rev. Julie Thompson

This is the Day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gathering Song (Hymn 698)

Take, O Take Me as I Am — TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.
(repeat)

***Call Worship** — Elder Julian Wells

We lift our eyes to you.
We raise our voices.
The day of the Lord is near,
coming like a thief in the night.
The day of the Lord is near;
the day is coming quickly.
The day of the Lord is near,
and we are your good and faithful servants.

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of abundance, you have given us so many gifts. You bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge, and yet we hide them under a bushel. We hoard these gifts, instead of following you and sharing with those in need. We have been poor stewards of all you have given. Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given, that it might be returned in service to you.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News! Although we have sinned, in Jesus Christ we are graciously forgiven. Be at peace.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Joyful Response (Hymn 582)**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me — GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

God Invites Us to Listen

First Reading Psalm 90:1–8, 12 — hardcover, p. 480 softcover OT, p. 732

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Piano Meditation *Be Thou My Vision* — *Molly Ijames*

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14–30 — hardcover, p. 801 softcover NT, p. 41

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message "Risking It All" — Rev. Julie Thompson

God Moves Us to Respond

***Hymn 716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* — BEACH SPRING

Invitation to Discipleship and Community News

Moment of Generosity — Peggy Kangas

Presbyterian Women 2026 Thank Offering

***Doxology (Hymn 606)** — OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Affirmation of Faith** — from *A Declaration of Faith*

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God has already demonstrated his judging and saving work. We are warned that rejecting God's love and not caring for others whom God loves results in eternal separation from him and them. Yet we are also told that God loves the whole world and wills the salvation of all humankind in Christ. We live in tension between God's warnings and promises.

Knowing the righteous judgment of God in Christ, we urge all people to be reconciled to God, not exempting ourselves from the warnings. Constrained by God's love in Christ, we have good hope for all people, not exempting the most unlikely from the promises. Judgment belongs to God and not to us. We are sure that God's future for every person will be both merciful and just. 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 Live the Love of Christ

***Hymn 687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

***Benediction and Three-fold Amen**

Postlude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* *Dan Forrest*

God Calls Us into Community

Welcome to First Church on this 25th Sunday after Pentecost! Today, Jesus' parable of the talents challenges us to consider how we use the gifts God has entrusted to us. In worship, we are reminded that faith calls us to move beyond fear, trust in God's grace, and share our gifts generously. Whoever you are and wherever you are on the journey, there is a place for you here. May our worship inspire us to live boldly, love generously, and serve faithfully.

Fellowship Time! Before heading home, stop by Mowat Hall immediately following worship for a little something to eat and some good company! Enjoy refreshments, share a story or two, and spend time getting to know one another. Whether you're a longtime member or visiting for the first time, we'd love for you to join us!

Thanksgiving Luncheon – next Sunday, November 22! Join us in Mowat Hall following worship for a time of food, fellowship, thanksgiving … and special musical guests! The church will provide turkey, ham, gravy, and drinks. Please bring a favorite side dish, salad, bread, or dessert to share. A sign-up sheet is available in Mowat Hall. All are welcome!

Help Make Christmas Brighter for ARC of the Bay! This Christmas season, First Church is collecting gifts for adults participating in ARC of the Bay's developmental training program. Please see the bulletin insert for a list of suggested gifts and helpful guidelines. Donations may be placed in the collection bin in the Sanctuary through **December 1**. Please leave gifts unwrapped. Thank you for sharing God's love and bringing a little Christmas joy to others!

This Week at First Church

November 15 – 22, 2026

Sunday, November 15

25th Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45 AM	Coffee and the Word *Richard Holley Classroom*
9:30 AM	Choir Warmup *Mowat Hall*
10:00 AM	Morning Worship *Sanctuary*
11:00 AM	Fellowship Time *Mowat Hall*

LEADING WORSHIP:

The Chancel Choir
Bradley Thoreson, *Organist, Music Director*
Elder Julian Wells, *Lay Leader*
Rev. Julie Thompson, *Transitional Pastor*

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS:

Greeters
Garrett Kivett and Charles Willis
Church Safety Volunteer
Charles Willis
Sound Volunteer
Donna Yielding

Monday, November 16

6:15 PM
Panama City Pipes & Drums
Church Grounds

Tuesday, November 17

6:00 PM
Gulftones Barbershop Chorus
Mowat Hall

Wednesday, November 18

6:00 PM
Chancel Choir
Sanctuary
7:00 PM
AA (Closed Meeting)
Mowat Hall

Thursday, November 19

Friday, November 20

6:00 PM
AA (Women's Open Meeting)
Mowat Hall

Saturday, November 21

7:00 PM
AA (Open Meeting)
Mowat Hall

Looking Ahead

Sunday, November 22

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

LOOKING AHEAD SCHEDULE

8:45 AM	Coffee and the Word *Richard Holley Classroom*
9:30 AM	Choir Warmup *Mowat Hall*
10:00 AM	Morning Worship *Sanctuary*
11:00 AM	Thanksgiving Luncheon *Mowat Hall*

LOOKING AHEAD VOLUNTEERS:

Greeters
Jan Rains and John Deegins
Church Safety Volunteer
Charles Willis
Sound Volunteer
Donna Yielding

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25th SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

- Risking It All -

MORNING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 15 | 10:00 AM

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