



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Lynn Haven



-MORNING WORSHIP-
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9, 2022
10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST



Welcome to all who gather to worship this day!

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 -

Each worship service is filmed for later access on Facebook and our church website. Please refrain from loud conversation once the Prelude begins!

The People's words are in **bold text**. *Indicates that the congregation may stand.

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 W. Martin**

Clerk of Session: **Rosa Stanley**

Class Of 2022: **Rich Kangas, Steve Gabbard, Wanda Wallace**

Class Of 2023: **Huey Hayes, Ann Fyfe**

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

DOWN AMPNEY, arr. John G. Barr

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29)

Ascribe to the Lord - everyone everywhere - ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor!

May the Lord give strength to all people!

May the Lord bless all people with the light of sweet peace!

*HYMN

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

1 There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
 there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
 when we shall leave this place.

2 There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
 you’re the one to profit when you say,
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.” [Refrain]

*OPENING PRAYER

God of love and light, as we move from Epiphany to Baptism, we remember that you are the source of all goodness. As we worship, bless us with a sure sense of your Spirit’s sweet presence, that we may be empowered to shine as brightly as Bethlehem’s star, drawing others to the glory of Christ our Lord, through whom we pray. Amen.

CONFSSION OF SIN

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we belong to you for the benefit of others. Create clean hearts within us, and bless us with

your peace, that we may experience your sweet, sweet Spirit every day. In Christ we pray, Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 43:1-7

see back side panel

GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

see back side panel

MESSAGE

“Filled with Expectation”

Rev. Lisa Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*DECLARATION OF FAITH (PCUSA)

By the Spirit God raised up leaders and prophets to guide the people. By the Spirit Jesus was conceived, baptized, and empowered. By the Spirit the risen Christ is present with the church. We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life, the Renewer and Perfecter of God's people, the One who makes real in us what God has done for us. Thanks be to God!

CANTOR & CHOIR

“I Will Come to You”

David Haas

THE 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

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work ...

I'm gonna pray ...

I'm gonna sing ...

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

DANISH

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON | Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,

 and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, “Give them up,”
 and to the south, “Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,

 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made.”

GOSPEL | Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- January 9 -

Today we celebrate two special holy days: Epiphany (January 6) and Baptism of the Lord (January 12). As we continue into this new year, we look for signs and sightings of God among us and in the world.

All women are invited to gather at 12 noon on Wednesday for our Presbyterian Women luncheon and Bible study! We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall. We're continuing our study of the 10 commandments "Love Carved in Stone", lesson 8 (beginning on page 89),

Next Sunday, Jan. 16: Soup, Sandwich, & Dessert Luncheon! Got a favorite soup you've been itching to make and share? A gourmet PB & J sandwich, perhaps? Then you'll definitely want to join us after worship next Sunday for our January luncheon! Come for lively worship, stay for lunch, and hey, why not invite a friend to both? ☺

Devotional booklets for January-March are located in the Narthex. Please take and enjoy; and take some to share! These booklets are gifts from the session with the hope that you are blessed by reading and sharing them!

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