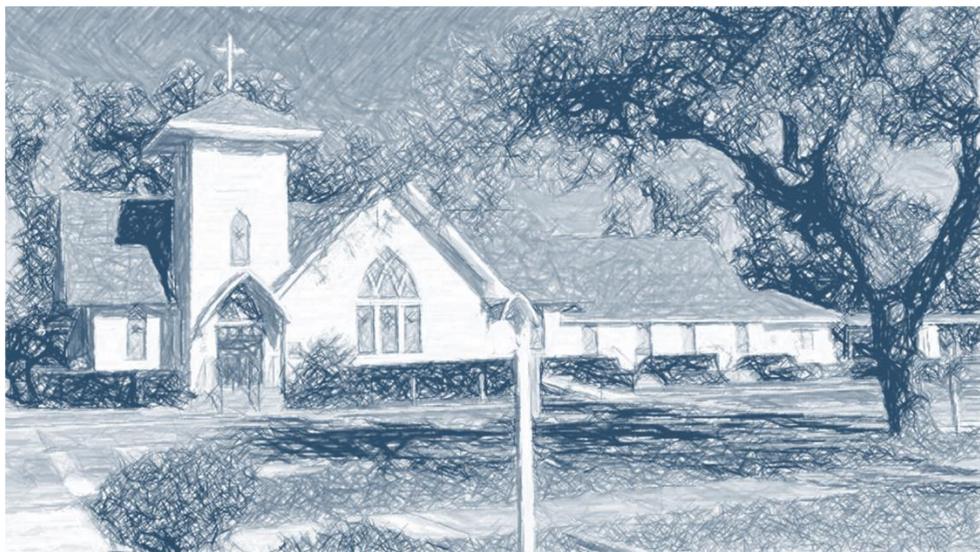




FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*of Lynn Haven*



MORNING WORSHIP

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

**November 14, 2021**

**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 web site. Please refrain from loud conversation once the Prelude begins!**

*The single chime and Prelude call us to silent, prayerful preparation for worship. Please refrain from loud conversation during the Prelude.*

*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,  
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*The Session (spiritual leaders of the church):*

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

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# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

“Arabesque on ‘Great is Thy Faithfulness’”

John G. Barr

## CHIMING THE HOUR

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 16)

*Let us say to the Lord, “You are our God! Apart from you we have no good.”*

**With God we have all good things!**

*The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup, overflowing with bounty!*

**Let us keep the Lord ever before us, because with God we shall not be moved.**

*It is God who shows us the path of life.*

**In God’s presence there is fullness of joy; in God’s hand there are pleasures forevermore!**

### \*OPENING PRAYER

God of grace, we praise you that when we remain close to you, your presence is experienced in joy-filled ways: in the laughter of friends, the goodness of home, the delight of children, the blessing of work, the privilege of worship. Bless us with a sure sense of your presence with us this day, that our hearts may be glad in you. Then, as we leave this place, direct us to where you would have us be a blessing to others. In Christ we pray, Amen!

## SONGS OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

“10,000 Reasons”

Matt Redmon, Jonas Myrin

\*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you surprise us with your grace and give us all we need. Yet we are quick to want different, or more. We fail to appreciate all we have, and we think that possessions will somehow enhance us. Forgive us, we pray. Restore us so that we may know that in you, we are enough. Amen.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

# WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT Hebrews 10:11-25 (see back side fold)

## MESSAGE

“Holding Fast”

Rev. Lisa Martin

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## \*DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH (PCUSA)

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We are bound to each other, made for communion with God and others, and so we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love God, all people, and ourselves as well. This we believe, and this is our aim in faith.

## SOLO

“Oh, How Good it Is”

Keith & Kristyn Getty

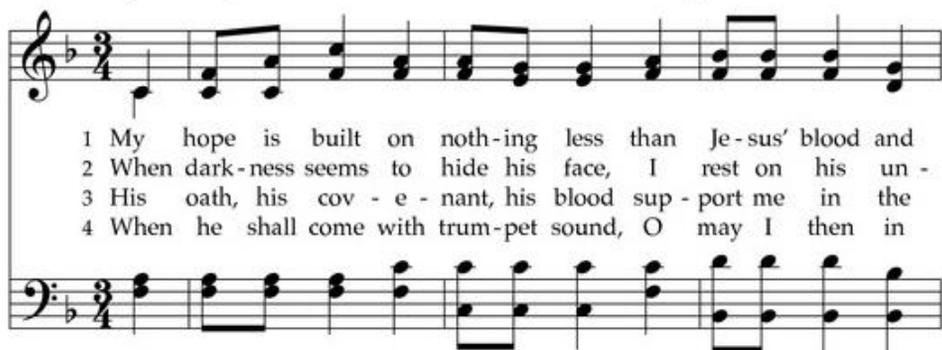
## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

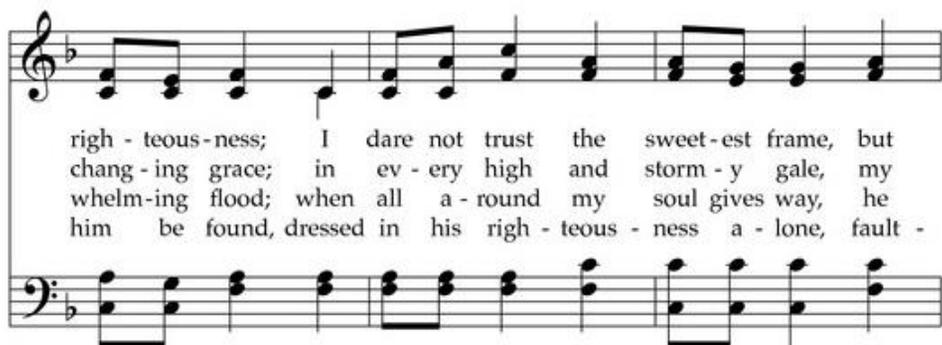
# WE DEPART TO SERVE THE RISEN LORD

\*HYMN “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (see insert)

# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353



1 My hope is built on noth- ing less than Je- sus' blood and  
2 When dark- ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
4 When he shall come with trum- pet sound, O may I then in



right- eous- ness; I dare not trust the sweet- est frame, but  
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
whelm- ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*



whol- ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth- er ground is sink- ing sand; all oth- er ground is sink- ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27 / Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

Amen, Amen, Amen!

\*POSTLUDE

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

SICILIAN MARINERS

**NEW TESTAMENT Hebrews 10:11-25**

<sup>11</sup> And every priest stands day after day at their service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup> and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup> “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup> he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November 14 -

**The session meets at 11:15 today in the Porter Classroom.** All active members are welcome to join the session to learn about the workings of FPC.

**This afternoon, beginning at 4 pm: Blessing of the Animals!** Our pets are family, too, and loved by God! Bring your fur babies to the paved parking lot for a special blessing this afternoon anytime between 4 and 5 pm. Let's celebrate "all creatures of our God and King"!

**Please join us for Coffee & Fellowship after worship!** If you'd like to sign up to provide simple snacks, please contact Marcia Burden or Wanda Wallace.

**Next Sunday: It's Thanksgiving Feast time!** We'll enjoy our first meal together since the pandemic immediately following worship. Turkey, potatoes, gravy, bread, dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, and beverages are provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert if you'd like.

**The season of Advent** begins in two weeks! Hard to believe, right?!? We'll kick the season off with a Hanging of the Greens service during worship! Come ready to help "deck our halls"!

**Pastor Lisa is leading a Zoom Advent Bible Study!** We'll explore Christmas as it's presented in each of the four Gospels. How might each Gospel writer decorate their home for the holidays? Let's visit their homes together as we decorate our own house! We'll meet each Monday evening of Advent (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20) from 6-7 pm via Zoom, in the comfort of our own homes! To register, please contact Pastor Lisa.

## Looking Ahead:

- **11/21 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**
  - Adult Christian Education, 8:45 am
  - Thanksgiving Feast, following worship
- **11/28 First Sunday of Advent**
  - Adult Christian Education, 8:45 am
  - Hanging of the Greens, during worship
  - 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering for food insecurity ministries
- **11/29 Advent Bible Study, 6-7 pm, via Zoom**



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