



**We welcome ALL because GOD is WELCOME!**

It is our hope that you feel the warmth of God’s presence and welcome here. If this is your first time with us, we are honored by your presence and hope to see you again soon! To stay informed, scan the QR

code and fill out the brief **“Connect with Us”** form, or visit us at **www.firstchurchlh.org** and subscribe to our weekly email. There’s a lot going on here; we want you to be a part of it!

**– About the Service –**

Portions of each Worship service 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.

At First Church, the Lord’s table is open to all people. We celebrate communion on the first Sunday of each month and on other special occasions. Everyone is welcome to receive the “gifts of God for the people of God.”

Offering plates are located in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship. Because of your generosity, First Church makes a difference in our neighborhood and world. As we like to say, we are “blessed to be a blessing”!



**a member congregation of:**

The Presbytery of Florida,  
The Synod of South Atlantic, and  
The Presbyterian Church (USA)

**The Session (spiritual leaders of this congregation):**

Moderator: **The Rev. Lisa W. Martin**  
Clerk of Session: **Rosa Stanley**  
Class Of 2024: **Don Mowat, Kathy Welsh**  
Class Of 2025: **John Deegins, Rich Kangas**  
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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE  
“How Firm a Foundation”  
Bradley Thoreson  
arr. Jason Payne

CHIMING THE HOUR  
WORDS OF WELCOME  
Rev. Lisa Martin

GATHERING SONG 413  
“Come into God’s Presence”  
COME INTO HIS PRESENCE

Come into God’s presence singing  
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.”

Come into God’s presence singing  
“Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.”

Praise the Lord together singing  
“Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God.”

\*REJOICING IN GOD’S WELCOME  
Psalm 62  
*For God alone we wait, for our hope is in the Lord.*  
**God alone is our rock and our salvation; we shall not be shaken.**  
*Once God has spoken; twice have we heard: power belongs to God.*  
**Steadfast love belongs to the Lord!**

\*HYMN 438  
“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”  
TOPLADY

\*PRAYER OF PRAISE  
Loving God, our rock and cleft in life, we praise you for the assurance that we are welcomed and loved by you. We need your grace, and we want to share your grace with others. Bless our worship, that we may be renewed in our discipleship as we share your welcome and saving love with others. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION  
“On God rests my deliverance; God is my mighty rock, and my refuge is in God. Trust in the Lord at all times, O people; pour out your hearts before God” (Psalm 62). Let us confess our sins before God and with one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we are slow to listen. You show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. Through Christ, Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS  
*This is the word of the Lord: in Christ we are given new life! Brothers and sisters, let us believe the good news of the Gospel:*  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!**

\*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.

PIANO MEDITATION  
“I Need Thee Every Hour”  
Bradley Thoreson  
Robert Lowry; arr. Greg Howlett  
*“I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;  
Every hour I need Thee;  
Oh, bless me now, my Savior!  
I come to Thee.”*

**GOD CALLS US TO LISTEN**

OLD TESTAMENT  
Jonah 3:1-10, 4:1-11  
OT, p. 1137, softback; p. 745, hardback

MESSAGE  
“Welcome and Love”  
Rev. Lisa Martin

**GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND**

\*HYMN 649  
“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”  
AMAZING GRACE

\*DECLARATION OF FAITH  
*A Declaration of Faith, PCUSA*  
Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a young woman of faith. Jesus lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God’s kingdom of justice and peace on earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of woman, as is every child, yet born of God’s power, as was no other child. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God’s promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, Jesus brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended and desired. Thanks be to God!

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 CALLS US TO SERVE

\*HYMN 770  
“I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table” WELCOME TABLE

\*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  
“God of Grace and God of Glory” arr. Paul Manz

## BLACK HISTORY

*An Essential Conversation*




Join us for an enlightening journey into the foundations of Black American History, where we delve into the essential narratives that have shaped our nation. The seminar is a celebration of resilience, triumph, and the invaluable contributions of the Black community throughout our history.

**Thursdays, February 1, 22, 29, and March 7**  
**10 AM - 11:30 AM (CST)**

**First Presbyterian Church of Lynn Haven**  
810 Georgia Avenue, Lynn Haven, FL 32444  
*(Seminar sessions will also be available via Zoom)*

**Let's Celebrate Diversity and Unity Through Knowledge!**  
To register, visit [www.firstchurchlh.org](http://www.firstchurchlh.org) or call 850.265.2051

Presented in partnership with:



Each workshop session will be held in our Fellowship Hall. We'll be blessed by presentations by Faith in Florida and someone local who has a collection of memorabilia of enslaved people.

### ASSISTING TODAY

**Greeter:** Rich Filippi  
**Church Safety Volunteer:** Rich Kangas

### ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY

**Greeters:** Marcia Burden, Charles Willis  
**Church Safety Volunteer:** Bruce MacKay

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 21, 2024

**Welcome to Epiphany worship!** During this season we reflect on the ways that God is revealed. The following prayer may be helpful as you come to worship: *Bless me, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that I may be at peace and may worship you with my whole mind and spirit. Amen.*

**Today we'll enjoy our January fellowship luncheon** following worship. Pastor Lisa will highlight ways for each of us to become involved in the mission and ministry of First Church! Join us!

**The Worship Committee will meet** this Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the church office parlor.

**First Church is hosting the regional gathering** of Presbyterian Churches on Thursday, January 25. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, and we'll hear from Sue Bowen about vulnerable high school students of Bay County. Cost is a suggested donation of \$10, with all proceeds going to Sue for her work. Please register to attend by Jan. 21 by contacting the church office.

**Next Sunday we receive our monthly 2-Cents-a-Meal offering**, which supports food-insecurity ministries of First Church and Florida Presbytery. Our total giving last year for this offering, combined with special giving toward our Backpack Ministry for food-insecure students at Lynn Haven Elementary School, was \$11,827.01. How awesome is that?!? Way to go, First Church!

**Please consider signing up to bring refreshments** for Fellowship Hour! We enjoy time for conversation after worship on Sundays, and simple treats are a great bonus! A sign-up sheet is on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. It's fun to team up with someone, too!

**Help us do our part to save the planet!** Everyone is asked to bring a coffee cup or mug from home to keep in the Fellowship Hall. It will be used for Fellowship Hours and our monthly lunches. Get creative! Bring one that is "you"! They'll be washed and sanitized in the dishwasher each Sunday, ready for your use the next week. For now, cups/mugs will be kept on the cart by the coffee machine.



**Interested in exploring membership with First Church?** Make connections that last a lifetime with a congregation that lives into our call to love God, love neighbor, and love each other! Click the QR code or email Pastor Lisa at [revlwmartin@gmail.com](mailto:revlwmartin@gmail.com).

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## MORNING WORSHIP



# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**JANUARY 21, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY  
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST