



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Lynn Haven



MORNING WORSHIP
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 16, 2021
10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | **EASTER** | PENTECOST



Welcome to all who gather to worship on this 7th Sunday of Easter! We hope you feel the warmth of God's presence and welcome. If this is your first time joining us, we are honored by your presence and hope to see you again soon! To stay informed, visit www.firstchurchlh.org and subscribe to our weekly email.

- About the Service -

Wearing a face mask is required. Please observe physical distancing and the safety protocols adopted by the Session (see church website)

The single chime and Prelude call us to silent, prayerful preparation for worship.

*The People's words are in **bold text**.*

**Indicates that the congregation may rise.*

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 Martin**

Clerk of Session: **Rosa Stanley**

Class Of 2021: **Marcia Burden, Steve Gabbard**

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

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

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Eastertide Suite”

arr. Brad Thoreson

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship because we need connection -
connection with God and with each other.

We gather to worship because we long for meaning -
connected to Christ we discover life’s purpose.

We gather to worship because together we find our way -
to Christ, to community, to the pure love of God!

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

*OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

Loving God, we gather to worship because we believe that you have called us to be part of your family of faith. As we center our thoughts on your goodness, we are prompted to glorify you with our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. Receive our worship as an expression of our love and commitment, for we are your Easter people in this place and for this community. In Christ, Amen.

PIANO PRAISE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Welsh Hymn, arr. James Koerts

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, your love for us is without question, your grace and wisdom beyond measure. Yet our response to your greatness is often shallow and hesitant. We prefer to go our own way rather than follow your path of truth and goodness. Forgive us, we pray. By your Spirit, draw us back to you so that we may experience the fullness of being connected to you. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

WE EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD

THE PSALTER Psalm 1:1-3

(see back side fold)

MUSIC MEDITATION

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

THE GOSPEL John 17:6-19

(see back side fold)

MESSAGE

“Connections”

Rev. Lisa Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH (from theology and worship, PCUSA)

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with the people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church toward the kingdom of God, with just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding, and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe about being connected to God.

MUSIC MEDITATION

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENIS

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

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

African American spiritual, arr. Brad Thoreson

THE PSALTER Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on God's law day and night.
³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

THE GOSPEL John 17:6-13

⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:

Rev. Lisa Martin, Pastor

Brad Thoreson, Organist, Director of Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 16, 2021 -

The Session gathers for its regular stated meeting immediately following worship today in the Porter Classroom in the Sanctuary Building.

Camp Dogwood Acres brochures are available in the Narthex!

Camp will be held this summer for kids in grades 2-12 during the months of June and July. To be safe, each church must send a chaperone/counselor with each group of kids. All will be housed together in a cabin. For more information, contact Pastor Lisa.

The Presbytery of Florida meets via Zoom this Tuesday, May 18,

for its regular stated meeting. Participating are Pastor Lisa and Elder Commissioner Rich Kangas.

Next Sunday is PENTECOST! This is the day we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first followers of Christ. Oftentimes it is considered to be the “birthday” of the church. So let’s be festive and wear **RED** to worship next week!

The “Soft” Exercise Group is meeting again at FPC on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 am. Safe distancing is observed. Contact Marsha Mongoven for more information: 850-819-4492.

The June-August Devotional *Our Daily Bread* is available in the Narthex. We have plenty, take some to share!

2021 Offering Envelopes are in the Narthex! We know it’s mid-year, but offering envelopes are available for those who want them. Please check the table to get yours today!

All God’s creatures have a place at the church! Several people have asked how they may help with the adorable cats that now call FPC their home. We have Mama and her two teenage siblings (all are fixed), and Mama now has a new-ish litter (about 2 months old, not fixed). If you’d like to donate canned or dry cat food, the kitties will thank you personally with hugs and kisses! No special brand name; they are not picky eaters!