



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Lynn Haven



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MORNING WORSHIP
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021
10:00 AM

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



Welcome to all who gather to worship on this 6th 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

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL, arr. Simon Peberdy

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*We gather to worship as people of resurrection victory,
people who know that life is stronger than death.*

*We gather to worship as children of God,
children loved, chosen, and appointed by the risen Lord.*

*We gather to worship as the body of Christ,
the church called to live the love of Jesus in the world.*

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

*OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

We praise you, O God, for we are loved as you love Christ. We are chosen as your own and appointed for ministries of compassion. By your Spirit, keep us bound faithfully to Christ and to one another, so that we may delight to live your love in the world around us. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

PIANO PRAISE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Traditional, arr. Don Pardoe

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you call us to adore you with everything that is within us, to praise you – the King of creation. Yet too often we neglect joyful praise and worship. We’d much rather focus on all that’s wrong with the world than what is right and good. Forgive us so that the joyful “Amen” may sound from us again. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

WE EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD

THE PSALTER Psalm 98:1, 4-9a

(see back side fold)

SOLO

“Give Me Jesus”

African American spiritual, arr. Brad Thoreson

MESSAGE

“Love Is A Verb”

Rev. Lisa Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH (from The Belhar Confession, PCUSA)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another. In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, we love. This is who we are and what we do. Amen!

MUSIC MEDITATION

“They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love”

P. R. Scholtes,
arr. David B. Hampton

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

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

H. E. Nichol, arr. Brad Thoreson

THE PSALTER Psalm 98:1, 4-9a

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for God has done marvelous things!

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
⁵ make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;
⁹ let them sing before the LORD!

THE GOSPEL John 15:9-17

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.
¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept
my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that
my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is
this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than
this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do
what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not
know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything
that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not
choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and
bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name
the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:

Rev. Lisa Martin, Pastor

Brad Thoreson, Organist, Director of Music



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 9, 2021 -

Today we receive the Presbyterian Women Birthday offering which provides life giving grants to mission projects throughout the world since 1922. Offering envelopes are enclosed; offering plates are in the Narthex. Thank you for giving generously!

The Outreach Committee meets tomorrow, May 10, at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Presbyterian Women Circle of Mary will meet this Wednesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a light lunch and Bible study together. Peggy Kangas is in charge, so please contact her to sign up! 850.265.3060. All women are invited and welcome!

Michelle McCarthy, wife of Michael King, expresses immense gratitude for our financial contribution to her family at this devastating time in their lives. Pastor Lisa visited with Michelle this week and presented gifts totaling over \$5,000 to her family. Love-in-action!

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.

FPC is a blessing to Bay Co. high schoolers! Sue Bowen, Graduation Intervention Specialist with Bay County Schools, reports the following about Bay County high school students: 535 are currently homeless; 253 are currently homeless and unaccompanied; 69 female seniors are homeless and unaccompanied; and 52 male seniors are homeless and unaccompanied. Our FPC Presbyterian Women made a commitment to bless these students this school year, and Sue reports: the PW has assisted 17 with monthly trolley passes; 3 car seats were purchased for student parents, plus diapers and special medications for 2 teen moms and babies; infant clothing was purchased allowing 3 teen mom's babies to enter day care; 7 senior class dues were paid; 2 college applications were paid; gasoline for 4 student's cars was purchased; work clothing for 10 students was purchased; food gift cards for 14 students were purchased; phones and minutes for those phones for 3 students were purchased; Walmart gift cards for 6 students were purchased; 2 bicycles and 3 skateboards were purchased. Wow!!