



**All are welcome, because God is Welcome!** Whether you are visiting for the first time or worship with us regularly, we are grateful you are here and pray you experience the grace, hospitality, and love of Christ in this community.

Announcements, online giving, weekly events, today's scripture readings, and opportunities for worship, fellowship, service, and spiritual growth are all available by scanning the QR code or visiting our website. Stay connected by signing up for *Faith Forward*, our *Weekly e-Alert*, online worship links, prayer updates, and more.

## ABOUT THE SERVICE

Worship services are recorded and available on Facebook and our church website.

\*Indicates that the congregation may rise in body or spirit. Words we all say are in **bold print**.

We generally celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions.

Offering plates are available in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship, or you may give online by scanning the QR code. Thank you for helping to make Christ's love shown within our community and beyond. We are "blessed to be a blessing!"

## CONNECTION, LEADERSHIP, AND STAFF

### WE ARE A CONGREGATION IN CONNECTION WITH

The Presbytery of Florida  
The Synod of South Atlantic  
The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

### THE SESSION

The Rev. Julie Thompson, Moderator, Bob Plank, Clerk of Session

*Elected spiritual leaders of this congregation:*

Ann Fyfe ('26), Jennifer Hodges ('27), Steven McPherson ('28), Julian Wells ('26), Kathy Welsh ('27)

### CHURCH STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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or by appointment.

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## GOD WELCOMES US IN LOVE

### Chiming the Trinity

**Prelude** *Come, Thou Almighty King* Mark Hayes, arr. Douglas Wagner

**Words of Welcome and Community News** Steve McPherson

This is the Day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Handbell Introit** *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Larry Sue

**\*Call to Worship** Steve McPherson

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

**Heaven and earth are full of the glory of God!**

O Lord, our God, you are clothed in glory and majesty, wrapped in a robe of light.

**You set the earth on its foundations, never to be shaken.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever.

**Let us sing praises to God our whole life long.**

Let us worship God!

**\*Hymn 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty* NICAEA

**Call to Confession** Rev. Julie Thompson

### Prayer of Confession

Blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yours is a perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and whole.

We confess that our relationships are not that way. We have given too much; we have accepted too little. We have failed to love in the manner of Jesus. We have let sin drive us away from one another and you. We long for wholeness and peace, but our sin pulls us in other directions. Forgive us and restore us.

**With mercy and grace, draw us to you. Amen.**

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### Declaration of Forgiveness

God knows who we were made to be and has been waiting to help restore us to ourselves, to each other, to community.

**Thanks be to God! We are forgiven.**

### \*Joyful Response (Hymn 582)

*Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN

**Psalter** Psalm 8 hardback, p. 435  
softback OT, p. 665

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *Soli Deo* David Waggoner

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 28:16-20 hardback, p. 806  
softback NT, p. 48

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** "More Than Pronouns" Rev. Julie Thompson

## GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

**\*Hymn 10** *Sing Glory to the Name of God* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Moment of Generosity**  
Two Cents-a-Meal Offering & Food Insecurity Ministries

**\*Doxology (Hymn 606)** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\*Affirmation of Faith** from The Confession of 1967, 9.07

Jesus Christ is God with humankind.

He is the eternal Son of the Father,

who became human and lived among us  
to fulfill the work of reconciliation.

He is present in the church

by the power of the Holy Spirit

to continue and complete his mission.

This work of God,

the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

is the foundation of all confessional statements  
about God, humanity, and the world.

Therefore, the church calls all people

to be reconciled to God and to one another.

## Prayers of the People and 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.

### Congregational Meeting

Rev. Julie Thompson, Moderator

## GOD SENDS US TO LIVE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

\*Hymn 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

TREES OF THE FIELD

\*Benediction and Three-fold Amen

Postlude *Trumpet Tune in C Major*

Paul Fey

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Today, Sunday, May 31 | Trinity Sunday

8:45 AM | Coffee and the Word, Sanctuary Classroom  
9:15 AM | Handbell Ensemble, Sanctuary  
9:30 AM | Chancel Choir, Fellowship Hall  
10 AM | Morning Worship, Sanctuary, *with Congregational Meeting*

### Monday, June 1

11 AM | Transition Team, Church Office Parlor  
12:30 PM | Worship Committee, Church Office Parlor  
6 PM | Property Committee, Sanctuary Classroom  
6:15 PM | Panama City Pipes & Drums, Church Grounds

### Tuesday, June 2

6 PM | Fellowship Tuesdays, Major's Smokehouse (Lynn Haven)  
6:15 PM | Gulftones, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, June 3

6 PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal & End of Season Party, Sanctuary  
7 PM | AA (Closed Meeting), Fellowship Hall

### Friday, June 5

6 PM | AA (Women's Open Meeting), Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, June 6

7 PM | AA (Open Meeting), Fellowship Hall

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## GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

**Welcome to worship! On this Trinity Sunday**, we gather to worship the mystery and majesty of God—Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. In the wideness of God's love, all are welcomed into communion with God and one another. May this time of worship renew our faith and send us forth to share God's grace with the world.

**Today we receive the Two Cents-a-Meal Offering**, supporting food insecurity outreach. Half of today's gifts remain at First Church for ministries such as the Backpack Ministry and Blessing Box, while the remaining half supports hunger relief ministries across the Presbytery of Florida, with a portion also helping fund hunger ministries throughout the Synod of South Atlantic. Thank you for giving generously.

**The Session has called a congregational meeting at the close of worship today** to elect Claire Calohan, who has been nominated to fill a vacancy on the Session, and to elect the 2026 Congregational Nominating Committee. Members of First Church are eligible to vote on these items.

### Several committee meetings will take place on Monday, June 1:

Transition Team at 11 AM, Worship Committee at 12:30 PM, and Property Committee at 6 PM. We are grateful for the time, gifts, and leadership of all who serve as we continue the work and ministry of First Church together.

### Fellowship Tuesdays will gather this Tuesday, June 2, at 6 PM

at Major's Smokehouse in Lynn Haven for an evening of good food, conversation, and fellowship. All are welcome! Please text Tami Valdez at (850) 625-8882 to RSVP by tomorrow.

### Our Summer Choir returns next Sunday, June 7, 2026.

We will meet on the first Sunday of each month at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall to rehearse and prepare a piece for that morning's worship service. Printed sheet music is available on the old communion table. Digital scores and audio recordings are available at [www.firstchurchlh.org/sc](http://www.firstchurchlh.org/sc)

**If you would like to learn more about membership at First Church**, please reach out to Pastor Julie, Bob Plank (Clerk of Session), or any of our ruling elders. We would be delighted to walk with you in this step of faith.

### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:

The Chancel Choir  
Handbell Ensemble (*DeeDee Broadhead, Claire Calohan, Julie Thompson, and Bradley Thoreson*)  
Bradley Thoreson, *Organist, Music Director*  
Steve McPherson, *Lay Leader*  
Rev. Julie Thompson, *Transitional Pastor*

### ASSISTING TODAY:

Garrett Kivett and Charles Willis, *Greeters*  
Lloyd Stanley, *Church Safety Volunteer*

### ASSISTING NEXT WEEK:

Paula Pezdirtz and Marcia Burden, *Greeters*  
Rich Walker, *Church Safety Volunteer*



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
of Lynn Haven



## TRINITY SUNDAY

### MORNING WORSHIP

May 31, 2026

10 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY  
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST