



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.

Generally, we 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 (USA)

THE SESSION

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

Elected spiritual leaders of this congregation:
Claire Calohan ('28), Ann Fyfe ('26), Jennifer Hodges ('27),
Steven McPherson ('28), Julian Wells ('26), Kathy Welsh ('27)

CHURCH STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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GOD WELCOMES US IN LOVE

Chiming the Trinity

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Mark Hayes

Words of Welcome and Community News Rev. Julie Thompson
This is the Day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gathering Song (Hymn 453)
Open Your Ears, O Faithful People YISRAEL V'ORAITA
*Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's Word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.*

Refrain:
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah! (repeat)

***Call to Worship** Elder Julian Wells
Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth.
Give us undivided hearts.
The Lord of hosts asks, "Who is like me? Let them proclaim it!
Do not fear or be afraid. You are my witnesses!"
We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our hearts.
Is there any God besides our Creator? There is no other Rock;
the Lord knows not one.
For great is your love toward us. You have delivered us, and you are a God merciful and gracious.
Turn to us and be gracious to us; give your strength to your servants.
Come, let us worship the First and the Last, our Rock and our Redeemer!

***Hymn 386** *Come, Worship God* O QUANTA QUALIA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us.
You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you—the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward.

Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you.

Declaration of Forgiveness
Hear the truth of the Gospel: your sins are forgiven, your growth is guarded by God, and you are cherished as the good wheat of God’s harvest.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

***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

First Reading Isaiah 44:6–8 hardcover, p. 582
softcover OT, p. 888

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Psalm 86:11–17 hardcover, p. 477
softcover OT, p. 728

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Piano Meditation *Be Thou My Vision* Mary McDonald

Third Reading Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 hardcover, p. 789
softcover NT, p. 23

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message “Listen Louder” Rev. Julie Thompson

GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

***Hymn 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

Invitation to Discipleship Elder Julian Wells, Christian Education Chair

Moment of Generosity *Christian Education*

***Doxology (Hymn240)** ALLELUIA No. 1
**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Affirmation of Faith** from the Second Helvetic Confession
The Church is an assembly of the faithful, called or gathered out of the world. They are all citizens of the one city, living

Hence, we must be very careful not to judge before the time, nor undertake to exclude, reject, or cut off those whom the Lord does not want to have excluded or rejected, and those whom we cannot eliminate without loss to the Church.

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.

Hymn 443 *There Is a Redeemer* GREEN

Benediction and Three-fold Amen

Postlude *Postlude on “Hyfrydol”* arr. Dan Miller

Welcome to worship at First Church! Today we gather to listen for God's voice, be renewed by God's grace, and be sent as Christ's faithful disciples. May God's love shape our hearts and lives.

Join us after worship for our July Fellowship Lunch, followed by a Congregational Conversation about our pastoral transition journey. Pastor Julie, the Transition Team, and Rev. Mark Broadhead, our Presbytery Liaison, will provide updates on our progress toward electing a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), invite your reflections on our congregation's identity and future, and welcome your questions, insights, and conversation.

The Transition Team will meet this Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the Church Office Parlor.

Our Back-to-School Classroom Supply Drive is underway! You'll find a shopping list on the back of your bulletin. **Volunteers are needed for our Back-to-School Luncheon on August 5!** Whether you can help with setup, provide food, welcome guests, or assist with cleanup, we'd love your help. Sign-up sheets are available in Mowat Hall.

Next Sunday, we will receive the Two Cents-a -Meal Offering supporting food insecurity ministries here and throughout Florida Presbytery.

SUNDAY, JULY 19 *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

11:00 AM July Fellowship Lunch &
Pastoral Transition
Congregational Conversation
Mowat Hall

Chancel Choir
Bradley Thoreson, *Music Director, Organist*
Julian Wells, *Lay Leader*
Rev. Julie Thompson, *Transitional Pastor*

Greeters
Carol Oakley and Larry Hammond

Church Safety Volunteer
Fox Hodges

Sound Volunteer
Lloyd Stanley

5:15 PM
Panama City
Pipes & Drums
Church Grounds

6:15 PM
Gulftones
Barbershop Chorus
Mowat Hall

10:00 AM
Transition Team
Church Office Parlor

7:00 PM
AA (Closed Meeting)
Mowat Hall

No Scheduled Activities

6:00 PM
**AA (Women's
Open Meeting)**
Mowat Hall

7:00 PM
AA (Open Meeting)
Mowat Hall

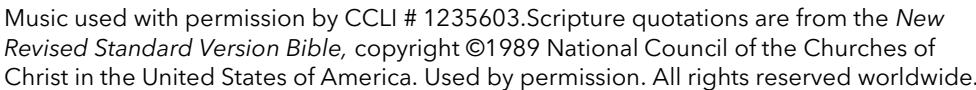
Sunday, July 26 | Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM	Coffee and the Word	Sanctuary Classroom
9:30 AM	Choir Warmup	Mowat Hall
10:00 AM	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Fellowship Time	Mowat Hall

Greeters
Janet and Rich Walker

Church Safety Volunteer
Rich Filippi

Sound Volunteer
Donna Yielding



MORNING WORSHIP

July 19, 2026

10 AM

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