



All are welcome, because God is Welcome! We hope you feel the warmth of God's presence and a genuine welcome here. If this is your first time with us, we are honored to have you and look forward to seeing you again soon!

Announcements, our weekly calendar, and scripture readings are available to view by scanning the QR code.

Connect with First Church by scanning the QR code or visiting our website. There are wonderful things happening here, and we would love for you to find your place in our community of faith!

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)

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GOD WELCOMES US IN LOVE

Chiming the Trinity

Prelude *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Daniel Burton

Words of Welcome and Community News Julian Wells

This is the Day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gathering Song (Hymn 388) *Come, All You People*

**Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.**

***Call to Worship** Rev. Julie Thompson

When the disciples were all together in one place; they heard the rush of a violent wind.

It filled the entire house. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them.

They were filled with the Holy Spirit, the Advocate that Christ promised.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Let us worship God together.

***Hymn 280** *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* EBENEZER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Infinite God,
you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages.
You speak to each of us in the way we can understand.
You reach out to us and meet us where we are.

But we are quick to limit you
to what we can understand and control.

Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us.

Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power,
that we might know you more deeply,
follow you more faithfully,
and love more fully. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Beloved children of God,
in the name of Christ, grace abounds.
God draws us together, offering salvation,
forgiveness, and new life to all.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*Joyful Response (Hymn 582, v. 1)

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 104:24-34, 35b hardback, p. ____, softback NT, p. ____

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God* Getty/Townend, arr. Larson

New Testament Reading Choral Reading of Acts 2:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message "Can You Hear Me Now?" Rev. Julie Thompson

GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

***Hymn 291** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* SPIRIT

Moment of Generosity

***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, 9.20*

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

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.

GOD SENDS US TO LIVE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

*Hymn 66 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

PENTECOST

*Benediction and Three-fold Amen

Postlude *Fanfare on 'Come, O Spirit'*

Paul Fey

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:

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

ASSISTING TODAY:

Carol Oakley and Larry Hammond, *Greeters*
Chris Stanley, *Church Safety Volunteer*

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK:

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

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GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31. The
Session has called for a brief congregational meeting to be held at
the close of worship on Sunday, May 31 to elect an elder to fill an
unexpired term on the Session and to elect the 2026
Congregational Nominating Committee. We encourage all
members to be present as we participate together in the leadership
and life of the church.

Next Sunday, we will receive the Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering, a
special offering that helps support ministries addressing food
insecurity both here at First Church and across the Presbytery of
Florida. Your gifts help provide meals, support local outreach
efforts, and remind our neighbors that they are not alone. Thank
you for sharing God's abundance with others.

Summer Choir - All are welcome! Our Summer Choir returns this
year, meeting on the first Sunday of each month beginning Sunday,
June 7, 2026. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM to
rehearse and prepare a piece for that morning's worship service.
Whether you sing regularly or just enjoy making music, you're
invited to join us—no long-term commitment required! Music for
June, July, and August will be posted soon on our website so you
can rehearse at home ahead of time. Come lend your voice and be
part of our summer worship!



Stay connected! Sign up for This Week @ First Church,
the Friday e-Alert, worship links, prayer updates, and
more by scanning the QR code.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

MORNING WORSHIP

May 24, 2026

10 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST