



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),
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GOD WELCOMES US IN LOVE

Chiming the Trinity

Prelude *Deep River* Traditional Spiritual, arr. Bradley Thoreson

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 479)
Ho, All Who Thirst JACOB’S WELL

Refrain:

Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,
and all whose souls are parched
and weary, come and drink!
Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,
and from your heart will flow
a never-failing spring!

***Call to Worship** Elder Kathy Welsh

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all, and God’s compassion is over all that God has made.

The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you, God, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is just in all God’s ways, and kind in all God’s doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on the Lord, to all who call on the Lord in truth.

***Hymn 4** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*
GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Generous God, you freely offer us all we need. You offer us the bread of life, so we may never be hungry again. You offer us living water, so we will never thirst. But sometimes we do not see what is right before us. We waste our money, time, and energy on things that do not satisfy. Forgive us and call to us again, reminding us of your gifts of new life that are ours if we would only accept them.

Declaration of Forgiveness

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see: everything has become new.
Believe the promise of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, 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

Summer Anthem *I Come with Joy, a Child of God*
Brian Wren, Mary Marcus

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:13–21 hardcover, p. 790
softcover NT, p. 25

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message “Everyone Who Thirsts, Come!” Rev. Julie Thompson

GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

***Hymn 182** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* KINGSFOLD

Invitation to Discipleship

Moment of Generosity *Dedication of School Supplies*

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

GOD GATHERS US AT THE TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise. ... the prayer continues ...

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.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

Communion of God's People

Please remain seated while the elders serve the elements. Hold the bread and cup until all have been served, and we will share them together.

Prayer after Communion

GOD SENDS US TO LIVE
THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Hymn 295 *Go to the World!* SINE NOMINE

Benediction and Three-fold Amen

Postlude *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* arr. Mary McDonald

GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Welcome to worship at First Church! Today we gather around God's abundant table, where Christ feeds all who hunger and welcomes all who thirst. As we hear the story of Jesus feeding the multitude and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, may we be renewed by God's grace and sent into the world to share Christ's love. The bread and cup will be served in the pews, and we will partake together at the appointed time as one body in Christ.

Following worship, we invite you to join us in Mowat Hall for refreshments, fellowship, and conversation. It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends, welcome new faces, and continue sharing life together as the family of God. We hope you'll stay and join us!

Today we dedicate the school supplies collected for the teachers and staff of Lynn Haven Elementary. Thank you for your generosity and support of our neighborhood school. We will need a few volunteers to help move the school supplies to Mowat Hall following morning worship.

Our Back-to-School Lunch for LHES is Wednesday, August 5, beginning at 11:30 AM. Food should arrive by 10:00 AM, when setup will also begin. Volunteers are still welcome!

Fellowship Tuesdays will not meet in August ... but stay tuned for a very special Fellowship Tuesdays experience coming in September!

Blessing of the Backpacks! Next Sunday, students, teachers, staff, and all who bring a bag to work are invited to bring their backpacks or work bags to worship for a special blessing as we begin a new school year.

— This Week at a Glance —
August 2–August 9, 2026

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*
Holy Communion

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

11:00 AM	Fellowship Time <i>Mowat Hall</i>
2:00 PM	LHES Back-to-School Bash <i>Lynn Haven Elementary</i>

LEADING WORSHIP

Chancel Choir
Bradley Thoreson,
Music Director, Organist
Kathy Welsh, Lay Leader
Rev. Julie Thompson,
Transitional Pastor

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Greeters
Garrett Kivett and Charles Willis

Church Safety Volunteer
Bruce Mackay

Sound Volunteer
Donna Yielding

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

6:15 PM
Panama City
Pipes & Drums
Church Grounds

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

6:15 PM
Gulftones
Barbershop Chorus
Mowat Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

10:00 AM
Setup and Food Deadline
for LHES Lunch
Mowat Hall

11:30 AM
LHES Back-to-School Lunch
Mowat Hall

7:00 PM
AA (Closed Meeting)
Mowat Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

No Scheduled Activities

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00 PM
AA (Open Meeting)
Mowat Hall

LOOKING AHEAD *Sunday, August 9 | 11th Sunday after Pentecost*
Blessing of the Backpacks | **Greeters**

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

Greeters
Marcia Burden and Maxie Hooper

Church Safety Volunteer
Bill Mease

Sound Volunteer
Donna Yielding



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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING WORSHIP
August 2, 2026
10 AM

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