



All are welcome, because God is Welcome!

We're so glad you're here! Whether you're visiting for the first time or worshipping with us regularly, you are part of what makes this community a place of faith, hope, and love. You are welcome here.

- Scan the QR code to stay connected with everything happening at First Church—from weekly events and opportunities to serve, to today's scripture lessons.
- Sign up for *Faith Forward* and weekly *e-Alert* and prayer request emails, explore online worship, and visit our website.
- Access our secure online giving platform.

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Services are recorded and available on Facebook and our 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)
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or by appointment.

God Welcomes Us in Love

Chiming the Trinity

Prelude *Prayer for Peace* Paul Fey
Words of Welcome Elder Julian Wells

This is the Day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gathering Song (Hymn 413)
Come into God's Presence COME INTO HIS PRESENCE
Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."
Come into God's presence singing "Jesus is Lord," ...
Praise the Lord together singing "Glory to God," ...

***Call Worship** Elder Steven McPherson
Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,
for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.
Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,
or declare all his praise?
Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.
Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. And let all the people say,
Amen. Praise the Lord!

***Hymn 687** *Our God, Our Help In Ages Past* ST. ANNE
Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, you call us to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we make excuses and justify our own ways. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from preoccupation with ourselves to your ways of grace, mercy, love, and service. May we heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom and, through the power of your Holy Spirit, live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness
Hear the good news! The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
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 Psalm 106:1-5 hardcover, p. 488
softcover OT, p. 744
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Piano Meditation
What a Friend We Have in Jesus arr. Brad Thoreson

Epistle Reading Philippians 4:1-9 hardcover, p. 954
softcover NT, p. 267
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message "Standing Firm in the Lord" Elder Julian Wells

God Moves Us to Respond

***Hymn 306** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS
Invitation to Discipleship and Community News

***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** Adapted from A Declaration of Faith
We are certain that Jesus lives.
He lives as God with us, sharing our humanity
and binding us to himself in love.
We declare that Jesus is Lord.
His resurrection is victory over the powers
that deform and destroy human life.
His lordship is real and demands our loyalty.
We maintain that ultimate sovereignty belongs to Jesus Christ.
Jesus is Lord—
from the beginning, now, and forever. Amen.

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 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS
*Benediction and Three-fold Amen
Postlude Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Douglas E. Wagner

God Calls Us into Community

Welcome to First Church! Today we give thanks for God’s steadfast
love and hear again the call to stand firm in the Lord. Amid the
distractions and anxieties of life, Scripture calls us to seek what is
true, practice justice and kindness, rejoice in God’s goodness, and
trust in the peace of Christ.

Whoever you are and wherever you are on the journey, there is a
place for you here. May our worship strengthen us to live the love of
Christ.

We are grateful to Elder Julian Wells for serving as our guest
preacher today. Julian leads our Christian Education Committee
and co-teaches Coffee and the Word. Thank you, Julian, for sharing
your gifts with us! Pastor Julie is away today and will return this
week.

Join us following worship in Mowat Hall for Fellowship Time! Enjoy
good food, conversation, and time together with our church family.

The “Do Nothing” Ladies will meet Tuesday, October 13, for lunch
at 11:00 AM at Olive Garden, followed by a visit to the Paul Brent
Gallery in downtown Panama City at 1:00 PM. Come for lunch, the
gallery, or both! To RSVP, text Kathy Welsh at (850) 866-0019.

Presbyterian Women will gather Wednesday, October 14, at 12:00
PM in Mowat Hall for Bible study, fellowship, and lunch. All women
are welcome for this time of sistership!

The Congregational Care Committee will meet Thursday, October
15, at 9:30 AM in the Church Office Parlor.

Our October Fellowship Lunch will be held next Sunday, 10/18. All
are welcome to this time of fellowship and tasty fall favorites!

This Week at First Church

October 11 – October 18, 2026

Sunday, October 11

20th Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

LEADING WORSHIP:

The Chancel Choir
Bradley Thoreson, Music Director, Organist
Elder Steven McPherson, Lay Leader
Elder Julian Wells, Guest Preacher

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS:

Greeters
Linda Wentworth and Rich Filippi
Church Safety Volunteer
Fox Hodges
Sound Volunteer
Donna Yielding

Monday, October 12	Tuesday, October 13	Wednesday, October 14
6:15 PM Panama City Pipes & Drums Church Grounds	11:00 AM Ladies “Do-Nothing” Group Olive Garden 1:00 PM Paul Brent Gallery Outing 519 Grace Ave, Panama City 6:00 PM Gulftones Barbershop Chorus Mowat Hall	12:00 PM PW Bible Study & Lunch Mowat Hall 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Sanctuary 7:00 PM AA (Closed Meeting) Mowat Hall
Thursday, October 15	Friday, October 16	Saturday, October 17
9:30 AM Congregational Care Committee Church Office Parlor	6:00 PM AA (Women’s Open Meeting) Mowat Hall	7:00 PM AA (Open Meeting) Mowat Hall

Looking Ahead

Sunday, October 18

21st Sunday after Pentecost

SCHEDULE:

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

LOOKING AHEAD VOLUNTEERS:

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Deb and Bill Mease
Church Safety Volunteer
Bruce MacKay
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FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Lynn Haven



20th SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

- Standing Firm in the Lord -

MORNING WORSHIP

OCTOBER 11 | 10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY | LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST