



We welcome ALL because GOD is WELCOME!

It is our hope that you feel the warmth of God's presence and welcome here. If this is your first time joining us, we are honored by your presence and hope to see you again soon! To stay informed,

scan the QR code or visit www.firstchurchlh.org and subscribe to our weekly email. There's a lot going on here, and we want you to be a part of it!

- About the Service -

Portions of each Worship service are filmed for later access on Facebook and our church website.

The People's words are in **bold text**. *Indicates that the congregation may stand.

Offering plates are in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship. Because of your generosity, First Church makes a difference in our neighborhood and world. As we like to say, we are "blessed to be a blessing"!



a member congregation of:

The Presbytery of Florida,
The Synod of South Atlantic, and
The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Session (spiritual leaders of this congregation):

Moderator: **The Rev. Lisa W. Martin**

Clerk of Session: **Rosa Stanley**

Class Of 2024: **Don Mowat, Kathy Welsh**

Class Of 2025: **John Deegins, Rich Kangas**

Class Of 2026: **Ann Fyfe, Pam Leonard**

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GOD WELCOMES US

PRELUDE Bradley Thoreson

"O Worship the King" Dan Forrest, arr. Douglas Wagner

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Lisa Martin

GATHERING SONG 468
"In My Life" LORD, BE GLORIFIED

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord....

In your world, Lord...

*WE REJOICE IN GOD'S WELCOME Psalm 145

Your creation gives thanks to you, O God!

And we, your faithful, bless you!

We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor!

*HYMN see insert

"I Come to the Garden Alone" GARDEN

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of all people, we praise you that you are always with us, journeying through the garden of life with us, and by your Spirit receiving us just as we are. Bless our worship this day, that we may feel the presence of the risen Christ and the communion of all saints who encourage us on our earthly way. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, for the Lord is just in all ways and kind in all doings. The Lord is near to those who pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore we confess our sins – those things we have done and things we have left undone – in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Through the power of the Spirit at work within us, God forgives our sins and strengthens our inner beings. Let us live fully responsive to the love of God. Brothers and sisters, let us believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581) GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

SOLO Bradley Thoreson

"Moment by Moment" Daniel Whittle

*"Moment by moment I'm kept in His love;
Moment by moment I've life from above;
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine;
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine."*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & DEDICATION

Back-to-school supplies for Lynn Haven Elementary School

GOD INVITES US TO HEAR

GOSPEL NT, p. 132, softback

John 6:1-14 NT, p. 863, hardback

SERMON Rev. Lisa Martin

"The God We Are Dealing With"

GOD CALLS US TO ACT

*HYMN 319 SMITH

"Shout to the North"

*DECLARATION OF FAITH A Declaration of Faith, PCUSA

We acknowledge that Christ chooses to be known in the world through this community of ordinary people. Christ is the head of the church, therefore we are responsible to Christ for all that we say and do in this community of faith. Christ is the foundation of the church, therefore it will not fall despite our weakness. We are confident that the Lord of the church will help us in our weakness and blindness, and use the church to accomplish his divine purposes. Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

*HYMN 838

“Standing on the Promises”

PROMISES

*BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

DANISH

POSTLUDE

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Phil Lehenbauer



Join us, beginning **NEXT SUNDAY**, for the “no-commitment” **Summer Choir!** We invite all singing enthusiasts to join us Sunday mornings during the month of August at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will rehearse a simple anthem to present during worship each week. Curious about choir? This is a great opportunity to experience the joy and fellowship of being part of the Chancel Choir. See you there!

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Chancel Choir

Bradley Thoreson, Music Director, Organist

The Reverend Lisa W. Martin, Pastor

ASSISTING TODAY

Greeters: Bill and Deb Mease

Church Safety Volunteer: Jerry Miller

ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Chris and Jason Stanley

Church Safety Volunteer: Chris Stanley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 28, 2024

Welcome to Worship! We are now in the season after Pentecost, that time when we remember and celebrate the work of Christ in establishing the mission and ministry of the church. May God bless us as we live out our calling as a community of faith!

Today we receive the 2-Cents-a-Meal offering, which supports food insecurity ministries of First Church and Florida Presbytery. Because of your generosity, hungry people are fed. It’s as simple – and as wonderful – as that. Offering plates are in the Narthex.

This afternoon, the Presbytery of Florida ordains and installs Glenn Hodges as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee. Pastor Lisa is preaching for the service. Blessings to our brothers and sisters of First Tallahassee and to Glenn and Mary Hodges!

This Wednesday, 7/31, we will host the teachers and staff of Lynn Haven Elementary School with a back-to-school luncheon in our Fellowship Hall. Teachers have asked for the following items which will help them in their classrooms: **Flair pens, Ticonderoga pencils (pre-sharpened), lined colorful Post-It notes, Sharpie markers, Sharpie gel pens, Crayola colored pencils (any size), Expo markers (any color/size), colorful card stock, and brightly colored copy paper.** Drop off your donations at the front table in the sanctuary. Thanks for helping us support our teachers! And if you’d like to help out on Wednesday, sign up on the board in the Fellowship Hall!

Next Sunday we celebrate the sacrament of holy communion. Please ready your hearts and minds to receive “the gifts of God for the people of God”.

We’re enjoying singing your favorite hymns this summer! If you want to suggest one, simply fill out the form in the envelope rack in the pews and drop it in the offering plate in the Narthex.

Our Blessing Box continues to bless our hungry neighbors! Thanks to all for bringing non-perishable food items each Sunday.



Interested in exploring membership with First

Church? Make connections that last a lifetime with a congregation that lives into our call to love God, love neighbor, and love each other! Click the QR code or speak with Pastor Lisa.



MORNING WORSHIP



10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 28, 2024

10:00 AM

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