



## 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](http://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

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Bradley Thoreson

LAUDUS DOMINE

### CHIMING THE HOUR

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Martin

### GATHERING SONG (Hymn 452, sing 2 times)

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

OPEN THE EYES

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you. I want to see you;

To see you high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love as we sing,

"Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy; I want to see you.

### WE REJOICE IN GOD'S WELCOME

Psalm 34

*I will bless the Lord at all times;*

**God's praise will continually be in my mouth!**

*O magnify the Lord with me,*

**Let us exalt God's name together!**

### \*HYMN 625

"How Great Thou Art"

HOW GREAT THOU ART

### \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**O Lord our God, how great you are and how worthy of all our devotion and praise! In love you created us to live for you and to walk humbly before you as we serve others in Jesus' name. Bless our worship this day, that by your Spirit, we may be encouraged to continue walking in love. Through Christ we pray, Amen.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Putting away all falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, confessing our sins before God and one another (Eph. 4:25).*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in petty gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done to us, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us. Help us, O God. Give us grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May God grant us peace of heart and soul as we believe and celebrate 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.**

### ANTHEM

Summer Choir

"Walk in the Light"

Mark Cabiness, arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

## GOD INVITES US TO HEAR

### SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 455

"Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken"

LISTEN



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the



One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be -



gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e - ven if you don't un - der-stand.

### EPISTLE

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

NT, p. 261, softback

NT, p. 950, hardback

### SERMON

"Walk in Love"

Rev. Lisa Martin

## GOD CALLS US TO ACT

### \*HYMN 839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

ASSURANCE

### \*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 80

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

\*BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

DANISH

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on 'St. Gertrude'"

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY  
The Chancel Choir  
Bradley Thoreson, Music Director, Organist  
The Reverend Lisa W. Martin, Pastor

ASSISTING TODAY  
**Greeters:** Jan Rains and John Deegins  
**Church Safety Volunteer:** Lloyd Stanley

ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY  
**Greeters:** Kelley and Atleigh Fiddler  
**Church Safety Volunteer:** Rich Walker

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 11, 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 hear from our Holy Cow! Revitalization Team.** This group has been meeting faithfully since we finished the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) in December 2023.

**We celebrate the beginning of a new school year** by blessing backpacks and the students (and teachers) who carry them. Let's join together in praying for a safe and successful year!

**The session (governing council of the church) meets** at 11:30 this morning in the Church Office Parlor. Did you know? All church members are welcome to attend!

**The Presbyterian Women will gather this Wednesday (8/14)** at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Lisa will lead the introduction of our new Bible study. A light lunch will be served, and all women are invited to join the fun and "sistership"! The PW meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at noon.

**Our August Fellowship Luncheon is next Sunday!** Plan now to bring your favorite late-summer meat, veggie, salad, and/or dessert, and invite a friend to share the feast, too!

**Our Blessing Box continues to bless our hungry neighbors!** Thanks to all for bringing in 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.



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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MORNING WORSHIP



# 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 11, 2024  
10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY  
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST