



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)
- Kathy Welsh ('27)

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or by appointment.

God Welcomes Us in Love

Chiming the Trinity

Prelude *Be Still, My Soul* Christina Harmon

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 76) *Do Not Be Afraid* ISAIAH 43

Do not be afraid, for I am with you.
Chosen and beloved, you are my own.
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you:
by your name I called you for my own.

***Call Worship** Elder Claire Calohan

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Lord of hosts, be with us still.
Therefore, we shall not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be hurled into the sea; though its waters rage and foam, though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
Lord of hosts, be with us still.
Strong God of love: your Son Jesus told us that in this world we will endure tribulation. If we should suffer for righteousness' sake, save us from self-righteousness.
Together, we will breathe a deep sigh of peace as we turn our hearts toward the justice of the Lord.

Give us grace to pray for enemies, and to forgive them, even as you have forgiven us;
through Jesus Christ, who was crucified but is risen, whom we praise forever. Amen.

Prayer of Remembrance for the 25th Anniversary of September 11, 2001

O Lord of compassion, who wept at the tomb of Lazarus, who mourned over the city of Jerusalem, who stretched out your hands to embrace the suffering of the world on the hard wood of the cross. Draw near to us now and hear our prayers as we remember all those who lost their lives in the tragedy of September 11. We remember the individuals who died—office workers, firefighters, police officers, airline passengers, flight crews. We remember them all before you now.

(moment of silence)

***Hymn 687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against each other in our pursuits of power, control, and security. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, calling all to turn from sin, and live.
By the grace of God, our sins are forgiven. 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 Romans 13:8–14 hardcover, p. 919
softcover NT, p. 217

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:15-20 hardcover, p. 794
softcover NT, p. 30

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message "The Cost of Love" Rev. Julie Thompson

God Moves Us to Respond

***Hymn 177** *I Will Come to You* YOU ARE MINE

Invitation to Discipleship and Community

Moment of Generosity

***Doxology (Hymn 240)** ALLELUIA No. 1

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God Gathers Us at the Table

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The 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

Music During Communion (Hymns 525 and 530)

Prayer after Communion

God Sends Us to Live the Love of Christ

***Hymn 353** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

***Benediction and Three-fold Amen**

Postlude *Postlude on “Solid Rock”*

Mark Rippe

God Calls Us into Community

Welcome to First Church! As we mark the 25th anniversary of September 11, we remember those who died and turn to God, our refuge and strength, praying for peace, reconciliation, and healing. We will celebrate Holy Communion today. The elements will be served in our seats by the elders. Please hold them so that we may receive them together as one body in Christ.

Presbyterian Women will gather for Bible Study and Lunch Wednesday at noon in Mowat Hall.

Committee Meetings – Thursday: The PNC meets at 10:00 AM and Finance & Personnel at 4:30 PM, both in the Church Office Parlor.

This Week at First Church

September 6–13, 2026

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45 AM Coffee and the Word *Sanctuary Classroom*

9:30 AM Choir Warmup *Mowat Hall*

10:00 AM Morning Worship *Sanctuary*

11:00 AM Fellowship Time *Mowat Hall*

LEADING WORSHIP:

Chancel Choir

Bradley Thoreson, *Music Director, Organist*

Elder Claire Calohan, *Lay Leader*

Rev. Julie Thompson, *Transitional Pastor*

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS:

Greeters

Carol Oakley and Larry Hammond

Church Safety Volunteer

Julian Wells

Sound Volunteer

Donna Yielding

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:15 PM

Panama City Pipes & Drums

Church Grounds

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:15 PM

Gulftones Barbershop Chorus

Mowat Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

10:15–12:15 PM

Midweek Pause

(For LHES teachers and staff)

Sanctuary

12:00 PM

PW Bible Study and Lunch

Mowat Hall

6:00 PM

Chancel Choir

Sanctuary

7:00 PM

AA (Closed Meeting)

Mowat Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:00 AM

PNC Meeting

Church Office Parlor

4:30 PM

Finance and Personnel

Church Office Parlor

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:00 PM

AA (Women's Open Meeting)

Mowat Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00 PM

AA (Open Meeting)

Mowat Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 13 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost

SCHEDULE:

8:45 AM Coffee and the Word

9:30 AM Choir Warmup

10:00 AM Morning Worship

11:00 AM Fellowship Time

Sanctuary Classroom

Mowat Hall

Sanctuary

Mowat Hall

VOLUNTEERS:

Greeters

Peggy and Rich Kangas

Church Safety Volunteer Charles Willis

Sound Volunteer Donna Yielding

September 11 Remembrances: Our community will gather Friday to remember those who lost their lives and honor those who served: 8:30 AM at Panama City Marina and 9:00 AM at Lynn Haven City Hall. All are welcome.

With so many new faces and new members joining our church family, it's time to update our Church Directory! If you would like to update your photo or contact information, please let Kathy Welsh know by next Sunday, September 13.

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FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Lynn Haven



15th SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

- The Cost of Love -

MORNING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 6 | 10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY | LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST