



All are welcome, because God is Welcome!

We hope you feel the warmth of God's presence and a genuine welcome here. If this is your first time with us, we are honored to have you and look forward to seeing you again soon!

Connect with First Church by scanning the QR code or visiting our website. There are wonderful things happening here, and we would love for you to find your place in our community of faith!

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Worship services are recorded and available on Facebook and our church website.

*Indicates that the congregation may stand. **Words we all say are in bold print.**

We celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions. **All are welcome at the table of our Lord.**

Offering plates are available in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship, or you can give online by scanning the QR code. Your support enables First Church to make a meaningful impact within our community and beyond. As we often say, we are truly **"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 (U.S.A.)

THE SESSION

The Rev. Lisa Martin, Moderator, **Rosa Stanley**, Clerk of Session

Elected spiritual leaders of this congregation:

John Deegins ('25), **Ann Fyfe** ('26), **Jennifer Hodges** ('27),
Rich Kangas ('25), **Bob Plank** ('26), **Kathy Welsh** ('27)

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GOD WELCOMES US IN LOVE

Prelude ‘Lord of All Hopefulness’

SLANE and COURTNEY
arr. Bradley Thoreson

Chiming the Hour

Words of Welcome

Gathering Song (Hymn 654)

‘In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful’
EVER THANKFUL

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful;
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
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***We Rejoice in God’s Welcome** Psalm 71

God is our rock and our fortress,
Our refuge and strength.
God is our hope and our trust.
Praise the Lord!

***Hymn 35** ‘Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty’ LOBE DEN HERREN

***Prayer of Praise**

We praise you, God Almighty, for you alone are worthy of our praise and adoration. We rejoice that our lives are known by you, and in awe and wonder, we give thanks for the gifts you offer us each day. Bless our worship, that we may respond to your goodness with acts of mercy and justice in the world around us. Through Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

God is compassionate and merciful, knowing us with an intimacy we cannot comprehend fully. There is nothing we have done, or left undone, that isn’t already known by God. And still we are loved. In trust, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

God of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths that have led away from you. Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in your truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend through Christ our Lord. Hear us as we pray. *(time for silent confession)*

Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Brothers and sisters, let us believe and celebrate the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Joyful Response** ‘We Are Forgiven’ Hal H. Hopson

Sheet music for 'We Are Forgiven' by Hal H. Hopson. The music is in 3/4 time, key of G major. The lyrics are: We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Duet ‘Like a River Glorious’ Claire Calohan and Bradley Thoreson
James Mountain, arr. Jeff Bennet and Cindy Berry

GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN

Old Testament Jeremiah 1:4-10 OT p. 603, hardback

Gospel Luke 13:10-17 NT p. 843, hardback

Message ‘Your Turn’ The Reverend Mark Broadhead

GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

***Hymn 738** ‘O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee’ MARYTON

***Declaration of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed, 8th century

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People & 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 69** ‘I, the Lord of Sea and Sky’

***Benediction and Three-fold Amen**

***Postlude** ‘Postlude on *Toplady*’
- HERE I AM

ROCK OF AGES
arr. Mark Rippe



BACKPACK BRIGADE
A food ministry of
First Presbyterian Church of Lynn Haven

Join the Backpack Brigade!
School’s about to start, and our Backpack Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Lynn Haven needs **YOU** to help launch the 2025-2026 year with a bang! Here’s how you can make an impact:

- **Pack & Deliver Backpacks**
Volunteer to pack weekend bags and drop them off at Lynn Haven Elementary—about once every two months!
- **Shop ‘n’ Stock Up**
Head to Sam’s Club (with a shopping list in hand) about once a month to snag supplies that keep our backpacks full and students smiling.

Whether you’ve got two hours or two days to give, your time means the world to a child facing food insecurity. Let’s rally together and show our community what living Christ's love looks like!

Ready to hop on board? Contact Claire Calohan at (850) 774-1138 or Peggy Kangas at (850) 238-0141 today—and let’s fill those backpacks!

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GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Welcome to worship on this Lord’s Day! We are in the season of Pentecost, a time to celebrate God’s faithful love, Christ’s saving presence, and the Holy Spirit who empowers us to live with hope, joy, and purpose. **Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments and conversation** immediately following worship!

A special welcome to the Reverend Mark Broadhead today! Mark serves Florida Presbytery as Acting General Presbyter and Stated Clerk. He will be meeting with the session at 11:30 this morning to go over “next steps” in the transition process. Pastor Lisa will be back in the office on Tuesday.

Our new First Church pictorial directory is already in its second printing and ready to pick up! There is a new, corrected back page available as well. Please allow one per household. Also, please keep in mind that the directory is solely for use as a ministry tool for First Church purposes; it is not to be used for individual or commercial gain.


The Congregational Care committee will meet this Wednesday, 8/27, at 10 am in the church office parlor. Kathy Welsh is chair.

Next Sunday we receive the 2-cents-a-Meal Offering which supports food insecurity ministries of First Church and the Presbytery of Florida. Start counting those pennies and remember, the counters love checks and cash! ☺

Next Sunday we will be receiving new members into the life of First Church! If you’d like to explore church membership, please reach out to Pastor Lisa. The more the merrier!

Chancel Choir rehearsals have resumed for the fall season! We always welcome new singers to join us for fellowship, faith formation, and making a joyful noise unto the Lord. The choir meets Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

Know someone who could use a soft ‘bear hug’? Our blessing bears are waiting to be delivered! Please take them and share the blessing of Christ’s love with someone. The bears are on the front pew.



Let’s stay connected! Sign up for *This Week @ First Church*, worship links, prayer concerns, and important updates by scanning the QR code with your phone.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY
The Chancel Choir
Bradley Thoreson, Music Director, Organist
The Reverend Mark Broadhead, Guest Preacher

ASSISTING TODAY 8/24
Marcia Burden and Maxie Hooper, Greeters
Rich Filippi, Church Safety Volunteer

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK 8/31
Garrett Kivett and Charles Willis, Greeters
Jim Fyfe, Church Safety Volunteer



11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING WORSHIP
August 24, 2025
10 AM