



## 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

Bradley Thoreson

"Prelude on 'Amazing Grace'"

Paul Fey

### CHIMING THE HOUR

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Martin

### GATHERING SONG 458

"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

THY WORD

(Refrain)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,

Still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

(Repeat Refrain)

### \*WE REJOICE IN GOD'S WELCOME

Psalms 138

We give thanks to the Lord God with all our hearts; before God alone we sing praises!

We bow down in God's temple and give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

God's word is exalted above everything else.

The Lord will fulfill our purpose; God's steadfast love endures forever!

### \*HYMN 408

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

### \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

We give you thanks and praise, loving God, for the sweet Spirit that is in this place, and for your faithfulness that endures forever. Bless our worship this day, that we may bear joyful witness to the risen Christ as we receive his word of grace and carry it into the world around us. Amen.

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins, for God has already forgiven us and is calling us to return to the abiding, healing truth of his love and faithfulness.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you. Your holy word shows us the way to live, but we prefer to live our own way. Our broken relationship with you and with others have created poverty in us. In your mercy, reconcile us to

you and to others, that we may bear witness to your saving grace in Christ alone. Amen.

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Christ alone, our hope is found; He is our light, our strength, our song. Here in the love of Christ our Savior we stand. 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

"In Christ Alone"

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

3. There in the ground, His body lay  
Light of the world, by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave, He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## GOD INVITES US TO HEAR

### EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

NT, p. 243, softback

NT, p. 937, hardback

### SERMON

"Grace Extended"

Rev. Lisa Martin

## GOD CALLS US TO ACT

### \*HYMN 840

"It Is Well with My Soul"

VILLE DU HAVRE

**\*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 837**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

SHOWALTER

**\*BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**

DANISH

**POSTLUDE**

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

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

**ASSISTING TODAY**  
**Greeters:** Garrett Kivett and Rich Filippi  
**Church Safety Volunteer:** David Cooley

**ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY**  
**Greeters:** Lisa Holloway and Charles Willis  
**Church Safety Volunteer:** John Deegins

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**June 9, 2024**

**Welcome to Worship!** We now are 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!

**The session gathers at 11:30 today** in the church office parlor. Are you praying for these spiritual leaders of the congregation? Your prayers bless the work that they do!

**Everyone is welcome to Fellowship Hour following worship!** If you'd like to sign up to bring refreshments, the calendar is on the board just inside the fellowship hall door.

**The Presbyterian Men meet this Tuesday**, June 11, at 5:30 pm for a hot dog/hamburger cookout at the pole barn. Men, bring your “special” car for a fun car show! From John Deegins: “The cars don't need to be collector special, just what gets you there.” BYOC: Bring your own chair!

**Presbyterian Women will meet this Wednesday**, June 12, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We'll enjoy light lunch and continue our study of *Encounters with Jesus*. All women are welcome!

**The Holy Cow Revitalization Team meets this Wednesday** at 5:30 pm in the church office parlor.

**During the summer months, we want to sing** your favorite hymns! Fill out the enclosed sheet and put it in the offering plate in the Narthex or on the table by the front sanctuary door!

**Next Sunday, June 16: Pies for Guys!** This annual tradition is our way of saying Happy Father's Day! If you'd like to bring a pie to share, sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall! *NOTE: Pies for Guys takes the place of our fellowship meal for June.*

**Community Church Gathering: June 28 @ Grace Presbyterian!** Our next gathering of local Presbyterian churches will feature a prime-rib dinner and conversation with Thornwell Home for Children (Clinton, SC), which our PW supports. Dinner is \$15/person. Please rsvp to the church office by June 20.

**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**



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY**  
**AFTER**  
**PENTECOST**

**JUNE 9, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**