



All are welcome, because God is Welcome! Whether you are visiting for the first time or worship with us regularly, we are grateful you are here and pray you experience the grace, hospitality, and love of Christ in this community.

Announcements, online giving, weekly events, today's scripture readings, and opportunities for worship, fellowship, service, and spiritual growth are all available by scanning the QR code or visiting our website. Stay connected by signing up for *Faith Forward*, our *Weekly e-Alert*, online worship links, prayer updates, and more.

ABOUT THE SERVICE

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

*Indicates that the congregation may rise in body or spirit. Words we all say are in bold print.

We will celebrate Holy Communion today. 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 (U.S.A.)

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),
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GOD WELCOMES US IN LOVE

Chiming the Trinity

Prelude *For Everyone Born* Shirley Erana Murray, Brian Mann
*For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.*

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 59) *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*
**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to and end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.**

***Call to Worship** Tami Valdez
Jesus said that whoever welcomes one of his followers,
welcomes Jesus himself.

Whoever welcomes Jesus, also welcomes God.
Whoever offers even a cup of cold water to one of God's
children will be blessed by God.

All are welcome here!
Friends, we gather in the presence of the God who receives us
with open arms,
who loves us unconditionally,
and who bids us do the same to one another.

Let us worship God together!

***Hymn 39** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Merciful and welcoming God, you have welcomed us with
mercy and love, yet we do not always welcome others as you
welcome us. We are quick to judge, slow to listen, and hesitant
to share your compassion. We overlook opportunities to show
kindness and fail to recognize Christ in those around us.
**Forgive us, O God. Open our hearts to your grace, and teach us
to love and serve others with the generosity you have shown to
us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness
The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set
free from the chains that bind us so that we can be your people.
Thanks be to God! 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 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 hardcover, p. 478
softcover OT, p. 730

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem *All Are Welcome at the Table* Mary McDonald

Second Reading Matthew 10:40-42 hardcover, p. 786
softcover NT, p. 18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message "The Power of the Smallest Welcome"
Rev. Julie Thompson

GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

***Hymn 203** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* CHEREPONI

Invitation to Discipleship

Moment of Generosity *Two Cents-a-Meal Offering*

***Doxology (Hymn 240)** ALLELUIA No. 1
**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

GOD GATHERS US AT THE TABLE

Invitation to the Table

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

Please remain seated while the elders serve the elements. Hold the bread and cup until all have been served, and we will share them together.

Prayer after Communion

**GOD SENDS US TO LIVE
THE LOVE OF CHRIST**

*Hymn 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* I'M GONNA LIVE

***Benediction and Three-fold Amen**

Postlude *Postlude on Siyahamba* arr. Bradley Thoreson

GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Welcome to worship! Today we gather to give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness. As we worship, hear God's welcome for your life and be renewed for the journey of faith. We are glad you are here!

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We will receive Communion while seated, with elders serving the congregation by passing trays of bread and juice through the pews—a practice that was part of First Church's tradition for many years.

Today, we will also receive the Two Cents-a-Meal Offering, supporting hunger-relief ministries at First Church and throughout the Presbytery of Florida.

Following Fellowship Time, join Pastor Julie at 11:15 AM in the sanctuary classroom for an informal conversation about membership at First Church. Whether you are exploring membership or simply want to learn more about our church family, all are welcome.

Be sure to check out the calendar for meetings and events this week!

We wish you a happy and safe Independence Day as we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary. May your holiday be filled with gratitude, joy, and time with family and friends. Since the church office is already closed on Fridays, there will be no changes to our office schedule.

— This Week at a Glance —
WEEK OF: June 28–July 5, 2026

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 | *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*
Holy Communion, Two Cents-a-Meal Offering

11:00 AM | Fellowship Time *Mowat Hall*
11:15 AM | Membership Q & A *Sanctuary Classroom*

LEADING WORSHIP:
Summer Choir
Bradley Thoreson, Music Director and Organist
Tami Valdez, Lay Leader
Rev. Julie Thompson, Transitional Pastor

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS:
Greeters: Linda Wentworth and Rich Filippi
Church Safety Volunteer: David Cooley
Sound Volunteer: Lloyd Stanley

MONDAY, JUNE 29	TUESDAY, JUNE 30	WEDNESDAY, JULY 1	THURSDAY, JULY 2				
<p>6:00 PM Property Committee <i>Sanctuary Classroom</i></p> <p>6:15 PM Panama City Pipes & Drums <i>Church Grounds</i></p>	<p>6:15 PM Gulftones Barbershop Chorus <i>Mowat Hall</i></p>	<p>7:00 PM AA (Closed Meeting) <i>Mowat Hall</i></p>	 <i>No Scheduled Activities</i>				
FRIDAY, JULY 3	SATURDAY, JULY 4	LOOKING AHEAD					
<p>6:00 PM AA (Women's Open Meeting) <i>Mowat Hall</i></p>	<p><i>Happy Independence Day!</i></p>  <p>7:00 PM AA (Open Meeting) <i>Mowat Hall</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY, JULY 5 <i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost with Rev. Harvey Jenkins</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>8:45 AM Coffee and the Word <i>Sanctuary Classroom</i></td> <td>9:30 AM Choir Warmup <i>Mowat Hall</i></td> <td>10:00 AM Morning Worship <i>Sanctuary</i></td> <td>11:00 AM Fellowship Time <i>Mowat Hall</i></td> </tr> </table> <p>LOOKING AHEAD VOLUNTEERS: Greeters: Jim and Ann Fyfe Church Safety Volunteer: John Deegins Sound Volunteer: Donna Yielding</p>		8:45 AM Coffee and the Word <i>Sanctuary Classroom</i>	9:30 AM Choir Warmup <i>Mowat Hall</i>	10:00 AM Morning Worship <i>Sanctuary</i>	11:00 AM Fellowship Time <i>Mowat Hall</i>
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**FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

MORNING WORSHIP

June 28, 2026

10 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST