



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!

Announcements, our weekly calendar, and scripture readings are available to view by scanning the QR code.

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

Portions of 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. Julie Thompson, Moderator, **Bob Plank**, Clerk of Session

Elected spiritual leaders of this congregation:

Ann Fyfe ('26), **Jennifer Hodges** ('27), **Steven McPherson** ('28),
Tami Valdez ('28), **Julian Wells** ('26), **Kathy Welsh** ('27)

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GOD WELCOMES US IN LOVE

Prelude *Pastorale on "Nettleton"*

Phil Lehenbauer

Chiming the Trinity

Words of Welcome

Claire Calohan

Gathering Song (Hymn 626) *As the Deer*

AS THE DEER

**As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.**

***We Rejoice in God's Welcome**

Come, all who are thirsty,
We come to the well of living water.
Come, all who carry stories of joy and sorrow,
God meets us as we are and calls us by name.
Jesus welcomes the stranger and listens to our story;
In Christ, we are welcomed and made new.
Let us rejoice in the God who welcomes us,
And who sends us to be welcome to the world.
Let us worship God!

***Hymn 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

Call to Confession

At the well, Jesus speaks with truth with grace. He named what was hidden yet offered mercy and life. Trusting in that same grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you welcome us fully, yet we resist your grace. We judge others by labels and cling to familiar stories about ourselves, avoiding hard truths and deeper healing.
Forgive us for the walls we build and the grace we withhold. Meet us again at the well, O Christ; speak truth with gentleness and free us from shame and fear, that our stories may witness to your redeeming love. Amen.

Choral Kyrie *Trisagion*

Fernando Ortega. arr. James Barnard

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: Jesus knows our stories fully — and loves us completely. He does not turn away from our brokenness but offers living water that restores and renews.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, set free from the past, and invited into new life and new community. Thanks be to God!
Amen.**

***Joyful Response (Hymn 654)**

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Taizé Community, J. Berthier

**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.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**

GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN

Gospel John 4:5-42

hardcover p. 860; softcover NT p. 128

Solo *Living Waters*

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Message "What's Her Story?"

Rev. Julie Thompson

GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

Moment of Generosity One Great Hour of Sharing

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious and welcoming God, we thank you for meeting us at the wells of our lives with extraordinary grace. You see beyond labels and history and call us beloved.

We thank you for Jesus Christ, who crossed every boundary, listened with compassion, and offered living water that never runs dry.

We give thanks for new beginnings and shared journeys. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may be a community shaped by welcome, truth, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn 182** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

Covenant of Welcome

The Reverend Julie Donohue Thompson

(see bulletin insert)

***Lenten Declaration of Faith** *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human and fully God. He proclaimed God's reign, forgave sinners, healed the broken, and was crucified for the sins of the world. God raised him from the dead, breaking the power of sin and evil and bringing us from death to life eternal.

Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn 408** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Prayers of the People and 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 462** *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY

***Benediction and Three-fold Amen**

Postlude *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Jason Payne

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:

The Chancel Choir
Bradley Thoreson, *Organist, Director of Music*
Claire Calohan, *Lay Leader*
The Reverend Julie Thompson, *Transitional Pastor*

ASSISTING TODAY:

Maxie Hooper and Linda Wentworth, *Greeters*
Lloyd Stanley, *Church Safety Volunteer*

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK:

Peggy and Rich Kangas, *Greeters*
Rich Walker, *Church Safety Volunteer*

GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Welcome to worship on this Third Sunday in Lent. We are grateful to gather together this morning and extend a special welcome to friends and visitors joining us. Thank you for being here as we continue our Lenten journey of reflection, prayer, and hope.

Today we are delighted to welcome to the pulpit the Reverend Julie Donohue Thompson, our new Transitional Pastor. We invite you to join us following worship in the Fellowship Hall for a Welcome Reception as we greet Pastor Julie and celebrate the beginning of this new season in the life of our church.

Men of the Church will gather this Tuesday, March 10, at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Glen McGhee will lead the meeting in Rich's absence. All men are welcome—whether church members or not—so come join us for dinner, fellowship, and good conversation. We'd love to have you come and try us out!

Presbyterian Women will gather this Wednesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall as we conclude the final lesson of our current Bible study. All women are warmly invited for this time of fellowship and sisterhood. A light lunch will be provided.

The Worship Committee will meet this Thursday at 9:30 AM in the Church Office Parlor.

Our March Fellowship Luncheon will be next Sunday, March 15. Ron Houser from the Bay County Audubon Society will present a program on attracting birds to your backyard. This is always a great Sunday to invite a friend!

Scholarships are available through the church for Dogwood Acres Summer Camp. For more information, please pick up a brochure in the Fellowship Hall.



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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MORNING WORSHIP

March 8, 2026

10 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST