



**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** ‘We Walk by Faith’ based on DUNLAP’S CREEK  
arr. James Biery

**Chiming the Hour**

**Words of Welcome**

**Gathering Song (Hymn 613)**  
‘O Lord, Our Lord’ HOW MAJESTIC  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
O Lord, we praise your name.  
O Lord, we magnify your name:  
Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty!

**\*We Rejoice in God’s Welcome** Psalm 50  
From the rising of the sun to its setting, God speaks, calling out to the earth.  
**Perfect in beauty, God shines brightly!**  
The heavens declare the righteousness of God, the earth declares God’s magnificent handiwork.  
**The Lord is our God; let us honor God with thanksgiving!**

**\*Hymn 37** ‘Let All Things Now Living’ ASH GROVE

**\*Prayer of Praise**  
God of Hope, by faith we answer your call to worship you with thanksgiving, for you are our God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. As we worship, open our eyes to the presence of the risen Christ among us, that we may hear your Word with clarity and hope. By the inspiration of your Spirit, bless us as we leave this place to be your willing servants in this wounded world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**Call to Confession**  
The heavens declare God’s righteousness, for God alone is judge (Psalm 50). In faith, let us confess our sins, trusting in God’s mercy to save and redeem.

**Prayer of Confession**  
Merciful God, hope of your people in every age, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have wandered from your pathways, turned toward idols, lived without compassion, and disregarded the well-being of your creation. Forgive us, we pray. Renew your covenant with us, for only in you will our lives be healed. Guide us and lead us in your ways, for in faith we confess and are saved. Amen.

**Declaration of Forgiveness**  
God is merciful and kind; though our sins are many, we are washed clean by the goodness of God, who grants us a new start. 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 the Joyful Response 'We Are Forgiven' by Hal H. Hopson. The music is in G major, 3/4 time, and consists of three staves. The lyrics are: We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

**Solo** ‘Great is Thy Faithfulness’ Thomas Chisholm/William Runyan  
arr. Greg Howlett

GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN

**Epistle** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 NT p. 979, hardback  
NT p. 305, softback

**Message** ‘Our Faith in God, God’s Faith in Us’  
The Reverend Lisa Martin

GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

**\*Hymn 829** ‘My Faith Looks Up to Thee’ OLIVET

**\*Declaration of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed, 8<sup>th</sup> 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 339** ‘Lift Every Voice and Sing’  
**\*Benediction and Three-fold Amen**  
**\*Postlude** ‘To God Be the Glory’

LIFT EVERY VOICE  
  
William H. Doane  
arr. Lloyd Larson



**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!**

## 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 after worship!** Each week, you’re encouraged to bring a sweet or savory snack to share as we enjoy food, fellowship, and connection with members and guests alike.

**The session meets today at 11:30** in the church office parlor. All active members of First Church are welcome to attend the regular stated meetings of the session.

**This Tuesday, the Presbytery of Florida** holds its summer stated meeting at Gulf Breeze Church. Pastor Lisa, Don Mowat, and Rich Kangas will attend.

**The Presbyterian Women gather this Wednesday at noon** for our monthly lite lunch and Bible study. All women are invited to join us for good food, great conversation, and the joy of faithful sistership! Pastor Lisa will lead our study, which is Lesson 3, page 32, of our study book: *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*.

**Our annual ‘Blessing of the Backpacks’ is next Sunday!** Students, teachers, anyone starting or going back to school: bring your backpack or briefcase for a special Back-to-School blessing!

**Next Sunday is our August Fellowship Lunch!** Bring a favorite meat, veggie, salad, and/or dessert to share and let’s enjoy a great meal together following worship!

**Everyone is invited to join Katy Mackay on Thursday, August 21** for Bible study . We will gather from 6:00-7:30 P.M. in the church office parlor to explore the scriptures together. This month we will discuss The Hero’s Journey. So, bring your Bible, invite a friend, and let's learn from one another!



**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 Lisa W. Martin, Pastor

**ASSISTING TODAY 8/10**  
Paula Pezdirtz and Rich Filippi, Greeters  
David Cooley, Church Safety Volunteer

**ASSISTING NEXT WEEK 8/17**  
Kelley and Atleigh Fiddler, Greeters  
John Deegins, Church Safety Volunteer

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## 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
August 10, 2025  
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