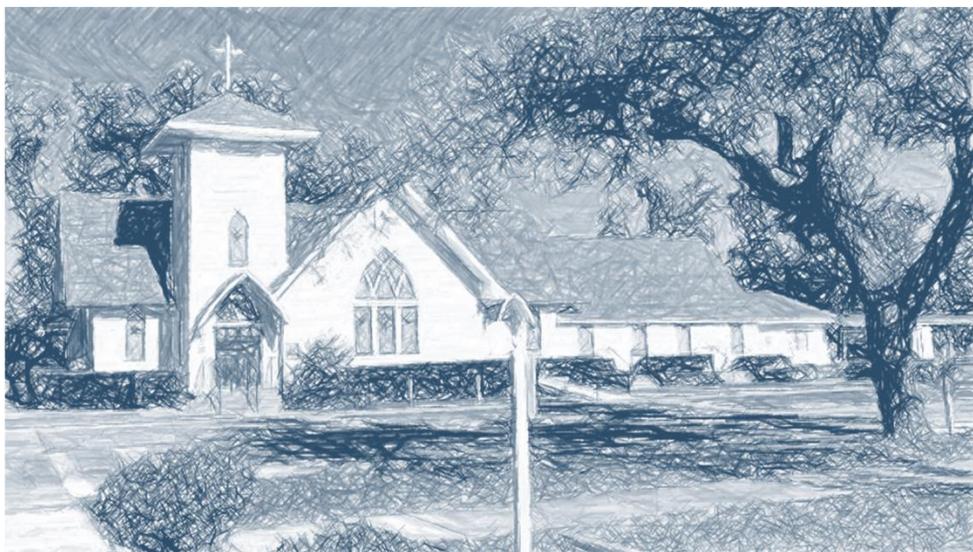




FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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MORNING WORSHIP

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 2021

10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | EASTER | **PENTECOST**



1 Welcome to all who gather to worship this day! We are now in the season of Pentecost, which focuses on the teachings of Jesus and how we are shaped and challenged by them. 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 and subscribe to our weekly email.

- About the Service -

Wearing a face mask is strongly recommended for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Please observe responsible physical distancing as a courtesy to others worshipping with us.

The single chime and Prelude call us to silent, prayerful preparation for worship.

*The People's words are in **bold text**. *Indicates that the congregation may rise.*

Offering plates are in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship.



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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 the church):

Moderator: **The Rev. Lisa Martin**

Clerk of Session: **Rosa Stanley**

Class Of 2021: **Marcia Burden, Steve Gabbard**

Class Of 2022: **Rich Kangas, Nancy Mills, Wanda Wallace**

Class Of 2023: **Huey Hayes, Ann Fyfe**

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“All Creatures of our God and King”

arr. Brad Thoreson

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 124)

If it had not been for the Lord - Let the people now say -

If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side,

Then we would have been swallowed up alive;

the flood would have swept us away;

the torrent would have gone over us!

Blessed be the Lord who has not given us

into the hands of our enemies!

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

Let the people now say:

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and

earth! Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

*OPENING PRAYER (sing together)

SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving I'll be a living

sanctuary for you.

(repeat)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our strength and savior, you know our many transgressions, our hidden faults, our secret sins. With our hands we grasp at power; with our feet we stumble into evil; with our eyes we look out for ourselves before we notice the needs of others. Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in your holy way of life and love and peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

PIANO PRAISE

“Doxology”

OLD HUNDREDTH, arr. Christopher Phillips

DEDICATION OF SCHOOL CLOTHING

SPECIAL MUSIC

LHES Principal John Cannon

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT James 5:13-16

(see back side fold)

MESSAGE

“Holding the World Together”

Rev. Lisa Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH (PCUSA)

Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of rejecting. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin. Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all people and accepted their love. We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He demonstrates the new humanity that God promises to give.

ANTHEM

“A Song of Peace”

TALLIS' CANON, alt. text and arr. Sheldon Curry

CHANCEL CHOIR

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.

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE RISEN LORD

*HYMN

“We Are One in the Spirit”

(see back side fold)

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL AMEN

*POSTLUDE

“On Eagles' Wings”

M. Joncas, arr. Brad Thoreson

In honor of, and with hope for the future of, our Lynn Haven Elementary School Eagles!

NEW TESTAMENT James 5: 13-16

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

We Are One in the Spirit (ST. BRENDAN'S)

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- September 26, 2021 –

Today we welcome John Cannon, principal of Lynn Haven Elementary School, as our special guest! We are grateful to be neighbors with John and all who teach, learn, and serve at LHES. Thanks to everyone who donated to our shoe and clothing drive for students! Truly, we are blessed to be a blessing!

Also today, we receive the Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering which supports food insecurity ministries of this congregation and the Presbytery of Florida. Thank you for giving generously. Last month collection was \$188.24. The giving basket is in the Narthex.

The Worship Committee meets tomorrow morning @ 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

These Days and Our Daily Bread devotional booklets for **Oct-Dec** are available in the Narthex. The session prays that you are blessed by reading and sharing them!

Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday! On this first Sunday of October each year, tens of thousands of congregations around the world celebrate our unity in Christ as we come to the Table of Grace. Please ready your hearts and minds to receive “the gifts of God for the people of God.” Holy communion is available for everyone!

Statement from the Session Regarding Covid-19, 8/8/2021:

As Christians our primary concern is care for others and ourselves.

As the Delta variant of Covid-19 puts people in the hospital who are unvaccinated and can make sick even those who are vaccinated, what is our Christian response?

Since those who are vaccinated can still get the virus and can pass it on to others, what is our Christian response?

As we strive to care for others and ourselves at First Presbyterian Church, what is our Christian response?

Shouldn't our Christian response be to do what we can to help care for others and ourselves? Given the heightened impact of Covid-19, the Session strongly recommends that everyone – unvaccinated and vaccinated alike – wear masks during worship and at small group gatherings.

Further, we encourage all who are unvaccinated to get vaccinated as soon as possible.