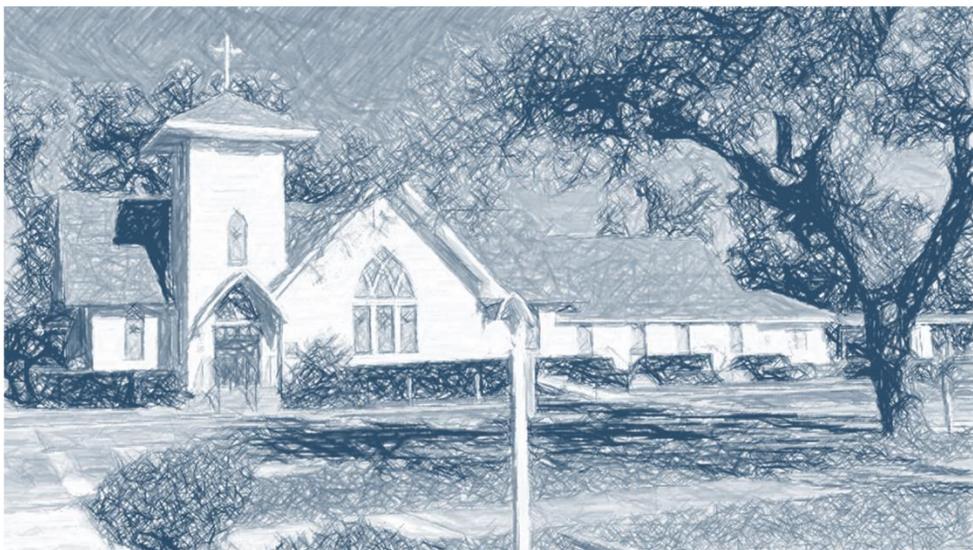




FIRST
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MORNING WORSHIP

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 13, 2021

10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY

LENT | EASTER | **PENTECOST**



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, visit www.firstchurchlh.org and subscribe to our weekly email.

- About the Service -

*Wearing a face mask is no longer required **if you are fully vaccinated**. Please observe responsible 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

“We Walk by Faith”

DUNLAP'S CREEK, arr. Gregory Hoepfner

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God we worship is the giver of life:

the One who grows a forest from the smallest seed.

The God we worship is the giver of life:

the One who forms us, names us, and loves us.

The God we worship is the giver of life:

the One who teaches us to share our lives with the world.

*OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

We praise you, God of life, for you are worthy of our adoration and devotion! As we worship, still in us all that would keep us from recognizing the Lord's presence among us. And when we leave, send us out into your world with seeds of hope and love. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

ORGAN PRAISE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When our actions are not consistent with the truth of your Gospel,
forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us and free us.

When our lives do not proclaim the power of your love,
compel us, Lord. Free us and forgive us.

When our minds are full of self-hatred, with no room for your grace,
revive us, Lord. Forgive and restore us.

For our lives are rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ,
and through Christ's love alone we are reconciled to you. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

MEDITATION

“Psalm 20”

Poor Bishop Hooper

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

(see back side fold)

MESSAGE

“Scatter the Seed”

Rev. Lisa Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH (The Apostles' Creed, 8th 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.

PIANO MEDITATION

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

LAFFERTY

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

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

ST. GERTRUDE

THE PSALTER Psalm 20

- from the poetry of the Everypsalm Project, by Poor Bishop Hooper -

may god answer your distresses
may the name of jacob's god
send you help and give protection
and remember your offerings

the desires of your heart i
hope he makes them all come true
we will shout for victory
and raise our banners for the king

i know that the lord will answer
and deliver his chosen one
some place trust in mighty horses
but the name of our holy god

is our saving power
is our trust
but the name of god

THE GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

Jesus also said, "The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, while he's asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. ²⁸ The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. ²⁹ And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come."

³⁰ Jesus said, "How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, ³² but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade."

³³ Jesus used many similar stories and illustrations to teach the people as much as they could understand. ³⁴ In fact, in his public ministry he never taught without using parables; but afterward, when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 13, 2021 -

The session meets immediately following worship for its regular stated meeting. Did you know? Church members are welcome to attend stated meetings of the session! We'd love to have you join us sometime and learn more about our life of faith and working of the church!

Dogwood Acres Summer Camp registration is underway! Go to "dogwoodacres.org" for more information on forming, or adding to, a Summer Camp Bubble!, or check the table in the Narthex! Our Program Directors are frantically looking for 1 female and 2 male counselors to add to the summer camp staff. Please call Program Director Lucas Heiker (850-556-3766) with inquiries or names of high school graduates that might be interested in serving in July. We are also in need of nurses for two weeks. -- Thank you, Ben Powell, DWA Director (850-528-3575).

From Grace Presbyterian Church: The Men of Grace Presbyterian Church want to invite the men of First Presbyterian, Lynn Haven to a community men's dinner at Grace on Monday, June 28. Dinner will be served at 5pm and is \$6/person, followed by a special guest speaker in the sanctuary at 6pm. Christian writer and speaker, Christina Ray Stanton will speak about her experience being in New York City on 9/11/02. Her book will be available for purchase for \$10 and all proceeds go to support the food pantry at Grace. Please email us at gracepcpastor@gmail.com and let us know if you plan to attend by Monday, June 21.

With gratitude to the congregation, FPC makes a difference in the lives of real people around us who are in need. During the month of May, the following was received:

- 2-Cents-a-Meal offering \$ 45.80
- Adopt-a-Senior ministry \$ 30.00
- Presbyterian Women Birthday offering \$ 710.00
- Camp Dogwood Acres for camping kids \$ 1,020.00
- The Family of Michael King \$ 4,240.00

It's Summertime! Help us Reduce*Reuse*Recycle as you go about your summertime travel to the grocery, garden, or store! In the Narthex are cloth bags with our FPC logo on the front. Take one and use it to the glory of God! Together we can do our part to preserve our beautiful earth!

Two of our adorable church kitties are ready to be adopted! Named Willow and Wren, these sweet sisters have been spayed and are ready for a new home. They have a close bond, so they need to stay together. If you are interested in caring for two of God's little creatures, talk with Kathy McCurdy or Pastor Lisa.