



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 generally 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 *Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated* arr. Molly Ijames

Words of Welcome and Community News Elder Julian Wells

This is the Day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gathering Song (Hymn 701) *Lord, Prepare Me* 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)

***Call to Worship** Claire Calohn

Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.
The God who numbers our hairs knows our names.
God sees the outcast in the wilderness and hears the cry of the
needy.

We come to the God who does not abandon us.

Come, let us worship the Lord who is good and forgiving.

We gather in God's steadfast love, unafraid.

***Hymn 463** *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that fear has more of us than faith.
We have protected our lives rather than offering them, stayed
silent when we should have spoken,
and turned away from the hard path of following Christ.
Forgive our fears. Free our testimony.

Help us be your faithful disciples.

Make us alive to you and free from what holds us back.

**In your mercy, send your healing to those we have hurt,
and to our own misguided souls
so that we may follow you once more. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation,
ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed.

*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

***Hymn 727** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* THE SERVANT SONG

Gospel Lesson Matthew 10:24-39 hardback, p. 785
softback NT, p. 18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message "The Surrendered Life" Elder Julian Wells

GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

***Hymn 697** *Take My Life* HENDON

Invitation to Discipleship Kathy Welsh, Congregational Care Chair

Moment of Generosity *Behind the Scenes: Congregational Care*

***Doxology (Hymn 240)** ALLELUIA No. 1

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Affirmation of Faith** from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus
proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and
blessing the children, healing the sick. and binding up the
brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was
crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life
for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

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 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!* ASSURANCE

*Benediction and Three-fold Amen

Postlude *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Mark Hayes

GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Welcome to worship. Today we gather in the presence of the God who knows us, loves us, and calls us by name. As we hear Christ's call to discipleship, may we find courage, hope, and strength for the journey of faith. We are glad you are here.

This morning we welcome Elder Julian Wells as our guest preacher and worship leader. Julian serves on Session and chairs the Christian Education Committee. Pastor Julie is spending the week at Dogwood Acres, serving as volunteer chaplain for summer camp.

We will also hear from Elder Kathy Welsh about the ministry of the Congregational Care Committee and opportunities to become involved in this important work.

Happy Father's Day! Join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for our June fellowship lunch, Pies for Guys! We'll enjoy pizza pies, an ice cream bar, and plenty of good conversation as we gather around the table together. Everyone is welcome—friends, family, neighbors, and guests alike.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. As part of the Worship Committee's exploration of different ways of gathering around the Lord's Table, we will receive Communion while seated, with elders serving the congregation by passing trays of bread and juice through the pews. This was a tradition at First Church for many years, and we look forward to sharing it together once again.

Thinking About Membership? We'd love to get to know you better! Join Pastor Julie on Sunday, June 28, at 11:15 AM in the Porter Classroom for a relaxed conversation about membership at First Church. Whether you're exploring membership, new to the congregation, or simply interested in learning more about our church family, this is a great opportunity to ask questions, meet others, and discover how God may be calling you to connect and serve. All are welcome (even for a refresher course)!

Two Cents-a-Meal Offering - Next Sunday: This Presbyterian hunger ministry invites us to give in gratitude for the meals we enjoy while helping those facing food insecurity. Half of the offering supports local ministries at First Church, and half is shared through the Presbytery of Florida to fund hunger-relief efforts throughout our region.

There are still two more opportunities to sing with the Summer Choir - June 28 and August 2. Join us at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We'd love for you to make a joyful noise with us!

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING WORSHIP

June 21, 2026

10 AM

This Week at a Glance
— WEEK OF: June 21–28, 2026 —

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 | *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*
11:00 AM | Pies for Guys June Fellowship Lunch | *Mowat Hall*

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS:
Greeters | Deb and Bill Mease
Church Safety Volunteer | Charles Willis
Sound Volunteer | Donna Yielding

MONDAY, JUNE 22 6:15 PM Panama City Pipes & Drums <i>Church Grounds</i>	TUESDAY, JUNE 23 6:15 PM Gulftones Barbershop Chorus <i>Mowat Hall</i>	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 7:00 PM AA (Closed Meeting) <i>Mowat Hall</i>
THURSDAY, JUNE 25 <i>No Scheduled Activities</i>	FRIDAY, JUNE 26 6:00 PM AA (Women's Open Meeting) <i>Mowat Hall</i>	SATURDAY, JUNE 27 7:00 PM AA (Open Meeting) <i>Mowat Hall</i>

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

8:45 AM Coffee and the Word <i>Sanctuary Classroom</i>	9:00 AM Summer Choir <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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Greeters | Linda Wentworth and Rich Filippi
Church Safety Volunteer | TBA
Sound Volunteer | Donna Yielding