



All are welcome, because God is Welcome!

We're so glad you're here! Whether you're visiting for the first time or worshipping with us regularly, you are part of what makes this community a place of faith, hope, and love. You are welcome here.

- Scan the QR code to stay connected with everything happening at First Church—from weekly events and opportunities to serve, to today's scripture lessons.
- Sign up for *Faith Forward* and weekly *e-Alert* and prayer request emails, explore online worship, and visit our website.
- Access our secure online giving platform.

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Services are recorded and available on Facebook and our website.

*Indicates that the congregation may rise in body or spirit. Words we all say are in **bold print**.

Generally, we 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 (USA)

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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or by appointment.

God Welcomes Us in Love

Chiming the Trinity

Prelude *Let Us Break Bread Together* Mark Hayes

Words of Welcome Rev. Julie Thompson

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

Gathering Song (Hymn 390)
Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! LOUEZ LE SEIGNEUR

Praise, praise, praise the Lord!
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
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***Call Worship** Elder Steven McPherson

We gather with hope in our hearts,
for something happens here that teaches us God is present.
We know this place is sacred,
for something happens here that teaches us God is our center.
We gather with joyful praise,
for something happens here that teaches us God is forever faithful.

***Hymn 265** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity.
But we fail to live as good stewards of all you have given us.
We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share.
We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Reorder our priorities so all your nations and peoples may thrive. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God!

***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

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7 hardcover, p. 550
softcover OT, p. 838

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Taste and See* James E. Moore, Jr.

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-46 hardcover, p. 797
softcover NT, p. 35

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message "Whose World Is It, Really?" Rev. Julie Thompson

God Moves Us to Respond

***Hymn 515** *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

Invitation to Discipleship and Community News

Moment of Generosity

***Doxology (Hymn 598)** AMEN SIAKUDUMISA
Amen, we praise your name, O God!
Amen, we praise your name, O God!
Amen, amen. Amen, amen.
Amen, we praise your name, O God!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God Gathers Us at the Table

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise. ... the prayer continues ...

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.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

Communion of God’s People

Hymn 526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Linstead

Hymn 525 Let Us Break Bread Together Let us break bread

Prayer after Communion

God Sends Us to Live
the Love of Christ

*Hymn 766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound MC KEE

*Benediction and Three-fold Amen

Postlude We Are Marching in the Light of God Siyahamba

God Calls Us into Community

Welcome to First Church on World Communion Sunday! Today we join Christians around the globe in gathering at the Lord’s Table, celebrating the unity we share in Christ across nations, cultures, and traditions. Whoever you are and wherever you are on the journey, there is a place for you here. Come, taste and see the goodness of God as we celebrate one faith, one family, one table.

We will celebrate Holy Communion today. The elements will be served in our seats by the elders. Please hold them so that we may receive them together as one body in Christ.

Join us following worship in Mowat Hall for Fellowship Time! Enjoy good food, conversation, and time together with our church family.

Looking Ahead

Ladies “Do Nothing” Outing

Tuesday, October 13

Join the “Do Nothing” ladies for lunch at 11:00 AM at Olive Garden, followed by a visit to the Paul Brent Gallery in downtown Panama City at 1:00 PM. Come for lunch, the gallery, or both!

Presbyterian Women Bible Study & Lunch

Wednesday, October 14

Presbyterian Women will gather at 12:00 PM in Mowat Hall for Bible study, fellowship, and lunch.

Congregational Care Committee

Thursday, October 15

The Congregational Care Committee will meet at 9:30 AM in the Church Office Parlor.

This Week at First Church

October 4 – October 11, 2026

Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday
Sacrament of Holy Communion

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45 AM	Coffee and the Word	Richard Holley Classroom
9:30 AM	Choir Warmup	Mowat Hall
10:00 AM	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Fellowship Time	Mowat Hall

LEADING WORSHIP:

The Chancel Choir
Bradley Thoreson, Music Director, Organist
Elder Steven McPherson
Rev. Julie Thompson, Transitional Pastor

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS:

Greeters
Jan Rains and John Deegins
Church Safety Volunteer
Rich Filippi
Sound Volunteer
Lloyd Stanley

Monday, October 5

6:15 PM
Panama City Pipes & Drums
Church Grounds

Tuesday, October 6

6:00 PM
Gulftones Barbershop
Chorus
Mowat Hall

Wednesday, October 7

10:15–12:15 PM
Midweek Pause
(For LHES teachers and staff)
Sanctuary
6:00 PM
Chancel Choir
Sanctuary
7:00 PM
AA (Closed Meeting)
Mowat Hall

Thursday, October 8

Friday, October 9

6:00 PM
AA (Women’s Open Meeting)
Mowat Hall

Saturday, October 10

7:00 PM
AA (Open Meeting)
Mowat Hall

Looking Ahead

Sunday, October 11

20th Sunday after Pentecost

SCHEDULE:

8:45 AM	Coffee and the Word	Richard Holley Classroom
9:30 AM	Choir Warmup	Mowat Hall
10:00 AM	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Fellowship Time	Mowat Hall

LOOKING AHEAD VOLUNTEERS:

Greeters
Linda Wentworth and Rich Filippi
Church Safety Volunteer
Fox Hodges
Sound Volunteer Donna Yielding

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FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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WORLD COMMUNION

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- God’s World, God’s Table -

MORNING WORSHIP

OCTOBER 4 | 10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY | LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST