



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 many wonderful things happening here, and we'd love for you to find your place in our community of faith!

- About the Service -

Worship services are filmed for later access on Facebook and our church website.

The People's words are in **bold text**.

*Indicates that the congregation may stand.

When we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please know that all are welcome at the table of our Lord.

Offering plates are available in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship. Your generosity enables First Church to make a meaningful impact in our community and beyond. As we like to say, we are "blessed to be a blessing!"



THE SESSION

(elected spiritual leaders of this congregation)

Moderator: **The Rev. Lisa W. Martin**

Clerk of Session: **Rosa Stanley**

Class Of 2025: **John Deegins, Rich Kangas**

Class Of 2026: **Ann Fyfe, Bob Plank**

Class Of 2027: **Jennifer Hodges, Kathy Welsh**

A CONGREGATION IN CONNECTION WITH

The Presbytery of Florida,

The Synod of South Atlantic, and

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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GOD WELCOMES US

PRELUDE

"Rejoice! The Lord is King!"

Bradley Thoreson, organ

J. Darwell

arr. Marilyn Thompson

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Martin

GATHERING SONG (Hymn 743)

"O God, You Are My God"

STEP BY STEP

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning,

And I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me,

And I will follow you all of my days.

*WE REJOICE IN GOD'S WELCOME

Psalms 99

The Lord is king!

Let the people tremble!

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim!

Let the earth shake!

We will proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship on God's holy hill.

For the Lord our God is the Holy One!

*HYMN 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

Almighty God, as we worship you today, enable us by your Spirit to enter the mystery of your holiness. Keep us close to you, that we may worship in spirit and in truth. And when we are ready to depart this sacred place, transform our wills so that we may live into yours. In Christ we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In trust, let us call upon God's holy name, confess our sins, and receive the blessing of forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion. We confess that we have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truth. We have not cared for creation, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to have the mind of Christ, that in our thoughts, words, and deeds our lives might honor you. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*The Lord our God keeps covenant with all who cry out for mercy. Through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ there is freedom from the burden of sin. Brothers and sisters, let us believe and celebrate the good news of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!***

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

ANTHEM

"You Shine"

Chancel Choir

Patricia Mock, arr. Brian Buda

GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN

THE GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-43a

NT, p. 95, softback

NT, p. 838, hardback

MESSAGE

"Capture the Moment...or Not"

Rev. Lisa Martin

GOD CALLS US TO ACT

*DECLARATION OF FAITH (The Rev. Amanda Burr, Palm Springs, CA)

**We believe in God, the creator of all things,
the giver of life and breath.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us,
baptized and revealed the beloved Son of God.
He sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon
himself, suffering for us, dying for us
and being raised from the dead for our sake
and for the sake of all the world.
We believe that he will come again.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
continually poured out, refreshing our lives,
leading us into a new day,
ever birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.
This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth
reminding us of the gift of faith,
the ever presence of God,
and the promise of eternal life.**

Thanks be to God! Amen.



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN 517

“Here, O Our Lord, We See You”

MORECAMBE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING & 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOD SENDS US TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

*HYMN 192

“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

*POSTLUDE

“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”

C. H. Gabriel



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ANNOUNCEMENTS March 2, 2025

Welcome to worship! Today we celebrate the transfiguration of Jesus before his disciples. May the service bless you as you prepare to enter the Lenten season on Wednesday.

Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Please gather your cups of bread and juice from the Greeters and keep at your seat until that part of the service. Everyone is welcome to the Lord’s table!

Fellowship Tuesdays dinner group will gather this Tuesday at 6 pm at Alice’s on Bayview in St. Andrews (1000 Bayview Ave, PC). Please rsvp to Tami Valdez (850-625-8882) by tomorrow, 3/3.

This Wednesday marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent, a time to reflect on our complete dependence on God. We will have a brief Ash Wednesday worship service, which will include the imposition of ashes for those who wish to participate, from **12:15 to 12:45**. Lenten devotional booklets will also be available.

Outreach Committee will meet at 5:30 pm on Thursday, 3/6, in the church office parlor.

The Spring Gathering of Florida Presbytery’s Presbyterian Women will take place this Saturday at Dogwood Acres camp. The cost for the day is \$20. Ladies, if you’re interested in attending, please reach out to Rosa Stanley. Let’s have a great showing of support from First Church!

Have you found your place in the life of First Church? Our active congregation counts on all of us to take part in our ministries of love, compassion, and service! The “Finding Your Place” form is in the Narthex!

All Things Presbyterian: What We Believe and What Difference Does It Make? Pastor Lisa will lead two informal seminars on March 23 and 30, 11:45 am – 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Stay for refreshments, then stay for some learning!

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY
The Chancel Choir
Bradley Thoreson, Music Director, Organist
The Reverend Lisa W. Martin, Pastor

ASSISTING TODAY 3/2
Greeters: Ann and Jim Fyfe
Church Safety Volunteer: John Deegins

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK 3/9
Greeters: Peggy and Rich Kangas
Church Safety Volunteer: Rich Filippi



MORNING WORSHIP



“Even in the darkness of our sufferings Jesus is close to us”, 1994, Elizabeth Wang

TRANSFIGURATION of THE LORD

**MARCH 2, 2025
10:00 AM**

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST