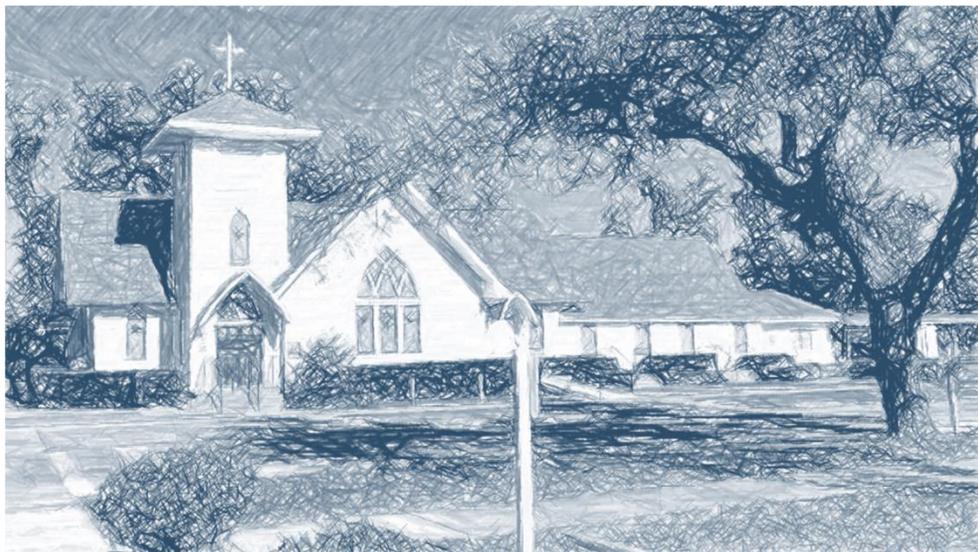




FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Lynn Haven



MORNING WORSHIP

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 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, 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

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

MARION, arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19)

Look at the heavens!

They are shouting the glory of God!

The days and the nights declare the majesty of God's creative works.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

We praise you, holy God, for your word is powerful, your ways are just, your love is pure. Give us your Spirit, we pray, that we may worship you and live in service to others, giving of ourselves, and sharing your goodness. In the name of Christ our risen and victorious Lord, we pray. Amen.

PIANO MEDITATION

“Spirit of the Living God”

Daniel Iverson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have called us, O God, yet we have refused to listen. You have stretched out your hand, yet we have not taken it. Instead, we have taken what you have given us and used those good gifts to hurt others and defy you. Forgive our inability to recognize you and to live out the loving truth of your Gospel. Give us the insight to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

(see back side fold)

MESSAGE

“Losing Self in Service to Others”

Rev. Kim Stavenau

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH (adapted from 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.

SOLO

“The Summons”

John L. Bell

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

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

THE GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Lord, Make Us More Holy (LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY)

1 Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy,
until we meet again:
holy, holy, holy,
until we meet again.

2 Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving,
until we meet again:
loving, loving, loving,
until we meet again.

3 Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient,
until we meet again:
patient, patient, patient,
until we meet again.

4 Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful,
until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful,
until we meet again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- September 12, 2021 –

Today we welcome The Rev. Kim Stavenau to FPC. Kim is ordained in the United Church of Christ, a denomination in full communion with the Presbyterian Church (USA). She and her husband live in Bay County.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Rosa and Lloyd Stanley on the death of Rosa's brother, Johnny Jones. Johnny, age 68, died on September 7 after a battle with Covid.

We continue to be a blessing to Lynn Haven Elementary School! Through September 23, we are receiving donations of the following:

- sweatpants and sweatshirts, child sizes 4 - 12
- boy's and girl's sneakers, all sizes
- children's low-cut socks, all colors
- boy's and girl's coats
- boy's and girl's winter hats

If you'd prefer to give cash, we have "personal shoppers" who will do the shopping for you! Either way, bring items to the church office M - Th (9-2) or to the sanctuary on Sundays. *Like a good neighbor, First Church is here!*

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.

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