



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Lynn Haven



-MORNING WORSHIP-
4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 30, 2022

10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST



Welcome to all who gather to worship this day!

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. There's a lot going on here, and we want you to be a part of it!

- About the Service -

Each worship service is filmed for later access on Facebook and our church website. AS A COURTESY TO OUR VIEWERS, please refrain from loud conversation once the Prelude begins!

The People's words are in **bold text**. *Indicates that the congregation may stand.

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 W. Martin**

Clerk of Session: **Rosa Stanley**

Class Of 2022: **Rich Kangas, Steve Gabbard, Wanda Wallace**

Class Of 2023: **Huey Hayes, Ann Fyfe**

Class Of 2024: **Don Mowat, Kathy Welsh**

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“All My Hope on God is Founded”

H. Howells

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 71)

In God alone we take refuge, for God is a strong fortress!

Through God’s righteousness we are delivered and saved.

God alone is our hope, our trust, our rock, our strength.

We will sing God’s praises as long as we have breath!

*HYMN

see insert

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

*OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, Rock of all the ages, we worship and adore you! You have preserved us through difficult times, and through your Spirit you are always close at hand. During this season of Epiphany, keep us watchful for you in the world around us, so that we may be encouraged as we continue in the life of Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN (Responsive)

God of life, we confess to you and to each other

that we have not always lived in Christian love.

We have lost patience and been rude.

We have been irritable and insisted on our own way.

We have failed to see you in others.

Forgive us and heal us, merciful God. Praising you for another chance, we offer you our renewed commitment. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

WE EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD

GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30

²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your

hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land;²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

MESSAGE

“Sometimes the Truth is Hard to Hear”

Rev. Lisa Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*DECLARATION OF FAITH (PCUSA)

By the Spirit God raised up leaders and prophets to guide the people. By the Spirit Jesus was conceived, baptized, and empowered. By the Spirit the risen Christ is present with the church. We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life, the Renewer and Perfector of God’s people, the One who makes real in us what God has done for us. Thanks be to God!

SOLO

“Speak, O Lord”

K. Getty and S. Townend

*1. Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen
today*

*In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory*

*3. Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans
for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your
promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk
with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory*

*2. Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to
see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief*

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

CLOSER WALK

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are as follows:

Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,
1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for

Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to
keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

DANISH

Amen, Amen, Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- January 30 –

Today we receive the 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering which supports food insecurity ministries of Florida Presbytery and our congregation. This month alone we have spent more than \$800 to provide 30 Lynn Haven Elementary School students with weekend meals. Thank you for giving generously to this vital ministry of our congregation!

The Finance Committee will meet this Thursday, Feb. 3 at 2 pm in the Office Parlor.

Next Sunday we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please ready your hearts and minds to receive “the gifts of God for the people of God.”

Fellowship Hour offers a fantastic opportunity to visit with friends after worship on Sundays! If you'd like to provide simple refreshments for our after-worship gathering, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You may go it alone, or tag-team with someone! Oh, and men? The sign-up pencil works for you, too! 😊

Devotional booklets for January-March are located in the Narthex. Please take and enjoy; and take some to share! These booklets are gifts from the session with the hope that you are blessed by reading and sharing them! There are plenty more for the claiming!

Contribution Statements for 2021 have been mailed. Thank you for your generous support of First Church and our many ministries. Those who made donations online will receive an email from the Presbyterian Foundation. Beginning this year, contribution statements will be emailed quarterly. PLEASE: If you have questions about your statement, contact Aline Trussell, our Administrative Assistant, in the church office: 850-265-2051 or firstchurchlh@gmail.com.



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438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
 all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.