



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

"All My Hope on God is Founded"

Bradley Thoreson, organ

MICHAEL

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Martin

GATHERING SONG (Hymn 627)

"I Love You, Lord"

I LOVE YOU, LORD

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you,

O my soul, rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what you hear;

May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

*WE REJOICE IN GOD'S WELCOME

Psalms 71

In God alone we take refuge.

God's righteousness delivers us and rescues us.

In God alone we hope.

Our praise is continually of God!

*HYMN 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

Love divine, we praise your name and we worship you in spirit and in truth. Increase in us the spiritual gifts that Christian life is made of - faith, hope, and love, but especially love - that we may be bearers of your mercy in the world around us. Through Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult, to others and also to ourselves. Confessing our sin in prayer, we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God, who desires to deliver us and cast out our fear. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, we confess to you and to each other that we have not lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have neglected the spiritual gifts of faith, hope, and love. Forgive us, we pray and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. 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

"Redeeming Love"

Chancel Choir

Gloria and Bill Gaither

GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN

NEW TESTAMENT

I Corinthians 13:1-13

NT, p. 234, softback

NT, p. 931, hardback

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

NT, p. 84, softback

NT, p. 830, hardback

MESSAGE

"A Love That Knows No Limit"

Rev. Lisa Martin

GOD CALLS US TO ACT

*HYMN 318

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

ST. PETER

*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 501

“Feed Us, Lord”

FEED US

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 703

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

ST. CATHERINE

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

*POSTLUDE

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 2, 2025

Welcome to worship! We are now in the season of Epiphany, when the church focuses on the ways that God in Jesus Christ is revealed to the world around us. We’re glad you’re here!

Today we celebrate the sacrament of holy communion. Please gather your cups of bread and juice from the Greeters and keep them at your seat. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the feast!

Thanks to all who provided food and participated in our Bay County Presbyterian Church dinner gathering on Thursday! Our \$5 donation dinner collected \$281 for the local American Red Cross, and we feasted on delicious chili, cornbread, and desserts!

February Fellowship Tuesdays will meet this Tuesday, 2/4, 6 pm, at Olive Garden in Panama City. Please text Tami Valdez to RSVP: 850-625-8882. This ministry initiative is all about relationship building, so come be part of the fun!

The session has called for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation for next Sunday, Feb. 9, at the close of worship. These brief meetings are required by the PCUSA (congregational meeting) and the State of Florida (corporation meeting).

February is Black History Month. This year’s theme is "African Americans and Labor" with a focus on the various and profound ways that work of all kinds intersects with the collective experiences of Black people. For more information from the Smithsonian Institute, go to <https://www.si.edu/events/black-history-month>.

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays and Sunday mornings! Join us to make a joyful noise! We gather Wednesdays at 6 PM in the sanctuary and Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Did you know that all music is available online for you to rehearse on your own? www.firstchurchlh.org/cc.

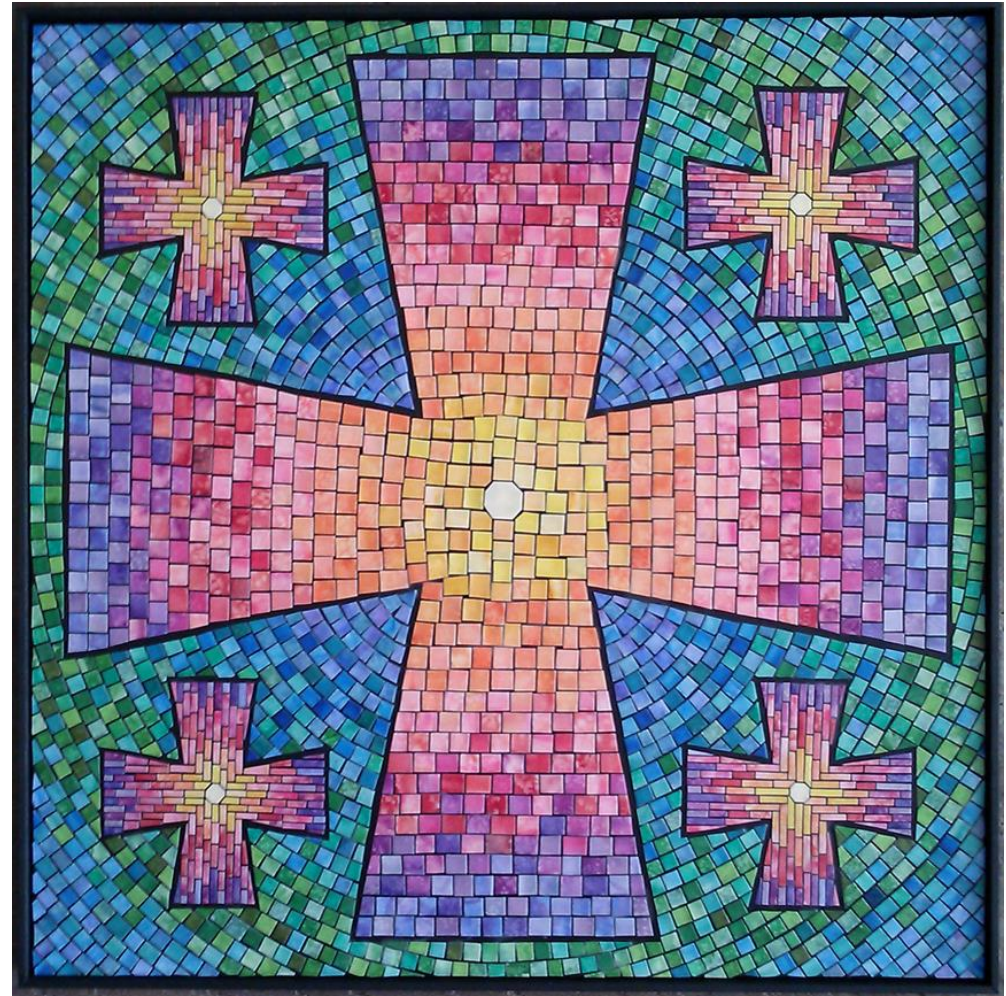
LEADING WORSHIP TODAY
 The Chancel Choir
 Bradley Thoreson, Music Director, Organist
 The Reverend Lisa W. Martin, Pastor

ASSISTING TODAY 2/2
Greeters: Janet and Rich Walker
Church Safety Volunteer: Rich Walker

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK 2/9
Greeters: Carol Oakley and Larry Hammond
Church Safety Volunteer: Julian Wells



MORNING WORSHIP



4TH SUNDAY

AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 2, 2025
10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST