



All are welcome, because God is Welcome! Whether you are visiting for the first time or worship with us regularly, we are grateful you are here and pray you experience the grace, hospitality, and love of Christ in this community.

Announcements, online giving, weekly events, today's scripture readings, and opportunities for worship, fellowship, service, and spiritual growth are all available by scanning the QR code or visiting our website. Stay connected by signing up for *Faith Forward*, our *Weekly e-Alert*, online worship links, prayer updates, and more.

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Worship services are recorded and available on Facebook and our church website.

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

We generally celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions. The next service with Holy Communion will be Sunday, June 28, 2026.

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

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), Steven McPherson ('28), Julian Wells ('26), Kathy Welsh ('27)

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GOD WELCOMES US IN LOVE

Chiming the Trinity

Prelude *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Words of Welcome and Community News Rev. Julie Thompson

This is the Day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gathering Song (Hymn 399) *God Welcomes All* THEMBA AMEN

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends

(repeat)

*Call to Worship

Claire Calohan

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

We come into the holy courts with praise.

God's steadfast love endures forever,

God's faithfulness is for all generations

***Hymn 81** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of our salvation, incline your ear to us.

You have given us power:

power to heal, to bring hope, to comfort, to restore.

But we ignore that power,

choosing to live our own lives.

At worst, we abuse that power,

storing up riches for ourselves

without an eye for the needs of others.

Forgive us. Remind us of our call

to proclaim your good news,

and to welcome each other as we would welcome you.

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, hear this good news: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. God loves you. God wants to be in relationship with you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen.

*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 Romans 5:1-8 hardback, p. 913

The Word of the Lord. softback NT, p. 207

Thanks be to God.

Solo *Speak, O Lord* Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Second Reading Matthew 9:35-10:8 hardback, p. 785

The Word of the Lord softback NT, p. 17

Thanks be to God.

Message "The Love That Sends" Rev. Julie Thompson

GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

***Hymn 69** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* HERE I AM (Schutte)

Invitation to Discipleship

Installation of a Ruling Elder Claire Calohan

Moment of Generosity Ann Fyfe, Worship Chair

Behind the Scenes: Serving on the Worship Committee

***Doxology (Hymn 240)** ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Declaration of Faith** Question 21, Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace granted solely by Christ's merit. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.

GOD SENDS US TO LIVE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

*Hymn 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

*Benediction and Three-fold Amen

Postlude *Toccata on "Here I Am, Lord"* John Behnke

This Week at a Glance

— WEEK OF: June 14–21, 2026 —

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 | *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

11:00 AM | Fellowship Conversation with Rev. Mark Broadhead,
Presbytery Liaison | *Mowat Hall*

**LEADING
WORSHIP
TODAY:** The Chancel Choir
Bradley Thoreson, Organist, Music Director
Claire Calohan, Lay Leader
Rev. Julie Thompson, Transitional Pastor

**SUNDAY
VOLUNTEERS:** Greeters | Jan Rains and John Deegins
Church Safety Volunteer | Julian Wells
Sound Volunteer | Donna Yielding

MONDAY, JUNE 15

6:15 PM
Panama City
Pipes & Drums
Church Grounds

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

6:15 PM
Gulftones
Barbershop Chorus
Mowat Hall

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

7:00 PM
AA (Closed Meeting)
Mowat Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

*No Scheduled
Activities*

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

7:00 PM
AA (Open Meeting)
Mowat Hall

LOOKING AHEAD: SUNDAY, JUNE 21 | *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:45 AM Coffee and the Word <i>Sanctuary Classroom</i>	9:30 AM Choir Warmup <i>Mowat Hall</i>	10:00 AM Morning Worship <i>Sanctuary</i>	11:00 AM Pies for Guys Fellowship Lunch <i>Mowat Hall</i>
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Greeters | Deb and Bill Mease
Church Safety Volunteer | Charles Willis
Sound Volunteer | Donna Yielding

GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Welcome to worship on this Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Today will be reminded of God's unconditional love and our call to share that love with others. Jesus sends His disciples into the world in service and mission, and he sends us to do the same today. Whether you are here every week or joining us for the first time, you are welcome here. We are glad you are with us!

During today's Moment of Generosity, we'll take a brief look at the ministry of the Worship Committee, from its chairperson, Elder Ann Fyfe. We will learn a bit about what they do behind the scenes to plan and implement services of worship, oversee our music ministry, secure guest preachers, greeters, and elder communion servers, and keep our sanctuary looking beautiful. We will also share ways you can become involved.

There are still two more opportunities to sing with the Summer Choir - June 28 and August 2. Join us at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We'd love for you to make a joyful noise with us!

Learning about Membership: If you'd like to learn about membership at First Church, Pastor Julie will be hosting an informational meeting and Question and Answer time on Sunday, June 28 at 11:15 AM in the Porter Classroom (adjacent to the sanctuary).

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, June 28. Over the past several months, the Worship Committee has been exploring different ways of gathering around the Lord's Table. On June 28, we will receive the elements while seated, with elders serving the congregation by passing trays of bread and juice through the pews. This method of celebrating Communion was a tradition at First Church for many years, but it has not been practiced here in the last several years. We look forward to revisiting this meaningful tradition as we gather at Christ's table together.

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING WORSHIP

June 14, 2026

10 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST