All are welcome, because God *is* Welcome!

We're so glad you're here! Whether you're visiting for the first time or worshipping with us regularly, you are part of what makes this community a place of faith, hope, and love. You are welcome here.

- Scan the QR code to stay connected with everything happening at First Church–from weekly events and opportunities to serve, to today's scripture lessons.
- Sign up for *Faith Forward* and weekly *e-Alert* and prayer request emails, explore online worship, and visit our website.
- Access our secure online giving platform.

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Services are recorded and available on Facebook and our website.

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

Generally, we celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions.

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**
- **The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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)
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God Welcomes Us in Love

Chiming the Trinity

Prelude *Great is Thy Faithfulness* *arr. Greg Howlett*

Words of Welcome Rev. Julie Thompson

This is the Day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gathering Song (Hymn 469)

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

***Call Worship** Elder Claire Calohan

Give ear, O people, to the teaching of the Lord.
We are listening, and we have come to worship.
We will tell the coming generations what God has done.
We will tell the story and keep the commandments.
Come, let us worship the God who has been faithful to us.
We come together to worship the living God.

***Hymn 299** *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* HANOVER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess that we drift.
We say we want to see you, and know you, and serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work to prepare for your coming. We promise to serve you, and then we serve other gods: our schedules, our fears, our comforts. We are so fearful of tomorrow, we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. Forgive us, and fill us again with your Spirit. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news:
Jesus died and rose again, and will bring with him both those who have died and those who are alive.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Joyful Response (Hymn 582)**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned men,
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

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1–13 hardcover, p. 801 softcover NT, p. 41

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Piano Meditation *Give Me Jesus*
African American Spiritual, arr. Brad Thoreson

Message "Keep Your Lamps Burning" Rev. Julie Thompson

God Moves Us to Respond

***Hymn 350** *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* KEEP YOUR LAMPS

Invitation to Discipleship and Community News

Moment of Generosity

***Doxology (Hymn 606)** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Affirmation of Faith** excerpts from *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets. 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 384** *Soon and Very Soon* SOON AND VERY SOON

***Benediction and Three-fold Amen**

Postlude *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* *arr. Stephen Aber*

God Calls Us into Community

Welcome to First Church on this 24th Sunday after Pentecost! Today, Jesus' parable of the ten bridesmaids reminds us to keep our lamps burning—to remain faithful, attentive, and ready to respond to God's call. Through Scripture, prayer, and song, we celebrate God's steadfast love and are encouraged to live each day with faith and purpose. Whoever you are and wherever you are on the journey, there is a place for you here. May our worship renew our spirits and strengthen us to share Christ's love in the world.

The Fellowship Continues! Worship may be ending, but our time together doesn't have to! Head over to Mowat Hall for refreshments, conversation, and a chance to catch up with friends and make new ones. We'd love for you to join us!

The Outreach Committee will meet Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the Church Office Parlor.

Presbyterian Women will gather Wednesday at noon in Mowat Hall for their monthly Bible Study and luncheon. All women are welcome to attend!



Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Doris Tinker, who passed away last month. A service celebrating her life will be held on Monday, November 23, at Heritage Funeral Home on Tyndall Parkway. Visitation will begin at 9:00 AM, followed by the funeral service at 10:00 AM. Please keep Doris's family and loved ones in your prayers during this time of loss.

This Week at First Church

November 8 – 15, 2026

Sunday, November 8

24th Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45 AM	Coffee and the Word *Richard Holley Classroom*
9:30 AM	Choir Warmup *Mowat Hall*
10:00 AM	Morning Worship *Sanctuary*
11:00 AM	Fellowship Time *Mowat Hall*

LEADING WORSHIP:

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

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS:

Greeters
Marcia Burden and Maxie Hooper
Church Safety Volunteer
Lloyd Stanley
Sound Volunteer
Donna Yielding

Monday, November 9

6:15 PM Panama City Pipes & Drums *Church Grounds*

Tuesday, November 10

10:00 AM Outreach Committee *Church Office Parlor*
6:00 PM Gulftones Barbershop Chorus *Mowat Hall*

Wednesday, November 11

12:00 PM PW Bible Study and Luncheon *Mowat Hall*
6:00 PM Chancel Choir *Sanctuary*
7:00 PM AA (Closed Meeting) *Mowat Hall*

Thursday, November 12

Friday, November 13

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

Saturday, November 14

7:00 PM AA (Open Meeting) *Mowat Hall*

Looking Ahead

Sunday, November 15

25th Sunday after Pentecost

LOOKING AHEAD SCHEDULE

8:45 AM	Coffee and the Word *Richard Holley Classroom*
9:30 AM	Choir Warmup *Mowat Hall*
10:00 AM	Morning Worship *Sanctuary*
11:00 AM	Fellowship Time *Mowat Hall*

LOOKING AHEAD VOLUNTEERS:

Greeters
Garrett Kivett and Charles Willis
Church Safety Volunteer
Charles Willis
Sound Volunteer
Donna Yielding

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *of* Lynn Haven



24th SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

- Keep the Light Burning -

MORNING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 8 | 10:00 AM

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