



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 wonderful things happening here, and we would love for you to find your place in our community of faith!

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Portions of worship services are recorded and available on Facebook and our church website.

*Indicates that the congregation may stand. **Words we all say are in bold print.**

We celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions. **All are welcome at the table of our Lord.**

Offering plates are available in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship, or you can give online by scanning the QR code. Your support enables First Church to make a meaningful impact within our community and beyond. As we often say, we are truly "**blessed to be a blessing!**"

During this season of transition, as we seek both an interim and eventually a called and installed pastor, we will be blessed by a variety of guest preachers. We invite you to embrace this opportunity to hear God's Word proclaimed through many different voices.

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 (U.S.A.)

THE SESSION

The Rev. Mark Broadhead, Moderator, **Bob Plank**, Clerk of Session

Elected spiritual leaders of this congregation:

Ann Fyfe ('26), **Jennifer Hodges** ('27), **Steven McPherson** ('28),
Bob Plank ('26), **Tami Valdez** ('28), **Kathy Welsh** ('27)

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GOD WELCOMES US IN LOVE

Prelude 'Prelude on *Land of Rest*' *arr. Leo Sowerby*

Chiming the Trinity

Words of Welcome Rich Kangas

Gathering Song (Hymn 468)
'In My Life' LORD, BE GLORIFIED

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our song, ...

In your church, ...

In your world, ...

*We Rejoice in God's Welcome

We lift our eyes to the hills—

From where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

The One who watches over us does not slumber.

Christ, the true Light, has come into the world.

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Come out of the shadows and into God's mercy.

We rejoice in God's welcome, for the Light of Christ reveals us and restores us.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn 31** 'Let Us with a Gladsome Mind' MONKLAND

*Prayer of Praise

Holy and gracious God, we lift our eyes to you, our help and our keeper. You watch over our lives with steadfast love and lead us from darkness into the light of Christ. We praise you for a love that does not condemn but saves, for a truth that reveals us and yet restores us, and for a mercy that never lets us go. Receive our worship, O God, and guide us to walk in your light, now and always. Amen.

Call to Confession

Jesus tells us that people sometimes love darkness rather than light, because the light reveals what is hidden. Yet this same light is not given to shame us, but to save us. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are light, and in you there is no darkness. Yet we confess that we often prefer the shadows. We hide our

sins, resist your truth, and fear what your light might reveal. **Forgive us, O God. Shine your light upon us to heal and restore, that we may walk in the way of Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie Eleison (Hymn 551)
'Lord, Have Mercy' LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news:

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In Jesus Christ, the light has come—not to shame us, but to free us from darkness and lead us into new life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Joyful Response (Hymn 654)

'In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful' Taizé Community, J. Berthier

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN

Gospel John 3:16-20 hardcover p. 860; softcover NT p. 127

Message 'Do You Hate the Light?' Rev. Mark Broadhead

GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

***Hymn 451** 'Open My Eyes, That I May See' OPEN MY EYES

***Lenten Declaration of Faith** From A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human and fully God. He proclaimed God's reign, forgave sinners, healed the broken, and was crucified for the sins of the world. God raised him

from the dead, breaking the power of sin and evil and bringing us from death to life eternal.

Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Ordination and Installation of a New Ruling Elder

Julian Wells, serving the unexpired term of Bob Plank ('26)

GOD GATHERS US AT THE TABLE

*Communion Hymn 507

'Come to the Table of Grace'

TABLE OF GRACE

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution and Communion of God's People

Prayer after Communion

GOD SENDS US TO LIVE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

*Hymn 744 'Arise, Your Light is Come'

FESTAL SONG

*Benediction and Three-fold Amen

Postlude 'Postlude on Festal Song'

arr. Bradley Thoreson

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:

The Chancel Choir
Bradley Thoreson, *Organist, Director of Music*
Rich Kangas, *Lay Leader*
Rev. Mark Broadhead, *Guest Preacher and Worship Leader*

ASSISTING TODAY:

Ann and Jim Fyfe, *Greeters*
Chris Stanley, *Church Safety Volunteer*

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK:

Maxie Hooper and Linda Wentworth, *Greeters*
Lloyd Stanley, *Church Safety Volunteer*

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GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Welcome to worship on this Second Sunday in Lent. We look to the One who watches over us (Psalm 121) and hear again that God so loved the world that he sent the Light into our darkness (John 3:16-20). In this season of reflection and grace, we walk in Christ's light, trusting that what God reveals, God redeems. Whether longtime members or first-time visitors, you are welcome here! May this hour draw us closer to God's truth, mercy, and life-giving light.

Today we welcome back the Rev. Mark Broadhead as our guest preacher and worship leader. Mark is a true friend to First Church and serves as our Presbytery Liaison during our transition process.

Be sure to stay after worship for refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall. It's a great way to start your week!

The Session and Interim Pastor Search Committee met this morning to discuss and vote on important matters in the life of this congregation. We have a candidate in the final stages of approval by Presbytery and Session, should the way be clear.

Fellowship Tuesdays will gather this MONDAY, March 2, at 6 pm at Sakura in Lynn Haven. What a great opportunity to get to know each other better and build friendships within this community of faith. **Please RSVP by texting Tami Valdez TODAY (850) 625-8882.**

Men of the Church meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and fellowship. We welcome new members and welcome suggestions for guest speakers—please share ideas with Rich Walker or Glen McGhee. Our next gathering is Tuesday, March 10. We hope to see you there!

DURING THIS SEASON OF TRANSITION:

If you have a prayer request, please contact Kathy Welsh, Congregational Care Chair, at 850-866-0019. Your requests will be kept confidential and shared only in the manner you prefer.

Have an announcement for the bulletin or website? Please send it to Terri Boardway (firstpresbylh@gmail.com) by noon on Wednesdays so we can keep our church family informed and connected.

If you are interested in church membership, please speak with Bob Plank, Clerk of Session, or any ruling elder. We are eager for you to find your place in the life of First Church!



Stay connected! Sign up for This Week @ First Church, the Friday e-Alert, worship links, prayer updates, and more by scanning the QR code.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Lynn Haven



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MORNING WORSHIP

March 1, 2026
10 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST