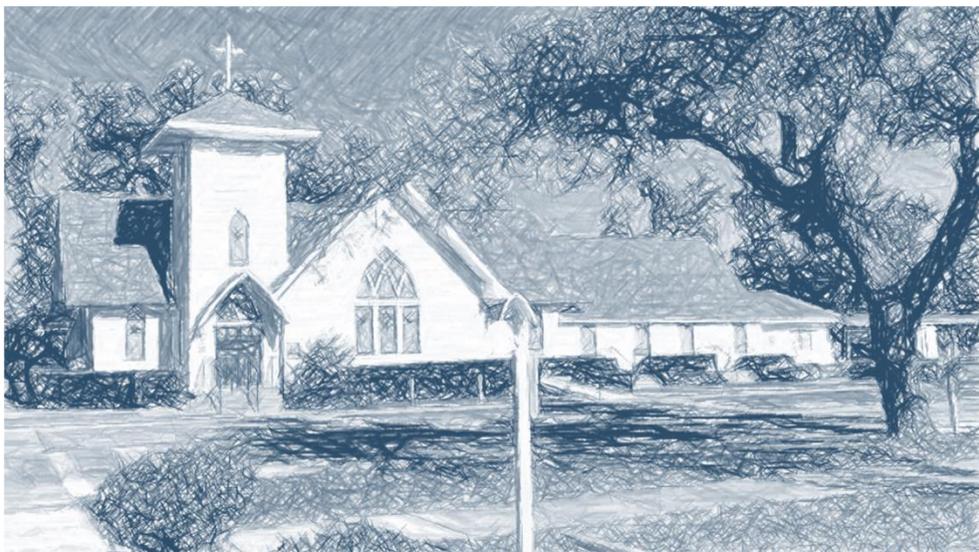




FIRST
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MORNING WORSHIP

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 15, 2021

10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | EASTER | **PENTECOST**



Welcome to all who gather to worship this day! We are now in the season of Pentecost, which focuses on the teachings of Jesus and how we are shaped and challenged by them. 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.

- About the Service -

Wearing a face mask is strongly recommended for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Please observe responsible physical distancing as a courtesy to others worshipping with us.

The single chime and Prelude call us to silent, prayerful preparation for worship.

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

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 Martin**

Clerk of Session: **Rosa Stanley**

Class Of 2021: **Marcia Burden, Steve Gabbard**

Class Of 2022: **Rich Kangas, Nancy Mills, Wanda Wallace**

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

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“O Day of Radiant Gladness”

Lani Smith

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111)

Praise the Lord!

Let's give thanks to the Lord with everything we've got!

God's works are great and delightful to those who pay attention.

God has sent redemption and wholeness of life to the world.

Holy and awesome is the Lord! God's grace and mercy endure forever!

God's praise will last for all eternity!

*OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

God of all life, we pause to give thanks for your love for the world. You have created us so that we are most whole when we live into your love for others, for ourselves, and for creation. Accept our praise and thanksgiving. Grant us an awareness of Christ's presence among us, so that we may be empowered and emboldened to live so you can use us anywhere, anytime. Amen.

PIANO PRAISE

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Brad Thoreson

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

God of endless mercy, we live like there's no tomorrow. Our focus is on the here-and-now, with little thought about how our lives impact the well being of society and creation. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us your mercy once more, and heal us of our sinfulness, so that we may live more wholly in your world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

“Got Me Some Joy”

J. Ferguson and R. Stone, arr. Luke Woodard

FPC SUMMER CHOIR

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL John 6:51-58

(see back side fold)

MESSAGE

“Living Wholly”

Rev. Lisa Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH (Presbyterian Church USA)

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with the people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church toward the kingdom of God, with just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding, and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

PIANO MEDITATION

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. David Hampton

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

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

(see back side fold)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“We are Marching in the Light of God”

traditional South African

THE GOSPEL **John 6:51-58**

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³ Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME

(I'M GONNA LIVE)

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- August 15, 2021 -

We've been collecting clipboards and child/youth headsets for students at Lynn Haven Elementary School! Thanks to everyone who participated in our collection effort. The items will be delivered to LHES tomorrow morning.



VISIT OUR CHURCH WEBSITE ... from your bulletin! Simply scan the QR code below with your phone's camera and it will allow you to subscribe, view the bulletin, or visit the church website!

Statement from the Session Regarding Covid-19, 8/8/2021:

As Christians our primary concern is care for others and ourselves.

As the Delta variant of Covid-19 puts people in the hospital who are unvaccinated and can make sick even those who are vaccinated, what is our Christian response?

Since those who are vaccinated can still get the virus and can pass it on to others, what is our Christian response?

As we strive to care for others and ourselves at First Presbyterian Church, what is our Christian response?

Shouldn't our Christian response be to do what we can to help care for others and ourselves? Given the heightened impact of Covid-19, the Session strongly recommends that everyone – unvaccinated and vaccinated alike – wear masks during worship and at small group gatherings.

Further, we encourage all who are unvaccinated to get vaccinated as soon as possible.