



### 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.

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 2024: **Don Mowat, Kathy Welsh**

Class Of 2025: **John Deegins, Rich Kangas**

Class Of 2026: **Ann Fyfe, Pam Leonard**

### 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 Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Bradley Thoreson, organ

arr. Anna Laura Page

### CHIMING THE HOUR

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Martin

### \*GATHERING SONG (Hymn 614, sung twice)

"Great Are You, Lord"

GREAT IS THE LORD

**Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just;**

**by your power we trust in your love.**

**Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true;**

**by your mercy you prove you are love.**

**Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!**

**Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.**

**Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:**

**Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!**

### \*WE REJOICE IN GOD'S WELCOME

Revelation 1

*Grace to you and peace from the one who is*

*and who was and who is to come,*

**and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,**

**the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the**

**kings of the earth.**

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!*

Isaiah 6

**The whole earth is full of God's glory!**

### \*HYMN 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

### \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**Sovereign God, come to us now in silent, holy power. Still our**

**distracted minds, our bruised hearts, our questioning spirits.**

**Open us to receive your good gifts of worship with thanksgiving.**

**By your Spirit, remind us that to be a follower of Jesus is to be a**

**servant of your kingdom; in Christ we are to love you, our**

**neighbors, and ourselves as we reveal your reign of peace. Amen.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world but to mend*

*and refashion our hearts, let us confess our sins.*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers**

**instead of the power of your love in Christ Jesus. Help us to turn**

**our hearts toward you. Restore us in your love, and set us free to**

**forgive as we have been forgiven, by the grace and mercy of your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*Sisters and brothers, God loves us, forgives us, and frees us from our sins.*

*Therefore be at peace, and be assured of the good news:*

**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

Chancel Choir

"To the Lamb on the Throne"

arr. Dan Forrest

## GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN

### THE GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

NT, p. 153, softback

NT, p. 877, hardback

### MESSAGE

"Belonging to the Truth"

Rev. Lisa Martin

## GOD CALLS US TO ACT

### \*HYMN 269

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

LANCASHIRE

### \*DECLARATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*, PCUSA

**We believe that Christ calls us to live in pilgrimage toward God's**

**kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that**

**sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than**

**Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in**

**the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Christ calls**

**each of us to a life appropriate for God's kingdom: to serve as he**

**has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of**

**faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight; to hope for**

**what we have not seen. Thanks be to God!**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

\*HYMN 336

“We Gather Together”

KREMSER

\*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*POSTLUDE

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

arr. Douglas Wagner

## ARC OF THE BAY CHRISTMAS WISH LIST 2024

Christmas blankets	Stanley type cups
Adult size gloves (men & women)	Adult size socks (men & women)
\$20 gift cards	Bath sets (men & women)
Basketball	Soccer ball
Sketch pads with gel pens	Adult coloring books
Lunch box with thermos (men & women)	Personal radio with headphones
Popcorn tins	Bluetooth speaker
Latch hook rugs	Puzzle (100 piece or less)
Board games	Art supplies

**Questions? Contact Peggy Kangas (850-238-0141)**



## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Chancel Choir  
Bradley Thoreson, Music Director, Organist  
The Reverend Lisa W. Martin, Preacher

## ASSISTING TODAY

**Greeters:** Ann and Jim Fyfe  
**Church Safety Volunteer:** Charles Willis

## ASSISTING NEXT WEEK

**Greeters:** Carol Oakley and Larry Hammond  
**Church Safety Volunteer:** David Cooley

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 24, 2024

**Welcome to Worship!** Today we celebrate the reign of Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. Please stay for our Thanksgiving feast that follows worship!

**Today we receive the 2-Cents-a-Meal offering**, which supports food insecurity ministries of First Church and the Presbytery of Florida. Thank you for giving generously; the collection basket is in the Narthex.

**We also receive the annual Thank Offering today**, which supports ministries of compassion and care through the Presbyterian Women. Giving envelopes are in the bulletin.

**Our annual tradition of providing gifts** for Arc of the Bay clients is under way! See the list of requested items on the side panel. Please place your unwrapped gift in the receptacle in the sanctuary or bring it to the church office by Dec. 2. To learn more about Arc of the Bay, go to <https://bayarc.org/>.

**The season of Advent begins next Sunday!** During worship we will usher in the church’s “new year” by decorating our Chrismon tree. Following refreshments, any who wish to help decorate the sanctuary are welcome to stay and help out! As part of our Advent observance, we will celebrate the sacrament of holy communion.

**The Women’s Holiday Party** will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 11-1 in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to the fun and holy hilarity! Bring a wrapped holiday gift costing no more than \$10 for our gift exchange. (Don’t put your name on the gift!)

**Coffee and the Word** adult bible study class meets every Sunday morning from 8:45-9:30 in the sanctuary classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend, and study material is provided! No need to register, just show up! Questions? Contact Bob Plank @ 850-206-4617.

**The Chancel Choir rehearses every Wednesday** at 6 pm in the sanctuary. We’re preparing music for Advent and Christmas, and we welcome new singers! For more information, chat with music director Brad Thoreson or email [bradfplh@gmail.com](mailto:bradfplh@gmail.com).



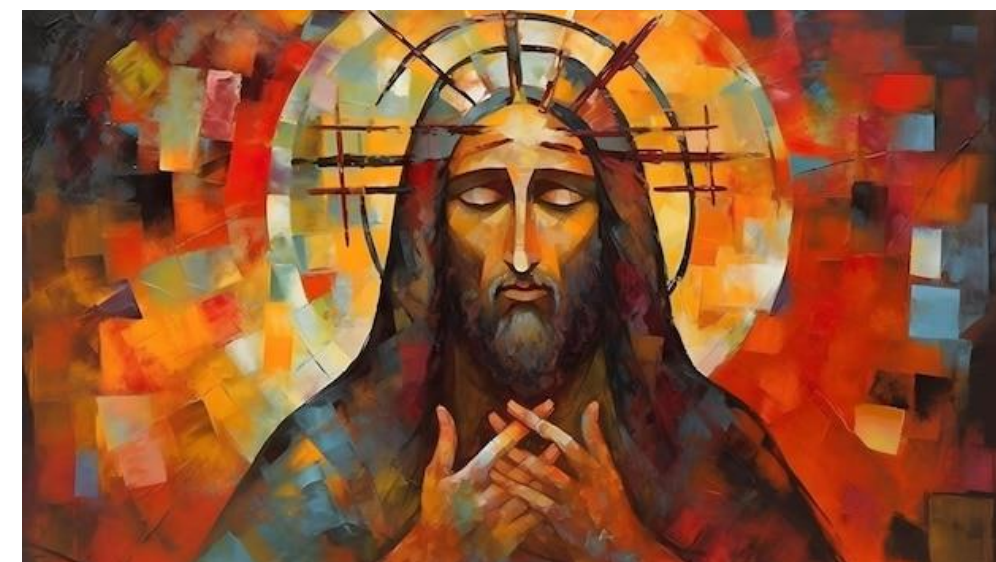
**Let’s stay in touch!** Sign up to receive the *e-Alert*, prayer concerns, and *This Week @ First Church* notices! Click the QR code with your phone’s camera and follow the prompts. The more connected we are, the more we are a blessing to others and ourselves!

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## MORNING WORSHIP



# CHRIST THE KING

CELEBRATING THE REIGN OF CHRIST

**NOVEMBER 24, 2024  
10:00 AM**

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY  
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST