



### 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.

When we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please know that all are welcome at the table of our Lord.

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 2025: **John Deegins, Rich Kangas**

Class Of 2026: **Ann Fyfe, Bob Plank**

Class Of 2027: **Jennifer Hodges, Kathy Welsh**

### 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

"O God Beyond All Praising"

Bradley Thoreson, organ

THAXTED

### CHIMING THE HOUR

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Martin

### GATHERING SONG (Hymn 452)

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

OPEN THE EYES

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.**

**I want to see you; I want to see you.**

**To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.**

**Pour out your power and love as we sing**

**Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.**

**Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.**

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

Isaiah 6, Luke 5, Ps. 138

*In this sanctuary, God, the Holy One, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.*

**Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.**

*We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praises and giving thanks!*

**God is faithful and will lead us all the days of our living.**

### \*HYMN 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

### \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**We praise you, Lord God, for you are holy and worthy of our devotion. Heaven and earth reverberate with your glory, and we your people look to you for the good news of saving love in Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, help us to cling to you, that we may be wholly devoted servants who exalt your name above all things. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Let us turn to the most holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve and deliver us. Though our lips are not clean and our hearts are not pure, you call us. Forgive us, we pray, when our lives do not reflect your glory. We long to experience your mercy, so that we can be healed and set free for faithful service. Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*God is faithful and steadfast, eager to forgive our sin and grant us peace.*

*Brothers and sisters, let us believe and celebrate the good news of the*

*Gospel: **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.**

### PIANO MEDITATION

"He Leadeth Me"

William Bradbury, arr. Casie Ravert

## GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN

### THE GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

NT, p. 85, softback

NT, p. 831, hardback

### MESSAGE

"Into the Chaos"

Rev. Lisa Martin

## GOD CALLS US TO ACT

### \*HYMN 727

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

THE SERVANT SONG

### \*DECLARATION OF FAITH (The Rev. Amanda Burr, Palm Springs, CA)

**We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the beloved Son of God.**

**He sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world.**

**We believe that he will come again.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out, refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God, and the promise of eternal life.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**




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 340 "This Is My Song" FINLANDIA
- \*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN
- \*POSTLUDE "Hear the Good News of Salvation" NETTLETON



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## February 9, 2025

**Welcome to worship!** We are now in the season of Epiphany, when the church focuses on the ways that God in Jesus Christ is revealed to the world around us. We're glad you're here!

**The session has called for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation** at the close of worship today. These brief meetings are required by the PCUSA (congregational meeting) and the State of Florida (corporation meeting).

**The session gathers for its regular stated meeting today** at 11:30 in the church office parlor. Church members are welcome to attend and learn more about the governance of the church.

**The Presbyterian Men** will gather at 5:30 on Tuesday for their February covered-dish dinner meeting. All men are welcome to attend!

**The Presbyterian Women** meet this Wednesday at noon for a light lunch and Bible study. All women are encouraged to participate!

**Our February luncheon is next Sunday!** Bring a meat, veggie, and/or dessert to share and let's enjoy great food and even greater conversation!

**February is Black History Month.** This year's theme is "African Americans and Labor" with a focus on the various and profound ways that work of all kinds intersects with the collective experiences of Black people. For more information from the Smithsonian Institute, go to <https://www.si.edu/events/black-history-month>.

**The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays and Sunday mornings!** Join us to make a joyful noise! We gather Wednesdays at 6 PM in the sanctuary and Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Did you know that all music is available online for you to rehearse on your own? [www.firstchurchlh.org/cc](http://www.firstchurchlh.org/cc).

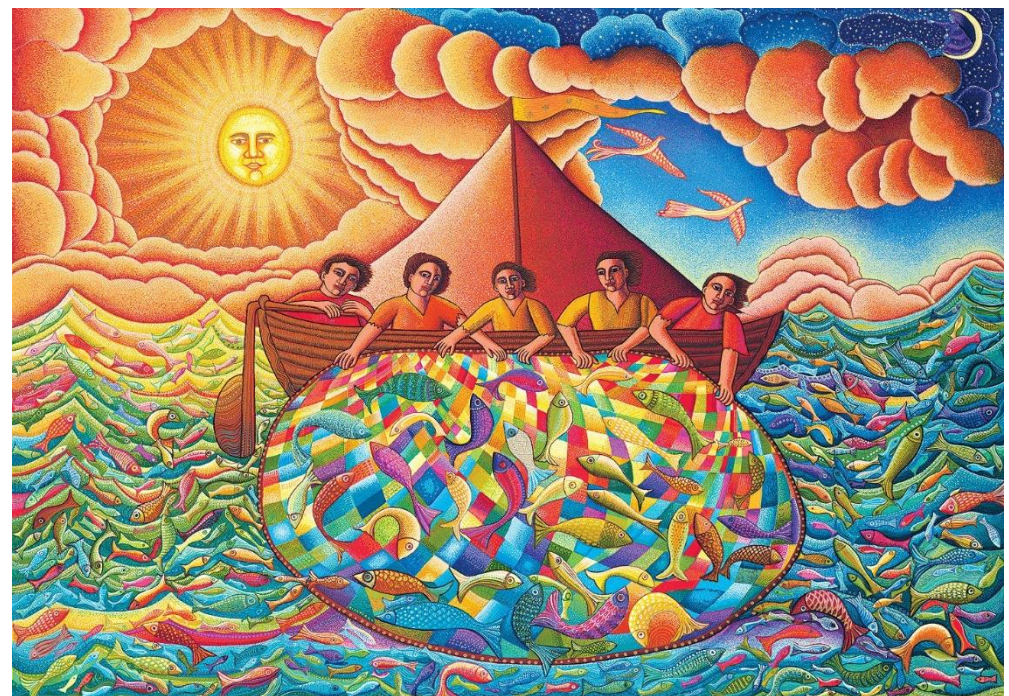
**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**  
The Chancel Choir  
Bradley Thoreson, Music Director, Organist  
The Reverend Lisa W. Martin, Pastor

**ASSISTING TODAY 2/9**  
**Greeters:** Carol Oakley and Larry Hammond  
**Church Safety Volunteer:** Julian Wells

**ASSISTING NEXT WEEK 2/16**  
**Greeters:** Jan Rains and John Deegins  
**Church Safety Volunteer:** Charles Willis



## MORNING WORSHIP



The Great Catch, John August Swanson, 1993

# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**FEBRUARY 9, 2025**  
**10:00 AM**