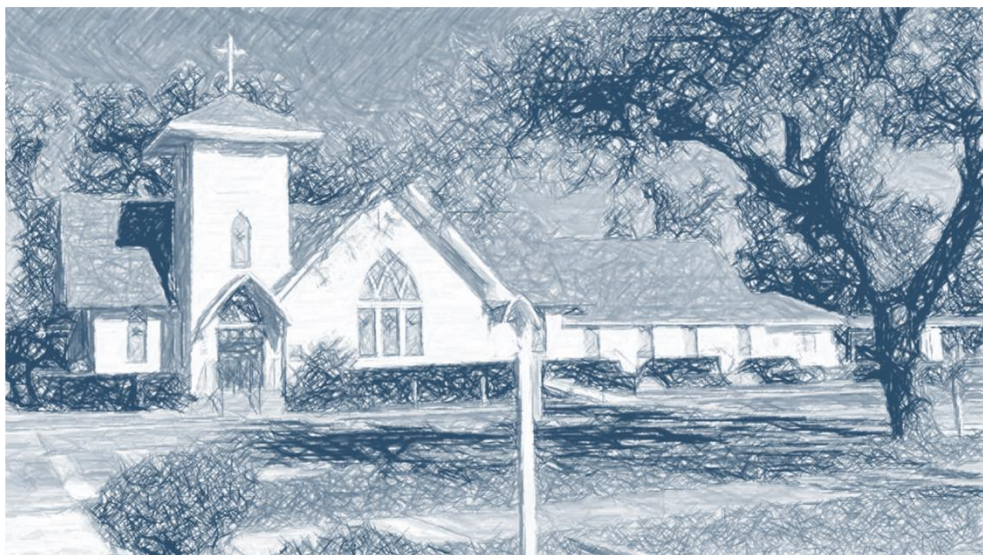




FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*of Lynn Haven*



MORNING WORSHIP

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**October 17, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY

LENT | EASTER | **PENTECOST**



**Welcome to all who gather to worship this day!** 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](http://www.firstchurchlh.org) and subscribe to our weekly email.

## - About the Service -

**Each worship service is filmed for later access on Facebook and our church web site. Please refrain from loud conversation once the Prelude begins!**

*The single chime and Prelude call us to silent, prayerful preparation for worship. Please refrain from loud conversation during the Prelude.*

*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

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Lloyd Larson

## CHIMING THE HOUR

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 104)

*We gather to worship God,*  
who stretched the heavens like a tent and set the earth on its foundations.

*We gather to worship God,*  
who rides the winds like a chariot and wears light as a garment.

*We gather to worship God,*  
who suffered for the sake of our lives and offers us life abundant!

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Great and mighty God, as we worship this day open our minds and hearts to sense the mystery of your activity in the world and in our lives. By your Spirit, enable us to live in joyful service all our days, and grant us peace in believing. In the name of the risen and triumphant Christ we pray. Amen!

## PIANO PRAISE

“Immortal, Invisible”

traditional Welsh hymn, arr. James Koerts

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gentle God, we have wanted reward without sacrifice. We have been unwilling to serve and have not humbled ourselves in obedience. Forgive us, we pray. Correct our self-serving ways and help us to experience your glory through servanthood. Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

# WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT Hebrews 5:1-4, 7-9

(see back side fold)

PIANO MEDITATION

“What Wondrous Love Is This”      WONDROUS LOVE, arr. Brad Thoreosn

THE GOSPEL      Mark 10:35-45      (see back side fold)

MESSAGE

“Sacrifice”      Rev. Lisa Martin

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

\*DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH (PCUSA)

We know that God is not confined only to the story we tell. The biblical story tells us that God’s sovereign will is being worked among all peoples of the earth. We believe that God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God. To worship God is our highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom.

SOLO

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”      traditional Hindi melody

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

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”      (see insert)

\*BENEDICTION & CHORAL AMEN

\*POSTLUDE

“Recessional on ‘St. Denio’”      Gordon Young

## **NEW TESTAMENT    Hebrews 5:1-4, 7-9**

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup> That one is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since they themselves are subject to weakness. <sup>3</sup> This is why that one has to offer sacrifices for their own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. <sup>4</sup> And no one takes this honor on themselves, but they receive it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>7</sup> During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup> Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered <sup>9</sup> and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

## **THE GOSPEL    Mark 10:35-45**

<sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

<sup>36</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

<sup>37</sup> They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

<sup>38</sup> "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

<sup>39</sup> "We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. <sup>42</sup> Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- October 17 -

**What a great amount of non-perishable food we've received** for our backpack ministry with Lynn Haven Elementary School! Last week we filled 17 backpacks with nourishing food that will help sustain a student and their family over the weekend. Seventeen is a high number to begin the school year, and we anticipate that number increasing, so please know how grateful we are for your generosity! One half of our 2-Cents-a-Meal offering supports our Backpack Ministry; that offering is received the last Sunday of every month!

**The Presbytery of Florida meets this Saturday** at Camp Dogwood Acres. Pastor Lisa and Elder Rich Kangas will attend, and Brad Thoreson will serve as technical administrator and musician! This will be our first in-person gathering of the presbytery since 2019.

**Fellowship Hour following worship resumes** next Sunday, Oct. 24, in the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to sign up to provide simple snacks, please contact Marcia Burden or Wanda Wallace.

**Blessed to be a blessing!** October 30 is coming soon! If you'd like to help a sister congregation in DeFuniak Springs spruce up their facility (painting, outdoor work, some lighter cleaning), please see Pastor Lisa. 9-noon, and lunch is served!

**Adult Christian Education Sunday begins Nov. 7, 8:45-9:30 am.** Pastor Lisa will be leading a class that focuses on our Reformed tradition. What do we believe, and why, as Reformed Presbyterians? This class is open to anyone – no need to register beforehand! Bonus: The coffee will be hot when you arrive! 😊

**If you'd like to help create and assemble seasonal** Christian Education packets for our children and youth, please contact Pastor Lisa. These packets will enable our children and youth to grow in faith through the important seasons of our church year. The first packet we'll work on is "Giving Thanks: A Month of Thanksgiving". Thank you for helping!

## Looking Ahead:

- **Oct. 24** 1<sup>st</sup> after worship Fellowship Time
- **Oct. 31** A special Reformation/All Souls worship experience
- **Nov. 7** Adult Sunday School – 8:45-9:30 am



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