



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

"The Church's One Foundation"

Bradley Thoreson, organ

AURELIA, arr. Daniel Burton

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Martin

GATHERING SONG (Hymn 626)

"As the Deer"

AS THE DEER

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield.

To you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

*WE REJOICE IN GOD'S WELCOME

Psalms 36

God's steadfast love extends to the heavens, God's faithfulness to the clouds and beyond!

God's righteousness is like the mighty mountains; God's judgments are like the great deep. The Lord has mercy on people and animals alike!

How precious is God's steadfast love! All creation may take refuge in the shadow of God's wings.

With God is the fountain of life; in God's light we see light.

*HYMN 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of all light, through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world. We praise you for your steadfast love! As we worship you this day, open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform, that we may believe with our minds and trust in our hearts that you alone are the Lord of all creation. Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the light of God in Christ Jesus, we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have been careless with the gifts of earth's resources that you provide. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully, and remind us once more that you alone are God. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: Christ unmasks the idols of our world and frees us from all that would oppress us, blessing us to place our eternal trust in God alone. 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.

ANTHEM

"Over My Head"

Chancel Choir

Traditional spiritual, arr. Adam and Matt Podd

GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN

THE EPISTLE

I Corinthians 12:1-11

NT, p. 233, softback

NT, p. 930, hardback

THE GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

NT, p. 126, softback

NT, p. 859, hardback

MESSAGE

"Signs of Belief"

Rev. Lisa Martin

GOD CALLS US TO ACT

*HYMN 693

"Though I May Speak"

GIFT OF LOVE

*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 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.

GOD SENDS US TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

*HYMN 300

"We Are One in the Spirit" THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

*POSTLUDE

"I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table" arr. Bradley Thoreson



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!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 19, 2025

Welcome to worship! We are now in the season of Epiphany, when the church focuses on the ways that Jesus makes himself known to the world around him. We're glad you're here!

Soup & Sandwich for Saints is our lunch theme today! Everyone is welcome to join us for great food and even greater conversation!

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this Saturday. WPCU is an ecumenical Christian observance that is celebrated internationally, reminding Christians that there is more that unites us than that divides us. To learn more, go to: <https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-d&q=week+of+prayer+for+christian+unity+2025>.

First Church is hosting the Bay County gathering of Presbyterian churches on Thursday, January 30. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Our meal will be homemade chili, cornbread, and desserts. **If you'd like to provide chili, cornbread, and/or desserts, please reach out to Pastor Lisa.** Everyone is invited to this gathering with brothers and sisters from Grace, Parkway, and Gulf Beach churches.

The church office is closed tomorrow for the observance of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.

Next Sunday we receive the 2-cents-a-meal offering, which supports food insecurity ministries of First Church and Florida Presbytery. Through this offering we are blessed to keep food in the Blessing Box and provide weekend meals for Lynn Haven Elementary School students who need assistance.

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

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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

ASSISTING TODAY 1/19

Greeters: Marcia Burden and Lisa Holloway
Church Safety Volunteer: Chris Stanley

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK 1/26

Greeters: Garrett Kivett and Charles Willis
Church Safety Volunteer: Lloyd Stanley



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Lynn Haven

MORNING WORSHIP



2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 19, 2025
10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST