



### 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

"Fanfare on 'Austrian Hymn'"

Bradley Thoreson, organ

Gordon Young

### CHIMING THE HOUR

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Martin

### GATHERING SONG (Hymn 413)

"Come Into God's Presence"

COME INTO HIS PRESENCE

**Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia"**

... "Jesus is Lord"

... "Glory to God"

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

Psalm 124, Romans 14

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**Maker of heaven and earth.**

*If we live, we live to the Lord;*

**If we die, we die to the Lord;**

*So then, whether we live or whether we die,*

**We are the Lord's!**

### \*HYMN 326

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINI

### \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**God of all glory, we gather today with the saints of every time and place to honor and praise your holy name. As you have revealed your mercy and might to your faithful people in every age, so let us glimpse the mystery of your life-giving grace and the love that even death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, beginning and end. Amen.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*God has promised to make of us a new creation, laying to rest the former things, making all things new (Rev. 21). Trusting in God's grace-filled promise, let us confess our sins.*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you came from heaven to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people. We confess that we remain shrouded in sin: we hurt and disgrace ourselves; we abuse and destroy one another; we dishonor your holy name. Forgive us, we pray. Unbind us, and let us go so that we may stand among your saints, rejoicing in your saving grace; through Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*The one seated on the throne says: See, I am making all things new (Rev. 21). Brothers and sisters, let us believe 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

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Chancel Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

## GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN

### NEW TESTAMENT

Revelation 21:1-6a.

NT, p. 353, softback

NT, p. 1013, hardback

### THE GOSPEL

John 11:32-44

NT, p. 142, softback

NT, p. 870, hardback

### MESSAGE

"The Unbinding"

Rev. Lisa Martin

## GOD CALLS US TO ACT

### ANTHEM

"In Deepest Night"

Text: Susan Palo Cherwein, Music: David Schwoebel  
arr. Mark Edwards

Chancel Choir

### REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Sally Kay Kivett

July 15, 1942 – Nov. 2, 2023

Teena Elizabeth Dancy

Nov. 28, 1936 – Dec. 6, 2023

Donald "Rube" Waddell

Dec. 16, 1931 – Dec. 29, 2023

Sue Ellen Waddell

July 20, 1945 – Jan. 1, 2024

Joyce Tate Wright

Sept. 28, 1930 – Jan. 25, 2024

Patricia Ligon Murfee

July 10, 1939 – Sept. 17, 2024

### \*DECLARATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith, PCUSA

**In Jesus Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, and assurance of mercy beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle. In Christ, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation that he has already begun and will surely finish. In that time to come, there will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. The fellowship of humans with God and each other will be perfected. In the face of death we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life, for nothing, not even death, can separate us from God's eternal love.**





# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN 522

“I Am the Bread of Life”

I AM THE BREAD

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING & 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## GOD SENDS US TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*HYMN 826

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

\*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*POSTLUDE

“For All the Saints”

Phil Lehenbauer

### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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

### ASSISTING TODAY

**Greeters:** Lisa Holloway and Charles Willis  
**Church Safety Volunteer:** Lloyd Stanley

### ASSISTING NEXT WEEK

**Greeters:** Marcia Burden and Garrett Kivett  
**Church Safety Volunteer:** Rich Walker

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## November 3, 2024

**Welcome to Worship!** Today we honor the memory of First Church saints who have gained their eternal crown of victory since last November. We also remember those closest to us whose memories we cherish and legacy we live. During worship there will be time to name loved ones.

**The session has called for a congregational meeting** at the close of worship today for the purpose of electing two ruling elders: one for the class of 2027, and one to fill an unexpired term for the class of 2026.

**Fall Fest is TODAY, 3-5 pm, in the pole barn!** Come for fun, food, games, and live entertainment with John Cannon! This is our 1st annual event, so let’s make it a great one! And yes, you may bring your Halloween candy to share! ☺

**Our November Fellowship Tuesdays** gathering will be held this Tuesday at 6 pm at El Jalisco Mexican restaurant in Lynn Haven. What a great way to spend part of your election evening! Please rsvp to Tami Valdez @ 850-625-8882.

**A Fall Work Day will be held this Saturday!** Come with garden tools and help with simple outside chores. There’ll be things to do indoors, too, so come on out and lend a helping hand! Window washing, anyone?!? 8 am – 12 noon

**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.

**Fall Outdoor Worship!** We’ll gather at the Pole Barn on Sunday, Nov. 17 for morning worship. Bring a lawn chair (some chairs will be set up ahead of time) and let’s enjoy outdoor worship and a simple cook-out lunch! No need to bring any food; it’s all provided!

**Our Annual Thanksgiving Feast** will be held on Sunday, November 24 after worship. Mark your calendar now; this is a festive annual event! Invite family and friends and let’s give thanks together.

**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 [bradfpclh@gmail.com](mailto:bradfpclh@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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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
of Lynn Haven

## MORNING WORSHIP



# 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY after PENTECOST ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

NOVEMBER 3, 2024  
10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY  
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST