



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



July 5, 2026

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am Service

**PRELUDE**

**“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

Marty Parks

**TRINITY CHIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*Please greet your neighbor, saying: “The peace of the Lord be with you.”*

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Declare God’s glory among the nations;

**People: tell all the people of God’s marvelous works.**

Leader: Say among the nations: The Lord is sovereign!

**People: God will judge the peoples with equity.**

**Unison: Let us worship God together!**

\* **HYMN #338**

**“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”**

MATERNA

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\* **GLORIA PATRI #581**

**“Glory Be to the Father”**

GREATOREX

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON**

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

**HYMN #340**

**“This Is My Song”**

**FINLANDIA**

**SECOND LESSON**

**Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

Minister: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

**“Celebrate with Song”**

Rev. Ruth Elswood

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

**OFFERTORY**

**“Fair Havens”**

Stan Pethel

**\* DOXOLOGY #606**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**\* HYMN #337**

**“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”**

AMERICA

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* SENDING SONG**

**“Our Church’s Mission”**

FPCLC

**\* POSTLUDE**

**“Come, Sound His Praise Abroad”**

Anthony Giamanco

# Announcements

**Sunday School - (9:30am) Montgomery SS Class: RM106**

Jay Fraser & Jennifer Renfroe

**Children – 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade: RM104 – Lisa Smith Youth 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade: RM202 – Johnny Brown**

**Life Group – Monday - Joy Seekers: (4pm) Grande Cypress**

**Mission – Tuesday: (10am) Email**

**Seekers – Wednesday: (9am) RM106**

**Bible Study – Men’s Power Lunch – Wednesdays: (12noon) FH**

***Fellowship Dinner – On break for the Summer***

**Nominations – Thursday: (9:30am) RM106**

**Men’s Breakfast at IHOP – Friday: (8am) see Larry Elshoff**

**Scouts – Monday (6:30pm) EB: Scouts Den Mtg**

(7pm) Scout Hut: **Scout Troop 85**

## VBS 2026 “Emerald Crossing” – July 13-17

Session Meeting – July 19 | RM106 | 11:30am

### Communion – July 19

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#### Staff & Support

Music Director/Worship Coordinator – Tim Redding

Youth Director – Johnny Brown

Office & Financial Administrator – Nikki Hubler

Administrative Assistant – Jazmin Halley

Sexton – Luke Stanziani

Musicians – Sharon Christensen, Dalton Weatherford & Joel St. John

#### The Session Elders & Committee Chairs

**Clerk of Session** – Janie Killian 386-984-5742

**Personnel** – Don Baggett 863-634-3625

**Congregational Life** – Cheryl Whigham 386-397-3246

**Property** – Gerry Klauber 540-809-1124

**Christian Ed.** – Marty Fraser 386-365-1454

**Seekers** – Jennifer Renfroe – 386-292-2491

**Finance** – Lee McDuffie 386-365-4965

**Stewardship** – Mike Millikin 386-623-0901

**Mission Outreach** – Lisa Smith 386-697-6010

**Worship** – Anne Carroll 386-365-2771

**Nominations** – Charles Kime 386-755-4937

**Youth** – Beverly Schulz 386-965-0224

# Prayer List

1. Joshua Adams (U. S. Army)
2. Graham Anthony
3. Don & Julia Baggett
4. Judy Benvenuti
5. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
6. Virginia Boyette (Nancy Howe's friend)
7. Doris Clark
8. Jasper Dennison (Kitty Dennison's son)
9. Marion Dooley
10. Holly Durrenberger (Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity's daughter)
11. Larry Elshoff
12. Alison Goodrich
13. Anne Graves
14. Art Graves
15. Art Grover
16. Rodger Hadley
17. Carol Hendrix (Bev Anthony's sister)
18. Janie Hollis
19. Joanne Hudson
20. Tom Hudson
21. Katherine Lyle (Nikki Hubler's mother-in-law)
22. Bonnie McGarity (Dr. Don McGarity's wife)
23. Bereaved family & friends of June Montgomery (former pastor's wife)
24. Camp Montgomery Staff
25. **James Mobley (Beverly Schulz's friend)**
26. Marty Morper
27. Joyce Ogden (Janie Hollis's friend)
28. Minesh Patel (Graham & Bev Anthony's friend)
29. Peace in the world
30. Kelly Poe (Marty Fraser's sister)
31. Phyllis Skinner
32. Pattie Smith (Janie Hollis's friend)
33. **VBS leaders, volunteers & children**
34. Blaine Walker (former FPCLC Associate Pastor)
35. Nick & Mary Brown Whitehurst
36. Pam Williams (Nancy Howe's friend)

*God of Comfort, God of Grace, and God of Love, we pray for your mercy, healing, and comfort for those above, as you hold them and their loved ones close to you. We pray that in your presence their hearts may know and feel your love, hope and kindness in the midst of their troubles. In Jesus Christ, we pray. AMEN.* Thank you for keeping them in your daily prayers.

## **Birthdays:**

Phyllis Stevenson 7/8   Matt Hentzeman 7/11   Thomas Spencer 7/11

## **Anniversaries:**

Steve & Teresa Allison 7/9  
Thomas & Debbie Spencer 7/10

**We warmly welcome you to our worship service.** Your presence is a great joy and we hope that you will have a wonderful experience of God's grace and love. If you are interested in becoming a member of the church or exploring becoming a member, please speak to the minister after worship today. *We would love to have you as a member!*