



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



May 25, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

10:30am Service

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

TRINITY CHIME

PRELUDE

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

Victor Labenske

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world filled with violence and war,

People: we gather to celebrate the promise of peace.

Leader: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

People: we gather to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

Leader: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

People: we gather to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

Leader: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

People: the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

Unison: Let us worship God together!

* HYMN #337

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

AMERICA

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life. Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

People: Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI #581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GREATOREX

ANTHEM

"In God We Trust"

Joe Parks

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 46 (unison)

*** HYMN #338** **“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”** MATERNA

SECOND LESSON John 15:12-17

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **"Remembering the Cost of Freedom"** Dr. Don McGarity

*** 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.

HYMN #227	"Jesus, Remember Me"	REMEMBER ME
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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	"The Star-Spangled Banner"	Victor Labenske
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*** DOXOLOGY #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH**

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

We give you thanks and praise, O God, because your love will endure forever. You have given us the gift of your salvation and have placed a deep joy within our hearts. We are more than blessed to be here in your presence. Amen.

* PUBLIC DOMAIN HYMN	"God Bless America"	Irving Berlin
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*** BENEDICTION**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: May almighty God bless you: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Minister: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

* SENDING SONG #601	"Threefold Amen"	DANISH AMEN
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*** POSTLUDE** “Lift Every Voice and Sing” David Winkler

Announcements

Memorial Day ~ May 26

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

Jay Fraser, Jennifer Renfroe & Dr. Elaine Phillips

Children – 2nd to 5th grade: RM104 – Lisa Smith Youth 6th to 12th grade: RM202 – Johnny Brown

Committee Meetings: Thursday – (9am) RM106: Personnel

Bible Study – Men's Power Lunch - Wednesdays (12noon) FH: In-person only

Life Group – Monday – Joy Seekers: (4pm) RM106

Youth Group – Sunday (12pm) Pool Party!

Friday – (8am) IHOP: Men's Breakfast (see Larry Elshoff)

Saturday – (6pm) FH: Living Sober

Scouts – Monday (6:30pm) EB: Scout Girls Troop 9085

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

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

**Beginning June 1st, the adult Sunday school class will be starting Pilgrim's Progress.
Please join us.**

Visiting Minister – Dr. Don McGarity – (352) 256-5677

The Session Elders & Committee Chairs

Clerk of Session – Janie Killian – (386) 984-5742

Stewardship – Mike Millikin – (386) 623-0901

Finance – Lee McDuffie – (386) 365-4965

Mission Outreach – Lisa Smith – (386) 697-6010

Personnel – Don Baggett – (863) 634-3625

Christian Education – Marty Fraser – (386) 752-4963

Seekers – Nancy Howe – (386) 623-4872

Congregational Life – Cheryl Whigham – (386) 397-3246

Youth – Beverly Schulz – (386) 965-0224

Nominations – Charles Kime – (407) 222-2492

Worship – Anne Carroll – (386) 365-2771

Property – Gerry Klauber – (540) 809-1124

Prayer List

1. **Bereaved family & friends of Wade Alley (Alice "Moxie" Alger's great-grandfather)**
2. Graham Anthony
3. Don Baggett
4. Judy Benvenuti
5. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
6. Larry & Sherry Byer
7. Doris Clark
8. Kathy Cook
9. James Elliott (Roger & Ann Elliott's son)
10. Ruth Fraser (Jay Fraser's mother)
11. Shelby Gavellas (Judy Benvenuti's granddaughter)
12. Alison Goodrich
13. Marlene Henderson (Don & Juia Baggett's daughter-in-law's mother)
14. Joanne Hudson
15. **Tom Hudson**
16. Racheal Jones
17. Pastor Ken & family
18. Bunnye Lester
19. Ashley McDavid (David Clark's granddaughter)
20. Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity
21. Anthony Mobley (Beverly Schulz's friend)
22. Peace in the world
23. **Michelle & Carol (Charlyne Walker's friends)**
24. Elaine Phillips
25. Ralph Phillips
26. Bereaved family & friends of Mike Schulz
27. Ria, Lisandra & Rianne Seecharan (Stephen Seecharan's family)
28. Phyllis Skinner
29. Pattie Smith (Janie Hollis's friend)
30. **Joshua Sprinkel (Nikki Hubler's friend's son)**
31. Don Stevens (Tommy Whigham's friend)
32. Ann VanDenburgh
33. Hugh & Pat Wells (Charlyne Walker's friends)
34. Jacob Wicker (Carrie Wicker's son)
35. Paul Williams (David Clark's son-in-law)

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:

Becky Striebel 5/25 Ann VanDenburgh 5/25
Margaret Kiker 5/26 June Martin 5/26
Bill Groover 5/29 Bruce Robinson 5/29
Jeremy Striebel 5/30 Caroline Brown 5/31
Rodney Glass 5/32

Anniversaries:

Steve & Jo Hentzelman 5/26
Don & Julia Baggett 5/28 Jay & Marty Fraser 5/30

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!