



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday in Lent

10:30am Service

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

People: **And also with you.**

OPENING PRAYER

TRINITY CHIME

PRELUDE

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

T. C. McKibben

*** HYMN #313**

“Lord, Make Us More Kind and Good”

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

People: **Whom shall I fear?**

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

People: **Of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: Come, seek God in this time of worship.

Unison: Let us worship God together!

*** HYMN #435**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you have formed a covenant with us, committing yourself to us and inviting us to walk with you. Yet we have resisted, seeking other companions, going in different ways, thinking that we know best. Now we find ourselves far from life, further still from you. Have mercy on our waywardness. Help us find our way back. Give us faith so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** GLORIA PATRI #582**

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

VASILE

*** ANTHEM**

“What Does the Lord Require of You?”

Mark Miller

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 27

EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 5:22-23

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Ken Goodrich

The sermon discusses the importance of kindness as a fruit of the Spirit in Christian life, emphasizing its role in reflecting Christ's love and fostering compassion in relationships.

- Kindness is a vital fruit of the Spirit, reflecting Christ's heart and active love toward others.
 - Biblical examples, such as the Good Samaritan and Ruth, illustrate selfless kindness that transcends societal boundaries.
 - True kindness is discovered through a relationship with the Holy Spirit, not manufactured by human effort.
 - Every act of kindness, regardless of size, has the potential to change lives and hearts.
- Spirit-filled believers can significantly impact their communities by intentionally practicing kindness, which reflects God's character and fosters healing in relationships.
- By embodying kindness, we fulfill our calling as Christ's disciples.

*** HYMN #727**

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

BEACH SPRING

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from *The Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Abba, Father"

Austin North

DOXOLOGY #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

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.

*** HYMN #306**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

*** BENEDICTION**

*** SENDING SONG**

"Our Church's Mission"

Redding & Goodrich

*** AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S GOODNESS**

Leader: God is good,

People: **all the time!**

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People: **God is good!**

*** POSTLUDE**

"The Summons"

C. E. Walz

Announcements

Spring Break this week

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

Jay Fraser, Jennifer Renfroe & Dr. Elaine Phillips

PreK to 1st grade – Joan Goodrich - Children – 2nd to 5th grade: RM104 – Lisa Smith

Youth 6th to 12th grade: RM202 – Johnny Brown

Bible Studies – Tuesday (Women) 10am FH: In-person & on-line

Wednesday – (Men) 12noon FH: In-person only (rsvp the office for lunch)

Committee Meetings: Tuesday – (4:30pm) FH: Finance

Thursday – (8:30am) RM106: Personnel

(10am) RM106: **Nominations**

(1pm) RM104: **Christian Ed.**

***No Wednesday Fellowship Dinner or Wednesday Life Groups this week. ***

They will resume next week, March 26

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, March 20 (12noon) FH – Lenten Luncheon

Prayer List

1. Martha Adams's mother
2. Graham Anthony
3. OakLee Barfuss (David Clark's great-granddaughter)
4. Ray & Patty Baggett (Don & Julia Baggett's son & daughter-in-law)
5. Judy Benvenuti
6. Virginia Boyette (Connie Fedele's friend)
7. Bereaved family & friends of Dominic Brady (Laila Striebel's friend)
8. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
9. **Becky Burke (Jacqueline Jennings's friend)**
10. Doris Clark
11. Kathy Cook
12. James Elliott (Roger & Ann Elliott's son)
13. **Herb Ellis**
14. Ruth Fraser (Jay Fraser's mother)
15. Bereaved family & friends of Aaron Frazier (Marty Fraser's friend)
16. Chris Frazier (Tim Redding's friend)
17. Bereaved family & friends of Ronnie Gaskins (David Clark's brother-in-law)
18. **Joel Gattorno (Nikki Hubler's x-brother-in-law)**
19. Shelby Gavellas (Judy Benvenuti's granddaughter)
20. Eve Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's older sister)
21. Shawn Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's father)
22. Sol Gonzalez (Nikki Hubler's grandmother)
23. Alison Goodrich
24. Matt Harmon (Jacqueline Jennings's pastor in IN)
25. Keith Hatcher (Debbie Spencer's friend)
26. Marlene Henderson (Don & Julia Baggett's family member)
27. John Howe (Nancy Howe's son)
28. Nancy Howe
29. Joanne Hudson & Tom Hudson
30. Bill Jennings (Jacqueline Jennings's husband)
31. **Freddie Mae Johnson (David Clark's friend)**
32. Racheal Jones
33. Pastor Ken & family
34. Marie Kennon
35. Danielle Konlian (Ginney Rankin's friend)
36. **Bunnye Lester**
37. Ashley McDavid (David Clark's granddaughter)
38. Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity
39. **Baby Macey (Marty Fraser's friend)**
40. Anthony Mobley (Beverly Schulz's friend)
41. For peace in the world
42. Elaine Phillips
43. Ralph Phillips
44. **Mike Schulz**
45. Ria, Lisandra & Rianne Seecharan (Stephen Seecharan's family)
46. Don Stevens (Tommy Whigham's friend)
47. JoAnn Torrans (Carole Robertson's friend)
48. Paul Trimble (Rod & Linda Sutton's friend)
49. Ann VanDenburgh
50. Bereaved family & friends of Flo Wattles (Tommy Whigham's friend)
51. Paul Williams (David Clark's son-in-law)
52. Rose Wilson

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, presence, 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:

Sue Brannon 3/16 Nikki Hubler 3/19
Carrie Wicker 3/19 Charles Bryan 3/20

Anniversaries:

Johnny & LaShea Brown 3/17 Rodney & Cathy Glass 3/20

Become a member: If you would like to become a member, please let Pastor Ken know after worship, or if you are online and would like to become a member, please go to our website fpclc.org and scroll down to Membership at the bottom of the page.