



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



July 26, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am Service

PRELUDE "Marvelous Grace w/ God of Grace and God of Glory" R. E. Schram

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: We seek the kingdom of God,

People: where the smallest seeds become the greatest trees.

Leader: We seek the kingdom of God,

People: as precious as hidden treasure or pearls of great price.

Leader: We seek the kingdom of God,

People: where righteousness, peace, and joy abide.

Unison: Let us worship God together!

*** HYMN #401**

"Here in This Place"

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like, but our minds are clouded by cares and concerns of the world. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes in mysterious ways. We fail to be whole-hearted in our faith and discipleship. We fail to put our trust in the treasures of your kingdom instead of the treasures of the world. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world even here and now. Transform our lives and our world by your grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*** GLORIA PATRI #581**

"Glory Be to the Father"

GREATOREX

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Hymn of Promise"

Natalie Sleeth

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LOUD OFFERING

"Righteousness, Peace, and Joy"

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

HYMN #175

"Seek Ye First"

LAFFERTY

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like..."

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

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Phillip Keveren

*** DOXOLOGY #606**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

*** HYMN #305**

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

*** BENEDICTION**

*** SENDING SONG**

"Our Church's Mission"

Goodrich & Redding

*** POSTLUDE**

"We're Marching to Zion w/ I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Larry Shackley

Announcements

Loud Offering

Throw your spare change in the coffee cans and make some noise during the Loud Offering this Sunday!

This special monthly offering helps support several of our Children's Mission Outreach ministries.

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

Jay Fraser & Jennifer Renfroe

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

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

Feed My Lambs – Tuesday: (9am) St. James

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

Fellowship Dinner – On break for the Summer

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

Back To School Boutique – Saturday: (10am) FH

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

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

Pastor Vaughan's First Sunday Service at FPCLC! – August 2nd

Rally Day & Welcome Luncheon – August 9th

Staff & Support

Music Director/Worship Coordinator – Tim Redding

Youth Director – Johnny Brown

Office & Financial Administrator – Nikki Hubler

Administrative Assistant – Jazmin Halley

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Youth – Beverly Schulz 386-965-0224

Prayer List

1. Joshua Adams (U. S. Army)
2. Graham Anthony
3. Don & Julia Baggett
4. Bobbie Bennett
5. **Judy Benvenuti**
6. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
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. Indian Orphans (online request via Millie)
22. **Rachel Jones (Janie Killian's friend)**
23. Pat Kime
24. Katherine Lyle (Nikki Hubler's mother-in-law)
25. Bonnie McGarity (Dr. Don McGarity's wife)
26. Gene McNeill
27. Marty Morper
28. Joyce Ogden (Janie Hollis's friend)
29. Peace in the world
30. **Bereaved family & friends of Kelly Poe (Marty Fraser's sister)**
31. Debra Raulerson
32. Phyllis Skinner
33. Pattie Smith (Janie Hollis's friend)
34. Blaine Walker (former FPCLC Associate Pastor)
35. Nick & Mary Brown Whitehurst
36. Ann York (Bobbie Bennett's sister)

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:

Martha Adams 7/28 Greyson Brown 7/28 Bill Henderson 7/28
Judy Benevenuti 7/30 Tom Kelii 7/30 Maddie Williams 7/30
John Norris 7/31 Carolyn Stohlberg 7/31

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!*