



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



August 9, 2026

11th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am Service

PRELUDE

"Oceans w/ 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Victor Labenske

TRINITY CHIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Lord Jesus.

We welcome your presence.

Calm the raging seas and speak in silent stillness.

Bring us peace that only you can provide and restore the joy of our salvation.

Let us worship God together!

* HYMN #353

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial,
the LORD our God is with us. (*Isaiah 43:2*)

With confidence in God, our Creator and Redeemer, let us confess our sin, first in silent prayer.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving, sovereign, Almighty Father, through your Holy Spirit-inspired spokesman Paul, you assure us that in all things, you work for the good of those who love you. Through your Holy Spirit-inspired spokesman James, you tell us to count trials as joy because the testing of our faith leads to endurance and to spiritual growth. Yet, we confess that we often value comfort more than we value attaining spiritual maturity, and consequently, we often respond to trials with complaining and self-pity, rather than seeing each trial as an opportunity to grow increasingly Christ-like. Please forgive us for wasting opportunities, for trusting you incompletely, and for all our other sins. Give us wisdom to learn and grow through the trials we face. If we travel through especially dark valleys, please supernaturally sustain us with your own loving presence, until you bring us into pastures of delight. In all times—neutral, bitter, or sweet—daily help us to perceive your loving presence, to seek growth in holiness, to trust you with a faith that conquers fear, and to enjoy the peace of mind that comes only from trusting you. These things we ask in the name of Jesus, our Risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD says, "Do not fear for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine." (*Isaiah 43:1*)

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

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- * GLORIA PATRI #581 *"Glory Be to the Father"* GREATOREX
- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
- PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
- PSALM LESSON Psalm 85:8-13
- GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 14:22-33
- God's word for God's people.
- Thanks be to God.**
- SERMON Rev. Dr. Vaughan Smith
- The Presence and Promises of God Give Us Courage in the Storms of Life*
- 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 #815 *"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"* FESTAL SONG
- * AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
- The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.**
- OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Do Not Be Afraid"* J. Patterson & S. Morris
- * DOXOLOGY #606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* OLD HUNDREDTH
- * PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION
- Almighty and merciful God, all good comes from you. We thank you for all the blessings you give including your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you and to express our gratitude by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- * PUBLIC DOMAIN HYMN *"Love Lifted Me!"* SAFETY
- * BENEDICTION
- * SENDING SONG *"Our Church's Mission"* Goodrich & Redding
- * POSTLUDE *"Foundation"* Bonnie Barrett

Announcements

Rally Day is here

Join the celebration after worship as we learn about
our Christian Ed. programs, enjoy lunch and officially welcome Pastor Vaughan

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

Congregational Life – Monday: (9:30am) RM106

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

Worship – Tuesday: (4pm) RM104

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

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

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

Fellowship Dinners Returning in September!

Be on the lookout for more info

Staff & Support

Pastor – Rev. Dr. Vaughan Smith

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

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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. 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. Larry Elshoff
11. **Gary Fernsler & fellow tenants/neighbors (Carrie Wicker's father)**
12. Alison Goodrich
13. Anne Graves
14. Art Graves
15. Art Grover
16. Rodger Hadley
17. Bereaved family & friends of Carol Hendrix (Bev Anthony's sister)
18. Janie Hollis
19. Joanne Hudson
20. Tom Hudson
21. Rachel Jones (Janie Killian's friend)
22. Dr. Don McGarity & family
23. Gene McNeill
24. John Milliner (Tim Redding's friend)
25. Marty Morper
26. **Bereaved family & friends of Joyce Ogden (Janie Hollis's friend)**
27. Peace in the world
28. Bereaved family & friends of Kelly Poe (Marty Fraser's sister)
29. Debra Raulerson
30. Phyllis Skinner
31. Pattie Smith (Janie Hollis's friend)
32. **Bereaved family & friends of Herb Spears (Anne Graves's son-in-law)**
33. Blaine Walker (former FPCLC Associate Pastor)
34. Nick & Mary Brown Whitehurst
35. Bereaved family & friends of 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:

Patty Ives 8/10 Ruth Knoper 8/10
Tom Sawyer 8/11 Jim Free 8/12

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!*