



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



May 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

10:30am Service

TRINITY CHIME

PRELUDE

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Franklin Ritter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us offer each other the peace of Christ.

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

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who calls us by name.

People: We come with open hearts, ready to hear and ready to follow.

Leader: The Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting.

People: His faithfulness endures to all generations.

Leader: Lift your voices, lift your eyes, lift your hearts.

People: We lift them to the God who is worthy of all praise.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord.

Unison: Together, we worship in spirit and in truth.

* HYMN #35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Minister: Lord, we have sinned against you: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Lord, show us your mercy and love,

People: and grant us your salvation.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 121

* PUBLIC DOMAIN HYMN

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

SWEET HOUR

SERMON SCRIPTURE

John 17:1-11

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Kept, Called, Carried: The Prayer that Holds Us”

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

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

“Serenity”

Bonita L. Lucio

*** DOXOLOGY #606**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

Gracious and giving God, we thank you for the many blessings you pour into our lives. As we offer these gifts, we dedicate them to your service. May they bring hope to the discouraged, comfort to the hurting, and light to all who walk in darkness. Use them to build Your kingdom among us. Amen.

*** HYMN #465**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

*** 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.

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #601**

“Threefold Amen”

DANISH AMEN

*** POSTLUDE**

“Praise My Soul”

Lani Smith

Announcements

Session Meeting – Today (11:30am) RM106

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

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

Fellowship Dinner - Wednesday - May 20th: (5:45pm) FH: Salad Potluck – bring a salad dish!

Youth Group – Sunday: (11:45am) FH

Personnel – Thursday: (9am) RM112

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

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

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

Day of Pentecost – May 24th – Wear Red!

Memorial Day – May 25th – Office Closed

Youth Sunday – May 31st

Fundraiser Luncheon & Youth Art Show

Staff & Support

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

Music Director/Worship Coordinator – Tim Redding

Office & Financial Administrator – Nikki Hubler

Administrative Assistant – Jazmin Halley

Youth Director – Johnny Brown

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 324-397-3246

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

**Pastor Nominating Committee Members

Prayer List

1. Joshua Adams (U. S. Army)
2. Graham Anthony
3. Don & Julia Baggett
4. Judy Benvenuti
5. Virginia Boyette (Nancy Howe's friend)
6. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
7. Nicole Carter (online request)
8. Doris Clark
9. Jasper Dennison (Kitty Dennison's son)
10. Marion Dooley
11. Holly Durrenberger (Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity's daughter)
12. James Elliott (Roger & Ann Elliott's son)
13. Roger Elliott
14. Elizabeth Ellis (Herb Ellis's sister)
15. Larry Elshoff
16. Ruth Fraser (Jay Fraser's mother)
17. Anna Friar (Nancy Howe's friend)
18. Alison Goodrich
19. Anne Graves
20. Art Graves
21. Art Grover
22. Rodger Hadley
23. Janie Hollis
24. Joanne Hudson
25. **Tom Hudson**
26. Fred Marr & family (Kitty March's co-worker's father)
27. Bonnie McGarity (Dr. Don McGarity's wife)
28. Rev. Dr. Don McGarity & family
29. Marty Morper
30. Joyce Ogden (Janie Hollis's friend)
31. **Milner Osborne (Jan Osborne's husband, Terri Millikin's father)**
32. Peace in the world
33. Andrew Pick (online request)
34. Kelly Poe (Marty Fraser's sister)
35. Phyllis Skinner
36. Pattie Smith (Janie Hollis's friend)
37. **Maria Sobel & Maria De Nazare (online request)**
38. Dr. Robert Spangler (Mike Millikin's brother)
39. Walt Stancil (Kathy Groover's friend)
40. Blaine Walker (former FPCLC Associate Pastor)
41. **George Ward (Carole Robertson's friend)**
42. Nick & Mary Brown Whitehurst
43. Pam Williams (Nancy Howe's friend)
44. Joanne Zamesnik

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:

Evanora Pifer 5/18 Hannah Adams 5/19
Julia Baggett 5/19 Guy Norris 5/23

Anniversaries:

Nick & Mary Brown Whitehurst 5/19 Edward & Judy Benvenuti 5/21

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!*