



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am Service

PRELUDE

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Larry Shackley

TRINITY CHIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

liturgist: Janie Killian

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name.

In perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things.

You have been a refuge for the poor and the needy in their distress.

You are a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.

Let us rejoice and be glad in God's salvation!

O Lord, you are our God. We will exalt you and praise your name forever.

Let us worship God together!

* HYMN #415

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

RESTORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

All of us were dead in our transgressions and sins...

gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts.

Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. *(Ephesians 2:1-3)*

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins together.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Almighty Father, we confess that we sin in thought, word, and deed, in what we do, and in what we leave undone. You call us to an exciting life of growth and transformation, but we sometimes resist your transforming grace—by clinging to old habits, by nursing resentments, by failing to consistently do the things that will help us to grow spiritually. Father, forgive us for the past. Gently open us to the positive changes you desire to make in us. Grant us faith and courage to surrender to your loving, shaping hands. As we await the complete transformation that Jesus will bring, when he returns in power and great glory, Lord, gently transform us now by renewing our minds, by continuously filling us with the Holy Spirit, and by working in us both to will and to act according to your good pleasure. In the wonderful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ

even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved. *(Ephesians 2:4-5)*

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

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| * GLORIA PATRI #581 | <i>"Glory Be to the Father"</i> | GREATOREX |
| CHORAL ANTHEM | <i>"The Lord Is My Shepherd"</i> | Howard Goodall |
| CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | | |
| PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION | | |
| LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS | Isaiah 25:1-9 | |
| GOSPEL LESSON | Matthew 22:1-14 | |
| God's word for God's children. | | |
| Thanks be to God. | | |
| SERMON | | Rev. Dr. Vaughan Smith |
| <i>"Are You Appropriately Dressed for the Judgment and Eternity?"</i> | | |
| 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. | | |
| * AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | from <i>A Brief Statement of Faith</i> ¹ | |
| 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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen. | | |
| OFFERTORY | <i>"Brother James' Air"</i> | Tracey Craig McKibben |
| * DOXOLOGY #606 | <i>"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i> | OLD HUNDREDTH |
| * PRAYER OF DEDICATION | | |
| Gracious God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for your saving love and for the new life you give us. Guide us in giving and in living and empower us to participate with Jesus in his ongoing work in the world. Amen. | | |
| * HYMN #720 | <i>"Jesus Calls Us"</i> | NETTLETON |
| * BENEDICTION | | |
| * SENDING SONG | <i>"Our Church's Mission"</i> | Goodrich & Redding |
| * POSTLUDE | <i>"With Hearts in Love Abounding"</i> | Geoffrey Andrews |

¹ Composed in celebration of the 1983 reunion of two previously separate Presbyterian denominations to form PCUSA, *A Brief Statement of Faith* sketches in broad strokes the Reformed faith in which we stand. While lacking the theological precision found in the longer and more detailed confessions contained in our *Book of Confessions*, the *Brief Statement* articulates the basics of our faith, and does so in fresh, crisp language that is particularly suitable for use in public worship.

Announcements

Sunday School - (9:30am) Montgomery SS Class: RM106 – Jay Fraser & Jennifer Renfroe

(9:30am) Ligonier Adult Class: RM112 – James Robinson

Children – 1st to 5th grade: RM104 – Lisa Smith

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

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

Prayer Group – Monday: (11am) RM106

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

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

Worship – Tuesday: (4pm) RM104

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

There is NO Fellowship Dinner this Wednesday

Life Groups – Wednesday: (6:30pm) Heinz57 – RM104 & Salt & Light – RM106

Youth Group – Wednesday: (6:30pm) RM202

Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday: (6:30pm)

Personnel – Thursday: (8:30am) RM112

Christian Ed – Thursday: (1pm) RM104

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

Scouts – Monday (6pm-8pm) RM112 **Eagle Scouts Mtg**

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

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

– **Tuesday** (6pm) EB: **Girls Troop 9085**

Next Fellowship Dinner ~ Wednesday, Oct. 21 - Chicken Del Sol

Stewardship Kick-Off – Sunday, October 18

(FH Closed for Kick-Off Prep – Friday & Saturday, October 16-17)

Staff & Support

Pastor – Rev. Dr. Vaughan Smith 814-564-2083

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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Stewardship – Mike Millikin 386-623-0901

Worship – Anne Carroll 386-365-2771

Youth – Beverly Schulz 386-965-0224

Prayer List

1. **Linda Andrews (Mark Kirby's friend)**
2. Bereaved family & friends of Graham Anthony
3. Don & Julia Baggett
4. Debbie Baugh
5. Judy Benvenuti
6. **Jack Brogan (Bob & Bonnie Taylor's son)**
7. **Kerri Bruns (Gene & Nan McNeill's granddaughter)**
8. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
9. Tonya Calie & family (George & Jill Maroney's friends)
10. Doris Clark
11. **Jimmy Davis (Tommy Whigham's friend)**
12. Marion Dooley
13. Larry Elshoff
14. Anne Graves
15. Art Graves
16. Art Grover
17. Bereaved family & friends of Pat Guerry (Cheryl Whigham's sister)
18. Rodger Hadley
19. **Jacqui Hagler (Mark Kirby's friend)**
20. Bereaved family & friends of Carol Hendrix (Bev Anthony's sister)
21. Rita Hetrick
22. Janie Hollis
23. Joanne Hudson
24. Tom Hudson
25. Joyce Lentes (Kitty March's sister)
26. Dr. Don McGarity & family
27. Gene McNeill
28. Susan Martin (Denise Kelii's neighbor)
29. Steve Osborne (Milner & Jan's son, Terri Milliken's brother)
30. **Jo Sue Parker (Don & Julia Baggett's friend)**
31. Minesh Patel (Bev Anthony's friend)
32. Peace in the world
33. **Harriet Poole-Siebert (Mark Kirby's friend)**
34. Debra Raulerson
35. Debbie Redding (Denise Kelii's friend)
36. Bruce Robinson
37. Phyllis Skinner
38. Pattie Smith (Janie Hollis's friend)
39. **Jerry Stanley (Tommy Whigham's friend)**
40. Peter Thomas (Jill Maroney's brother)
41. Blaine Walker (former FPCLC Associate Pastor)
42. Nick & Mary Brown Whitehurst

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:

Joel St. John 10/11	Betsy Pottle 10/12	Ann Brown 10/14
Jennifer Renfroe 10/14	Carole Brown 10/16	Sharon Harrison 10 16
Stacey Hentzelman 10/16	Megan Logan 10/16	Don Baggett 10/17

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!*