

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lake City, Florida

March 1, 2026

2nd Sunday in Lent

10:30am Service

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."

TRINITY CHIME

PRELUDE

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Donna Krieger

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, we come into your sanctuary with eagerness.

People: **May we hear your call and speak your truth.**

Leader: Lord, we come to abide with you in love.

People: **Gather us in honest and faithful community.**

Leader: Lord, prepare us to be people of hope and grace.

People: **Kindle in us courage to live as brave and faithful disciples.**

Unison: **Let us worship God together.**

* HYMN #35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you came to reveal God's light to the whole world: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: Lord Jesus, you come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Minister: Lord Jesus, you will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

"This One Thing I Ask of the Lord"

Charles McCartha

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 27

* HYMN #39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

SERMON SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Do Not Lose Heart"

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.

OFFERTORY

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

Lisa Hoekstra

* **DOXOLOGY #606**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

* **OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

Generous God, we bring these offerings as an act of worship and faith. May they reflect hearts full of thanksgiving and lives surrendered to your purpose. Guide those who will use these gifts, that they may be wise and faithful stewards. May all that is given be for your glory and the good of your people, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Minister: Father, it is our duty and our salvation...

...and so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we say:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

PRAYER

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Albert Malotte

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Unison: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* **PUBLIC DOMAIN HYMN**

“When We Walk with the Lord”

TRUST AND OBEY

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

* **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**

“Love Lifted Me”

Jina Park

Announcements

Presbyterians celebrate an open communion. All professing Christians who have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit are encouraged to partake of this Holy Sacrament.

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting is called for March 1st, to receive and review the reports of the committees of the Session, and Financial statements of the Church. The call is for both the Ecclesiastical body and the Corporation.

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

Jay Fraser, Jennifer Renfroe & Dr. Elaine Phillips

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

Mission – Tuesday: (10am) RM104

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

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

Fellowship Dinner - Wednesday - March 4th: (5:45pm) FH: Potluck – No cost, bring a dish!

Life Groups – Wednesday: (4:15pm) Heinz 57 - RM104 & (6:30pm) Salt & Light - RM106

Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday: (6:30pm)

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

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

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

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

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

We're Springing Forward! **Daylight Savings Begins - March 8th @ 2:00am**

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

The Session Elders & Committee Chairs

Clerk of Session – Janie Killian 386-984-5742

Congregational Life – Cheryl Whigham 324-397-3246

Christian Ed. – Marty Fraser 386-365-1454

Finance – Lee McDuffie 386-365-4965

Mission Outreach – Lisa Smith 386-697-6010

Nominations – Charles Kime 386-755-4937

Personnel – Don Baggett 863-634-3625

Property – Gerry Klauber 540-809-1124

Seekers – Nancy Howe 386-623-4872

Stewardship – Mike Millikin 386-623-0901

Youth – Beverly Schulz 386-965-0224

Worship – Anne Carroll 386-365-2771

Pastor Nominating Committee

Anne Carroll Marty Fraser Mike Millikin Lisa Smith

Prayer List

1. Graham Anthony
2. Don Baggett & Julia Baggett
3. Bea Bedingfield (Joanne Hudson's friend)
4. Bobbie Bennett
5. Judy Benvenuti
6. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
7. Doris Clark
8. **Levi Cross (online request)**
9. Greg Dooley (Marion Dooley's son)
10. Marion Dooley
11. Holly Durrenberger (Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity's daughter)
12. James Elliott (Roger & Ann Elliott's son)
13. Elizabeth Ellis (Herb Ellis's sister)
14. Larry Elshoff
15. Ruth Fraser (Jay Fraser's mother)
16. Alison Goodrich
17. Anne Graves
18. Art Grover
19. Rodger Hadley
20. Janie Hollis
21. **Nancy Howe**
22. Tom & Joanne Hudson
23. Racheal Jones
24. Bereaved family & friends of Marilyn Lawrence (Lisa Smith's mother)
25. Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity
26. Marty Morper
27. Peace in the world
28. **Elaine Phillips**
29. Kelly Poe (Marty Fraser's sister)
30. Beverly Schulz
31. Phyllis Skinner
32. Pattie Smith (Janie Hollis's friend)
33. Blaine Walker (former FPCLC Associate Pastor)
34. 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:

Bobbie Bennett 3/1 Debra Raulerson 3/3
Liam Green 3/6 Bill MacGrath 3/7

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!