



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



September 27, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am Service

PRELUDE

"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"

Thomas Miller

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: Herb Ellis

We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

We trust you with our past, present, and future.

Teach us, Lord, so that we may know your ways.

Guide our every move so that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.

We come to worship the One who leads us in what is right.

Let us worship God together!

* HYMN #707

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

HALL

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God,
casting all our anxiety on the Lord, who cares for us. (1 Peter 5:6-7)

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

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful Triune God, we usually know enough to ask you to forgive our worst thoughts and deeds, but we sometimes forget that even our best thoughts and deeds are tainted with mixed motives and selfishness. Father, forgive our worst and our best. Help us to set aside the arrogance and self-reliance that prevent us from living as your cherished, grace-saved, dependent children. Give us child-like humility and faith so that we can comprehend, experience, enjoy, and share more and more of your amazing love, a love that accepts us as we are, a love that helps us to grow into our true potential, which is far more than we can imagine! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;
yet, we are justified by the gift of God's grace
through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:23-24)

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

* GLORIA PATRI #581

"Glory Be to the Father"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Bill Wolaver

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Psalm 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-11

God's word for God's children.

Thanks be to God.

Rev. Dr. Vaughan Smith

Jesus Is Our Example of Humility, Obedience, and Self-Giving Love

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 *The Confession of 1967*¹

We believe that in Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared human needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. In giving himself for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. We believe that God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all. Amen.

Eddie Espinosa

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.

BUNESSAN

* BENEDICTION

Goodrich & Redding

Mark Blankenship

¹ The Confession of 1967 is a modern statement of faith adopted by the UPCUSA and later embraced by the PCUSA as part of its confessional tradition. The document was written to address the needs of discipleship in the mid-20th century, emphasizing reconciliation in Christ as the central theme of the gospel.

Announcements

Need a sweet ending to a long week? Stick around after worship and treat yourself at our **Youth Bake Sale!** After all, STRESSED spelled backwards is DESSERTS — so really, we're just looking out for you.

Loud Offering today

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

Prayer Group – Monday: (11am) RM106

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

Session – Tuesday: (5:30pm) RM106

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)

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

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

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

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

Life Line Screening | Thursday, October 1st @ 8am – 5:30pm (FH)

Next Fellowship Dinner ~ Wednesday, Oct. 7 – Potluck

Stewardship Kick-Off – Sunday, October 18 Commitment Sunday – November 15

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

Clerk of Session – Janie Killian 386-984-5742

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Mission Outreach – Lisa Smith 386-697-6010

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Personnel – Don Baggett 863-634-3625

Property – Gerry Klauber 540-809-1124

Seekers – Jennifer Renfroe – 386-292-2491

Stewardship – Mike Millikin 386-623-0901

Worship – Anne Carroll 386-365-2771

Youth – Beverly Schulz 386-965-0224

Prayer List

1. Graham Anthony
2. Don & Julia Baggett
3. **Debbie Baugh**
4. Judy Benvenuti
5. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
6. **Tonya Calie & family (George & Jill Maroney's friends)**
7. Doris Clark
8. Candi Dobson
9. Marion Dooley
10. Larry Elshoff
11. Bereaved family & friends of Edgar Allen Emmelhainz, Jr.
12. Alison Goodrich
13. **Anne Graves**
14. Art Graves
15. Art Grover
16. Pat Guerry (Cheryl Whigham's sister)
17. Rodger Hadley
18. Bereaved family & friends of Carol Hendrix (Bev Anthony's sister)
19. Rita Hetrick
20. Janie Hollis
21. Joanne Hudson
22. Tom Hudson
23. Dr. Don McGarity & family
24. Gene McNeill
25. Minesh Patel (Bev Anthony's friend)
26. Peace in the world
27. Debra Raulerson
28. **Debbie Redding (Denise Kelii's friend)**
29. Bereaved family & friends of Fredrick Reed (Bonnie Green's friend)
30. Bruce Robinson
31. **Bereaved family & friends Of Marylynn Skeen (Judy MacGrath's friend)**
32. Phyllis Skinner
33. Pattie Smith (Janie Hollis's friend)
34. **Peter Thomas (Jill Maroney's brother)**
35. Blaine Walker (former FPCLC Associate Pastor)
36. Pat Wells (Charlyne Walker's friend)
37. 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:

Jennie Bryan 9/27 Marcia Henderson 9/27 Suzanne Norris 9/30
JP Hubler 10/1 Trixie Dobson 10/3

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!*