



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



August 16, 2026

12th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am Service

PRELUDE

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Brian Buda

TRINITY CHIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 67*)

Diane Ellis, liturgist

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Let us worship God together!

* PUBLIC DOMAIN HYMN

"God of Mercy, God of Grace"

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

In Christ, God came to reconcile all things to himself,
making peace through the blood of the cross. (*Colossians 1:20*)

Trusting in God's saving work, let us confess our sins to the Lord, first in silent prayer.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Great and gracious God, you save us by grace, and then you call us to participate with you
in your ongoing work in the world. We confess that we waste opportunities to share the
love and shine the light of Jesus. Sometimes we sin in the words we say. Other times, we
sin by staying silent, when we should be speaking out for Jesus. While we do exhibit the
self-giving love of Jesus, we ask you to help us to do it better. Gently cause us to walk the
paths of righteousness that you would have us walk and help us to live as faithful
ambassadors of Christ, our Risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (*Colossians 1:13-14*)

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

* GLORIA PATRI #581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GREATOREX

CHORAL ANTHEM *"He Looked Beyond My Fault (And Saw My Need)"* Dottie Rambo

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 15:21-28

God's word for God's children.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Jesus and the Canaanite Woman* Rev. Dr. Vaughan Smith

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

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.

OFFERTORY *"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"* Lisa Hoekstra

* DOXOLOGY #606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* OLD HUNDREDTH

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Gracious, loving God, may the gifts we offer bring food to the hungry, healing to the broken, community to the lonely, and hope to those who need it. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

* HYMN #649 w/ refrain *"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"* AMAZING GRACE

* BENEDICTION

* SENDING SONG *"Our Church's Mission"* Goodrich & Redding

* POSTLUDE *"In Christ There Is No East or West"* Mark Hayes

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

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

Jay Fraser & Jennifer Renfroe

“Learning to Love The Psalms” – (9:30am) RM112

James Robinson

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

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

Stewardship – Monday: (4:30pm) RM104

Troop 85 Court of Honor – Monday: (6:30pm) FH

Finance – Tuesday: (4pm) RM106

Property – Tuesday: (5pm) FH

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

Personnel – Thursday: (9am) RM112

Fellowship Dinner – returning September 2nd: Potluck – No charge, bring a dish to share!

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

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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Youth – Beverly Schulz 386-965-0224

Prayer List

1. Joshua Adams (U. S. Army)
2. Graham Anthony
3. Don & Julia Baggett
4. Judy Benvenuti
5. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
6. Doris Clark
7. Jasper Dennison (Kitty Dennison's son)
8. **Jesse Dobson (Candi Dobson'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. **Sammy Keene (Audrey Greene's relative)**
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. Debra Raulerson
29. Phyllis Skinner
30. Pattie Smith (Janie Hollis's friend)
31. Bereaved family & friends of Herb Spears (Anne Graves's son-in-law)
32. Blaine Walker (former FPCLC Associate Pastor)
33. 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:

Henry Williams 8/16	Joan Allison 8/17	Kathy Groover 8/18
Evie McCrady 8/18	Mark Knoper 8/21	Alexis Nelson 8/22

Anniversary:

Tom & Martha Adams 8/17

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!*