



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

10:30am Service

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

OPENING PRAYER

TRINITY CHIME

PRELUDE

“Our Refuge and Strength”

Sabrina Brem

*** HYMN #313**

“Lord, Make Us More Patient”

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, say to the Lord:

People: **My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.**

Leader: For God will protect us from evil and commands angels to guard us in all our ways.

People: **God rescues those who love God and is present with us in trouble.**

Leader: God answers when we cry out and reveals our salvation to us.

Unison: Let us worship God together!

*** HYMN #43**

“On Eagle’s Wings”

ON EAGLE’S WINGS

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns, and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question Your presence and Your power. Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives—to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it. Then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** GLORIA PATRI #582**

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

VASILE

*** ANTHEM**

“Faith Is Patience in the Night”

Mary Keithahn & John Horman

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 5:22-23

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Ken Goodrich

The sermon discusses the importance of forbearance, or patience, as a fruit of the Spirit in Christian life.

- Forbearance is defined as an active choice to endure with grace and love, not just passive waiting.
 - *Makrothumia* is the Greek term for patience, forbearance, or endurance.
 - It reflects God's character and calls for understanding in difficult situations.
 - Job exemplifies *makrothumia* by remaining steadfast despite immense suffering.
- Jesus demonstrated forbearance through His patience with disciples and forgiveness of those who wronged Him.
 - Practicing *makrothumia* reflects Christ's love and light in the world.
 - Trust God's timing.

* HYMN #819

"Be Still, My Soul"

FINLANDIA

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Heidelberg Catechism

We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from His love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that, without His will, they can neither move nor be moved. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Lisa Hoekstra

DOXOLOGY #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

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.

* HYMN #837

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

SHOWALTER

* BENEDICTION

* SENDING SONG

"Our Church's Mission"

Redding & Goodrich

* AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S GOODNESS

Leader: God is good,

People: **all the time!**

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* POSTLUDE

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

Anna Laura Page

Announcements

Today's flowers are in honor of Livia Hubler's 14th birthday.

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

Jay Fraser, Jennifer Renfroe & Dr. Elaine Phillips

PreK to 1st grade – Joan Goodrich - Children – 2nd to 5th grade: RM104 – Lisa Smith

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

Bible Studies – Tuesday (Women) 10am FH: In-person & on-line

Wednesday – (Men) 12noon FH: In-person only (rsvp the office for lunch)

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

(5PM) FH: **Property**

Tuesday – (1pm) FH: Seekers

(4pm) RM106: **Worship**

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner (5:45pm) FH: Join us for *King Ranch Chicken*

Life Groups – Monday – Joy Seekers: (4pm) RM106

Wednesday – Inklings (4:30pm) RM104

Salt & Light: (6:30pm) RM106

Heinz 57: (6:30pm) RM104

Youth – Wednesday (6:30pm) FH

Tuesday – (5pm) FH: Garden Club event (2pm FH: prep)

Wednesday – (6:30pm) S: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday – (9am) FH: Garden Club meeting

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

Saturday – (9am) FH: Al-anon meeting

Scouts – Monday (6:30pm) EB: Scout Girls Troop 9085

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

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

Thursday, March 13 (12noon) FH – Lenten Luncheon

Prayer List

1. Martha Adams's mother
2. Graham Anthony
3. **OakLee Barfuss (David Clark's great-granddaughter)**
4. Ray & Patty Baggett (Don & Julia Baggett's son & daughter-in-law)
5. Judy Benvenuti
6. Virginia Boyette (Connie Fedele's friend)
7. Bereaved family & friends of Dominic Brady (Laila Striebel's friend)
8. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
9. Doris Clark
10. Kathy Cook
11. Becky Dugan (Linda Poplin's friend)
12. James Elliott (Roger & Ann Elliott's son)
13. Betsy Ellis (Herb Ellis's sister)
14. Ruth Fraser (Jay Fraser's mother)
15. **Bereaved family & friends of Aaron Frazier (Marty Fraser's friend)**
16. Chris Frazier (Tim Redding's friend)
17. Becky Fugar
18. Bereaved family & friends of Ronnie Gaskins (David Clark's brother-in-law)
19. Shelby Gavellas (Judy Benvenuti's granddaughter)
20. Eve Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's older sister)
21. Shawn Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's father)
22. Sol Gonzalez (Nikki Hubler's grandmother)
23. Alison Goodrich
24. Keith Gunter (Larry Gunter's brother)
25. **Matt Harmon (Jacqueline Jennings's pastor in IN)**
26. **Keith Hatcher (Debbie Spencer's friend)**
27. Marlene Henderson (Don & Julia Baggett's family member)
28. John Howe (Nancy Howe's son)
29. Nancy Howe
30. Joanne Hudson & **Tom Hudson**
31. **Bill Jennings (Jacqueline Jennings's husband)**
32. Racheal Jones
33. Pastor Ken & family
34. Marie Kennon
35. **Danielle Konlian (Ginney Rankin's friend)**
36. Ashley McDavid (David Clark's granddaughter)
37. Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity
38. Anthony Mobley (Beverly Schulz's friend)
39. **For peace in the world**
40. People suffering from fires
41. People of the Middle East
42. Tony Petrovich (Linda & Rod Sutton's friend)
43. Elaine Phillips
44. Ralph Phillips
45. John Schnapp
46. **Mike Schulz**
47. Ria, Lisandra & Rianne Seecharan (Stephen Seecharan's family)
48. Don Stevens (Tommy Whigham's friend)
49. JoAnn Torrans (Carole Robertson's friend)
50. Paul Trimble (Rod & Linda Sutton's friend)
51. Ann VanDenburgh
52. Bereaved family & friends of Flo Wattles (Tommy Whigham's friend)
53. Paul Williams (David Clark's son-in-law)
54. Rose Wilson

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, presence, 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:

Sharon Christensen 3/9 Paige Glass 3/14

Anniversaries:

Sean & Bridget Adams 3/13 Thomas & Rachel Ponte 3/13

Become a member: If you would like to become a member, please let Pastor Ken know after worship, or if you are online and would like to become a member, please go to our website fpclc.org and scroll down to Membership at the bottom of the page.