FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

FPCLC

November 8, 2026 | 24th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:30am Service

PRELUDE *"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"* James Koerts

TRINITY CHIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

On that first morning, God called us.
God called us from nothing.
Out of nothing came being.
Out of darkness came light.
Out of chaos came order.
Out of nothing came life.
On that first morning, God called us.
This morning, God calls us to be people of faith.
In the midst of meaninglessness,
God calls us to meaning.
Out of brokenness,
God calls us to wholeness.
Out of divisiveness,
God calls us to community.
Out of tears,
God calls us to laughter.
Out of self-centeredness,
God calls us to love one another.
Out of unfaithfulness,
God calls us to faith.
Out of death,
God calls us to life.
And we will say to the children:
"Come with us and worship God, who has created and is creating in our midst.
Come with us and keep covenant."
In times to come, we will tell our children:
"Once we were slaves, but now we are free; once we were no people, but now we are God's people"
Out of death to resurrection, out of chaos to rebirth, out of unfaithfulness to faith!
Praise God for these wondrous gifts!

* PRAISE SONG *"God of Wonders"* GOD OF WONDERS

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. *(1 John 3:2)*
With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin first in silent prayer.

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SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to joyfully follow in the footsteps of Jesus and to live as your Holy Spirit-empowered people. We confess that we have not always lived up to your calling. We have been distracted disciples —slow to seek your presence, slow to live by the power you provide. Please forgive us. Lord, with power and with tenderness, please help us to experience more of your love and more of your promised presence; purify our motives; conform our desires to your perfect plan; shape our characters into the character of Christ, and grant us the privilege of faithfully, fruitfully, joyfully serving you in our daily lives. In the blessed name of Jesus, our Risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God. *(Ephesians 2:8)*
In Jesus, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

* GLORIA PATRI #582 *"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"* VASILE

CHORAL ANTHEM *"Beautiful Things"* Michael & Lisa Gungor

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *"Ancient Words"*

PSALM LESSON Psalm 33:1-9

EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 1:15-20

God's word for God's children.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Laila Striebel

HYMN #701 *"Lord, Prepare Me"* SANCTUARY

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]

The Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which we show that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.

OFFERTORY *"How Can You Not"* Leanna Crawford
soloist: Lillie Hughes

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, in humility and gratitude we give back to you a small portion of what you have provided for us. Please use us and our offerings for the accomplishment of your perfect will. Amen.

* HYMN #700 *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"* I'M GONNA LIVE

* BENEDICTION

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

* POSTLUDE *"He Is Exalted"* James Koerts

[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
(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
Worship – Tuesday: (4pm) RM104
St. James: Feed My Lambs – Tuesday: (9am) FH
Bible Study – Men's Power Lunch – Wednesdays: (12noon) FH

No Fellowship Dinner this Wednesday

Life Groups – Wednesday: (6:30pm) **Heinz57** – RM104 & **Salt & Light** – RM106
Youth Group – Wednesday: (6:30pm) RM202
Garden Club – Thursday: (9am) FH
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**

Join us TODAY for our Fall Festival! | 4pm – 6pm

Happy Veteran's Day! | Nov. 11th

Commitment Sunday | Nov. 15th

Staff & Support

Pastor – Rev. Dr. Vaughan Smith 814-564-2083
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Office & Financial Administrator – Nikki Hubler
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Prayer List

1. Pat Alba (Denise & Kai Gillyard's family friend)
2. Linda Andrews (Mark Kirby's friend)
3. Bereaved family & friends of Graham Anthony
4. Don & Julia Baggett
5. Judy Benvenuti
6. Jack Brogan (Bob & Bonnie Taylor's son)
7. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
8. Tonya Calie & family (George & Jill Maroney's friend)
9. Doris Clark
10. Marion Dooley
11. Larry Elshoff
12. Bereaved family & friends of Anne Graves **(service Nov 18 @11am, First Presbyterian Church, Lake City)**
13. Art Graves
14. Art Grover
15. Bereaved family & friends of Pat Guerry (Cheryl Whigham's sister)
16. Rodger Hadley
17. Bereaved family & friends of Al Hammack (our missionary, David Lawrence's father-in-law)
18. Bereaved family & friends of Carol Hendrix (Bev Anthony's sister)
19. Rita Hetrick
20. Bereaved family & friends of Janie Hollis (service Nov 7 @2pm, First Presbyterian Church, Lake City)
21. Joanne Hudson
22. Tom Hudson
23. Joyce Lentes (Kitty March's sister)
24. Dr. Don McGarity & family
25. Gene McNeill
26. Sue Martin (Denise Kelii's friend)
27. Steve Osborne (Milner & Jan's son, Terri Milliken's brother)
28. Minesh Patel (Bev Anthony's friend)
29. Peace in the world
30. Debra Raulerson
31. Debbie Redding (Denise Kelii's friend)
32. Bruce Robinson
33. Phyllis Skinner
34. Rita Smith (Bobbie Bennett's friend)
35. Bereaved family & friends of Steve Suty **(service Nov 3 @ 11am, Methodist Church, White Springs viewing @ 10am)**
36. Peter Thomas (Jill Maroney's brother)
37. **Ann VanDenburgh**
38. Blaine Walker (former FPCLC Associate Pastor)
39. Pat Wells (Charlyne Walker's friend)
40. Nick & Mary Brown Whitehurst
41. **Pam Williams (Nancy Howe's friend)**

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:

Tommy Whigham 11/8 Jordan Green 11/11

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!*