FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

FPCLC

November 22, 2026 Christ the King Sunday 10:30am Service

PRELUDE *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* Ruth Elaine Schram

TRINITY CHIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

* CALL TO WORSHIP liturgist: Diane Ellis

The gates of the Lord are open to all;
come before God with thanks!
The courtyard of the Lord welcomes all the earth;
bless God's holy name.
The pastures of the Lord are places for all to dwell!
Shout with praise, all the earth,
because God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.
God's faithfulness lasts from generation to generation.
Let us worship God together.

* HYMN #367 *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is light; in God there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with God and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. *(1 John 1:5-6)*
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Sovereign God, according to your Word, you are the giver of every good gift, and even the skills and strength by which we earn our livings come from you. In addition to all the blessings of this present life, you have promised us an eternity that is wonderful beyond our comprehension! We are thankful. Yet, we confess that we are not thankful enough. Rather than giving you the praise and gratitude you deserve, we tend to take too much credit for our successes. And all too often, we gripe, complain, and blame you, when life is difficult. Lord, in addition to the other manifold gifts you give to us, please give us a gratitude that transforms our attitudes and our actions. Give us a mature perspective by which we view each day in light of eternity. Please give us also a faith that trusts you always, even when we cannot understand how you are working in and for us. Lord, on this, "Christ The King" Sunday, we confess that we sometimes think and act as if we could rule our lives better than you can. Please forgive this foolishness and all our other sins. Lord Jesus, until the blessed Day when all your foes are forever vanquished and you rule over a kingdom that is better than anything we can imagine, rule now in our hearts and our homes, and let our daily living be a foreshadowing of your coming kingdom. These things we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. *(1 John 1:7)*

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

* GLORIA PATRI #581 *"Glory Be to the Father"* GREATOREX

CHORAL ANTHEM *"Song of Thanksgiving"* Tony Ward

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM LESSON Psalm 100

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

God's word for God's children.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Thanks-Living* 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 adapted from *The Belhar Confession* [1]

We believe that God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry, frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind, supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows, and blocks the path of the ungodly; that, for God, pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; and that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek what is right. Amen.

OFFERTORY *"All Good Gifts"* Stephen Schwartz

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great and gracious God, we thank you for your abundant love and provision. Help us to see how blessed we are, now and eternally. Increase our gratitude and help us to serve you in joyful obedience. Amen.

* HYMN #647 *"Give Thanks"* GIVE THANKS

* BENEDICTION

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

* POSTLUDE *"Count Your Blessings"* Ruth Elaine Schram

[1] The *Belhar Confession* is a Christian statement of faith with themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice, written in Afrikaans in 1982. It was adopted by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church of South Africa in 1986, and by the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2016.

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

Thanksgiving Meal Distribution – Monday: (10am) FH
Prayer Group – Monday: (11am) RM106
Life Group – Monday - Joy Seekers: (4pm) RM106
Feed My Lambs – Tuesday: (9am) St. James
Session – Tuesday: (5:30pm) RM106
Men's Bible Study/Power Lunch - will NOT meet: Nov 25
Next meeting: Wed Dec 2, 11:45am - Study topic Genesis 33: Esau & Jacob reconcile

No Fellowship Dinner This Week

Life Groups – Wednesday: (6:30pm) **Heinz57** – RM104 & **Salt & Light** – RM106
Youth Group – Wednesday: (6:30pm) RM202
Men's Breakfast at IHOP – Friday: (8am) see Larry Elshoff
Living Sober – Saturday: (6pm) FH
Scouts – Monday (6:30pm) EB: **Scouts Den Mtg**
(7pm) Scout Hut: **Scout Troop 85**
– Tuesday (6pm) EB: **Girls Troop 9085**

Service of Installation for Rev. Dr. Vaughan Smith
TODAY | 3pm – reception to follow

Happy Thanksgiving!
Office Closed – Nov. 26th

First Sunday of Advent - Hope - Nov 29

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Prayer List

1. Pat Alba (Denise & Kai Gillyard's family friend)
2. Linda Andrews (Mark Kirby's friend)
3. Don & Julia Baggett
4. Judy Benvenuti
5. Jack Brogan (Bob & Bonnie Taylor's son)
6. Deborah Brown (Nancy Howe's friend)
7. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
8. **Tonya Calie & family (George & Jill Maroney's friend)**
9. **Terri Cameron (Laila Striebel's friend)**
10. Doris Clark
11. Ginney Davis (Nancy Howe's friend)
12. **Candi Dobson (Carole Brown's friend)**
13. Marion Dooley
14. Larry Elshoff
15. Bereaved family & friends of Anne Graves
16. Art Graves
17. Art Grover
18. Rodger Hadley
19. Rita Hetrick
20. Bereaved family & friends of Janie Hollis
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. Omaya Moussa (Phyllis Stevenson's friend)
28. **Scott & Pam (Charlyne Walker's friends)**
29. Minesh Patel (Bev Anthony's friend)
30. Peace in the world
31. Debra Raulerson
32. Debbie Redding (Denise Kelii's friend)
33. Bruce Robinson
34. Phyllis Skinner
35. **Peter Thomas (Jill Maroney's brother)**
36. Ann VanDenburgh
37. Blaine Walker (former FPCLC Associate Pastor)
38. Pat Wells (Charlyne Walker's friend)
39. Nick & Mary Brown Whitehurst
40. Susan Williams (Cheryl Whigham'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:

Patricia Williams 11/24
Howard Whitaker 11/26
Edward Benvenuti 11/27

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!*