



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



October 18, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am Service

PRELUDE

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Tom Fettke

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: Mark Kirby

Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!

Let us shout out in praise!

God does great things for us. See God's amazing works all around us.

Great is the Lord!

Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory.

Let us worship God together!

* HYMN #716

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

BEACH SPRING

CALL TO CONFESSION

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,

that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

Trusting in the saving work of Jesus, let us confess our sin together.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great and gracious God, you are the Source of all that we have—life, breath, beating hearts, the people whom we cherish, the intellect and skills by which we earn our livings, every opportunity, all that we enjoy, and best of all, salvation and eternal life—all these things and more are gifts from you! Lord, we thank you! Yet, we confess that our gratitude is far less than it should be. In direct defiance of your Word, we sometimes focus on what we lack, rather than focusing on and thanking you for the blessings we have. This disobedience robs us of peace and joy, and it robs you of praise. Jesus commands us to give to God the things that belong to God. (*Mt. 22; Mk. 12; Lk. 20*) Yet, we frequently fail to give to you much of what rightfully belongs to you. You deserve our unwavering trust, but we sometimes think and act as if we do not trust you. You deserve the first fruits of our labor, but we sometimes give you leftovers. You deserve obedience, but we sometimes give you excuses. Father, please forgive all our sins. Help us to see how enormously blessed we are, and fill us with a deep gratitude, a gratitude that transforms our attitudes and our actions. These things we ask in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him. (*John 3:17*)

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

* GLORIA PATRI #581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GREATOREX

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Possessions"

Brad Nix & Diane Hannibal

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

God's word for God's children.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Giving to God What Is God's

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

Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples. The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations. The church calls every man to use his abilities, his possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to him by God for the maintenance of his family and the advancement of the common welfare. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Jesus Paid It All"

Mark Hayes

* DOXOLOGY #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy, loving God, all that we are and all that have comes from you! In thankful response, we give back to you a small portion of the money and the time that you have given to us. Please gently help us to give back to you what is right, rather than what is left. This we ask in the name of Jesus, the greatest gift there is! Amen.

* HYMN #697

"Take My Life"

HENDON

v. 1 – All / v. 2 – Women / v. 3 – Men / v. 4 – Pulpit-side / v. 5 – Lectern-side / v. 6 – All

* BENEDICTION

* SENDING SONG

"Our Church's Mission"

Goodrich & Redding

* POSTLUDE

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Jenifer Cook

¹The 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

Prayer Group – Monday: (11am) RM106

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

Finance – Tuesday: (4pm) RM106

Seekers – Wednesday: (9am) RM106

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

Fellowship Dinner – Wednesday: (5:45pm) FH: **Chicken Del Sol** – \$7/person, max \$15/family

Life Groups – Wednesday: (6:30pm) **Heinz57** – RM104 & **Salt & Light** – RM106

Youth Group – Wednesday: (6:30pm) RM202

Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday: (6:30pm)

Feed My Lambs Prep – Thursday: (8am) FH

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

Al-Anon District 2 Meeting – Saturday: (9am) FH

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

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

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

Stewardship Kickoff Luncheon today

October 25th

Called Congregational Meeting

Youth Bake Sale-FH

SCAM Seminar- noon/FH

Reformation Sunday / Kirkin' of the Tartans with Bagpipes – WEAR RED!

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

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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. Linda Andrews (Mark Kirby's friend)
2. Bereaved family & friends of Graham Anthony
3. Don & Julia Baggett
4. Judy Benvenuti
5. Jack Brogan (Bob & Bonnie Taylor's son)
6. Kerri Bruns (Gene & Nan McNeill's granddaughter)
7. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
8. Doris Clark
9. Jimmy Davis (Tommy Whigham's friend)
10. Marion Dooley
11. Larry Elshoff
12. Anne Graves
13. Art Graves
14. Art Grover
15. Bereaved family & friends of Pat Guerry (Cheryl Whigham's sister)
16. Rodger Hadley
17. Jacqui Hagler (Mark Kirby's friend)
18. Bereaved family & friends of Carol Hendrix (Bev Anthony's sister)
19. Rita Hetrick
20. Janie Hollis
21. Joanne Hudson
22. Tom Hudson
23. Joyce Lentes (Kitty March's sister)
24. Dr. Don McGarity & family
25. Gene McNeill
26. Susan Martin (Denise Keli's neighbor)
27. Steve Osborne (Milner & Jan's son, Terri Milliken's brother)
28. Jo Sue Parker (Don & Julia Baggett's friend)
29. Minesh Patel (Bev Anthony's friend)
30. Peace in the world
31. Harriet Poole-Siebert (Mark Kirby's friend)
32. Debra Raulerson
33. Bruce Robinson
34. Phyllis Skinner
35. Pattie Smith (Janie Hollis's friend)
36. Jerry Stanley (Tommy Whigham's friend)
37. Blaine Walker (former FPCLC Associate Pastor)
38. Pat Wells (Charlyne Walker's friend)
39. 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:

Abby Mann 10/20 Luke Stanziani 10/22
Marty Fraser 10/23 Jim Parker 10/23

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!*