



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



September 13, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am Service

PRELUDE

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Heather Sorenson

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

Jordan Green, liturgist

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

God is our strength and our salvation.

God forgives. God heals.

God is our justice and our joy.

God transforms us with steadfast love.

We bless God's holy name.

Let us worship God together!

* HYMN #438

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

TOPLADY

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Merciful Triune God, we thank You for completely forgiving us. We confess that we are sometimes slow to forgive other people. We take the wrongs that people do to us too seriously, and we minimize the ways that our words and actions hurt other people. We want mercy for ourselves, but when people do us wrong, we want them to get what we think they deserve. We sometimes hold on to hurts, rather than doing the work of reconciliation. We pray, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," but we hope that You do not actually answer that prayer. We hope You will forgive us much faster and more fully than we forgive. Lord, help us to learn from Jesus that it is not okay to hold grudges or to withhold forgiveness. Grant us a fresh experience of Your forgiveness. Grant us the grace we need to obey Your command to forgive other people as You forgive us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

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

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- * GLORIA PATRI #581 *"Glory Be to the Father"* GREATOREX
- CHORAL ANTHEM *"I Surrender All"* J.W. Van DeVenter & W. S. Weeden
- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
- PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
- PSALM LESSON Psalm 103:1-13
- GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:21-35
- God's word for God's children.
- Thanks be to God.**
- SERMON *God Forgives Us and Commands Us to Forgive* 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 *A Brief Statement of Faith* ¹
- We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Amen.**
- OFFERTORY *"I Hear Thy Welcome Voice"* John Purifoy
- * DOXOLOGY #606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* OLD HUNDREDTH
- * PRAYER OF DEDICATION
- Eternal God, today You give us the opportunity to reach out to those who are in need of hope, healing, and friendship. Increase our gratitude, guide our giving, multiply our offerings, and use them in the work of grace and justice. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**
- * HYMN #444 *"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"* KINGSFOLD
- * BENEDICTION
- * SENDING SONG *"Our Church's Mission"* Goodrich & Redding
- * POSTLUDE *"My Soul Gives Glory to My God"* Lani Smith

¹ Composed in celebration of the 1983 reunion of two previously separate Presbyterian denominations to form PCUSA, *A Brief Statement of Faith* sketches in broad strokes the Reformed faith in which we stand. While lacking the theological precision found in the longer and more detailed confessions contained in our *Book of Confessions*, the *Brief Statement* articulates the basics of our faith, and does so in fresh, crisp language that is particularly suitable for use in public worship.

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: **Pizza (Youth)** Donations encouraged, \$7 min.

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

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

Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday: (6:30pm)

Personnel – Thursday: (9am) RM112

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**

Life Line Screening | October 1st @ 8am – 5:30pm (FH)

Stewardship Kick-Off – Sunday, October 18 Commitment Sunday – November 15

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

Clerk of Session – Janie Killian 386-984-5742

Congregational Life – Cheryl Whigham 386-397-3246

Christian Ed. – Marty Fraser 386-365-1454

Finance – Lee McDuffie 386-365-4965

Mission Outreach – Lisa Smith 386-697-6010

Nominations – Charles Kime 386-755-4937

Personnel – Don Baggett 863-634-3625

Property – Gerry Klauber 540-809-1124

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. Graham Anthony
2. Don & Julia Baggett
3. Judy Benvenuti
4. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
5. Doris Clark
6. Marion Dooley
7. Larry Elshoff
8. Alison Goodrich
9. Anne Graves
10. Art Graves
11. Art Grover
12. Pat Guerry (Cheryl Whigham's sister)
13. Rodger Hadley
14. Bereaved family & friends of Carol Hendrix (Bev Anthony's sister)
15. Rita Hetrick
16. Janie Hollis
17. Aria Horne (Bailee-Jo's friend)
18. Joanne Hudson
19. Tom Hudson
20. David Lawrence & family (Lisa Smith's brother)
21. Joyce Lentes (Kitty March's sister)
22. Dr. Don McGarity & family
23. Gene McNeill
24. Marty Morper
25. Minesh Patel (Bev Anthony's friend)
26. Peace in the world
27. Debra Raulerson
28. Fredrick Reed (Bonnie Green's friend)
29. **Bruce Robinson**
30. **Marylynn Skeen (Judy MacGrath's friend)**
31. Phyllis Skinner
32. Pattie Smith (Janie Hollis's friend)
33. Blaine Walker (former FPCLC Associate Pastor)
34. 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:

George Brannon 9/15 Janie Killian 9/15 Ryan Schulz 9/15
Nan McNeill 9/17 Elizabeth Mulvihill 9/17

Anniversary:

Art & Mary Grover 9/16

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!*