



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



April 6, 2025

5th 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

“Sun of My Soul”

Tom Fettke

* HYMN #313

“Lord, Make Us More Gentle”

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

People: **we were like those who dreamed.**

Leader: Our mouths were filled with laughter,

People: **our tongues with songs of joy.**

Leader: It was said among the nations,

People: **“The Lord has done great things for them.”**

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us,

People: **and we are filled with joy.**

Unison: Let us worship God together.

* HYMN #291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

SPIRIT

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-Present God, you offer us restoration and wholeness, yet we resist you. We reduce the purpose of this life to the amount of stuff we can retain, and we disregard the damage done to our planet, our neighbors, and to ourselves in the process. We confess that we would rather remain as we are than risk the change that results from your presence in our lives. In this season of Lent, help us to realize just how much we depend on one another. Guide us to reorient our lives towards your goodness and your joy; and as you do, we ask that you renew us, restore us, and remain with us, as you always have. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. 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

“Song of Gentleness”

Douglas Wagner

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 126

EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 5:22-23

Pastor: This is the word of God for the people of God!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Ken Goodrich

Gentleness: Defined as a disposition of humility and calmness, embodying strength under control.

Self-Control: Known as temperance, it involves managing thoughts, feelings, and behaviors effectively.

· Followers of Christ are called to embody gentleness and self-control in daily interactions.

· Mindfulness and thoughtful responses can prevent impulsive reactions and promote healing in conflicts.

· Reflecting on words before speaking can help maintain integrity and avoid regret.

· The faith community should showcase love and the character of Christ through gentleness and self-control.

· Remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice invites believers to share in communion and embody His teachings.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Day by Day"

Tom Fettke

* DOXOLOGY #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

HYMN #509

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

HOLY MANNA

The Great Thanksgiving

The Prayer of Preparation and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Communion Prayer

* HYMN #852

"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

I'LL FLY AWAY

* BENEDICTION

* SENDING SONG "Open Your Heart, Grow in God's Love, Reach Out to the World"

MISSION

* AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S GOODNESS

Pastor: God is good,

People: **all the time!**

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* POSTLUDE

"More Love to Thee"

Tom Fettke

Announcements

*For our (10:30am) Easter Worship service, remember to bring flowers & greenery for the
Easter Flower Cross*

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: Tuesday – (10am) RM104: Mission Outreach

(1pm) FH: **Seekers**

(4pm) RM106: **Worship**

Thursday – (10am) RM106: Nominations

(1pm) RM104: **Christian Ed.**

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner (5:45pm) FH: Join us for *Meatloaf*

Life Groups – Monday – Joy Seekers: (4pm) Grande Cypress

Wednesday – Inklings: (4:30pm) RM104

Salt & Light: (6:30pm) RM106

Heinz 57: (6:30pm) RM104

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

Thursday – (9am) FH: Garden Club

(12pm) FH: **Lenten Luncheon**

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

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

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

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



Cantata

**PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13TH @ 10:30AM**



**MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 17TH @ 7:00PM**



**GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 18TH @ 7:00PM**



**EASTER SUNRISE
APRIL 20TH @ 7:15AM**



**EASTER WORSHIP
APRIL 20TH @ 10:30AM**



Prayer List

1. Bev & Graham Anthony
2. Eva Aponte (Avery Bryan's friend)
3. Judy Benvenuti
4. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
5. Bereaved family & friends of Gloria Brown (Johnny Brown's aunt)
6. Avery Bryan (Jennie Bryan's daughter & the Fraser's granddaughter)
7. **Lena Ann Buehler (Evie McCrady's great-grandchild born 3/25)**
8. **Logan & Melissa Buehler (Parents of Lena Ann – Evie McCrady's great-grandchild)**
9. Larry & Sherry Byer
10. Doris Clark
11. Kathy Cook
12. Bereaved family & friends of Wanda Donato (Art & Anne Graves's cousin)
13. James Elliott (Roger & Ann Elliott's son)
14. Herb Ellis
15. Ruth Fraser (Jay Fraser's mother)
16. Shelby Gavellas (Judy Benvenuti's granddaughter)
17. Sol Gonzalez (Nikki Hubler's grandmother)
18. Alison Goodrich
19. **Bereaved family & friends of Jim Harrell (Tim Redding's friend)**
20. Jordan Hires (Lowell Hires's daughter/on-line request)
21. John Howe (Nancy Howe's son)
22. Nancy Howe
23. Joanne Hudson & Tom Hudson
24. Racheal Jones
25. Pastor Ken & family
26. Marie Kennon
27. Bunnye Lester
28. Ashley McDavid (David Clark's granddaughter)
29. Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity
30. Bereaved family & friends of Meg Mann (Ken & Joan Goodrich's friend)
31. Anthony Mobley (Beverly Schulz's friend)
32. Christians in Nigeria
33. Peace in the world
34. Elaine Phillips
35. Ralph Phillips
36. Susie Browning Sapp (Janie Hollis's friend)
37. Bereaved family & friends of Mike Schulz
38. **Bereaved family & friends of Leslie Schmidt (former member)**
39. Ria, Lisandra & Rianne Seecharan (Stephen Seecharan's family)
40. Luke Stanziani
41. Don Stevens (Tommy Whigham's friend)
42. **Bereaved family & friends of Angel Tanner (Nikki Hubler's mother's friend)**
43. Ann VanDenburgh
44. **Jacob Wicker (Carrie Wicker's son)**
45. Paul Williams (David Clark's son-in-law)

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:

Connie Fedele 4/7 Mabrey Hentzelman 4/7
Ilona Burton 4/8 Daniel Cook 4/8
Michael Logan 4/8 Dan Dannecker 4/9
Bunnye Lester 4/9

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.