



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



November 10, 2024

Commitment Sunday

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

“Father, We Give You Thanks”

arr. by Barbara Boertje

* HYMN #466

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we gather for worship,

People: **let us offer praise to God.**

Leader: As we join voices and hearts,

People: **we learn the importance of each one of us.**

Leader: As we find unity in the wider body of Christ,

People: **we learn that our whole is more than its parts.**

Unison: Let us worship God together!

* HYMN #710

“We Are an Offering”

OFFERING

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Possessions”

arr. by Brad Nix

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 146

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Ken Goodrich

Jesus frequently spoke about money and finances in the Gospels, using them to teach larger spiritual truths.

- He emphasized the importance of generosity, warned against wealth becoming an idol, and highlighted the need for trust in God's provision.
- The story of the Widow's Offering or Mite contrasts the hypocritical behavior of the scribes with the genuine faith and generosity of a poor widow.
- The widow's small but sincere offering was praised by Jesus as the greatest gift, teaching that true generosity is measured by the spirit in which we give, not the amount.
- Jesus' teachings challenge us to live lives of authentic faith and generosity, caring for the vulnerable, and trusting in God's provision.

* HYMN #712

"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

FOREST GREEN

* DEDICATION OF STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

Gracious God, creator of the world, giver of all that is good, bless the gifts and the pledges we bring to you today. These pledges represent our work, our hopes, and our dreams, and we offer them in thanksgiving for all we have received. May they be the first fruits of all we have, and not what we have left over. May we see these pledges as a sacred offering, and not a gift of obligation or exchange. May we use them wisely for your service, to reflect your love to this city and this world. May they move us to be more faithful disciples, and energize us for lives of generosity. In gratitude for the grace of God, in the warmth of God's hospitality, and in the spirit of the generosity embodied by Christ, we dedicate these pledges to the work of God. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OFFERTORY

"This Is My Father's World"

arr. by Roger Summers

* DOXOLOGY #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

* 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.

* HYMN #192

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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* BENEDICTION

* SENDING SONG

"Our Church's Mission"

Redding & Goodrich

* AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S GOODNESS

Leader: God is good,

People: **all the time!**

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* POSTLUDE

"'Tis a Gift to Be Simple"

arr. by Dale Wood

Announcements

Commitment Sunday Luncheon

All are Welcome!

Sunday School - (9:30am) Montgomery SS Class: RM106 – Jay Fraser & Jennifer Renfroe
PreK to 1st grade – Joan Goodrich - Children – 2nd to 5th grade: RM104 – Lisa Smith
Youth 6th to 12th grade: RM202 – Johnny Brown

Committee Meetings – Monday: (9:30am) RM106: **Congregational Life**
(5pm) RM FH: **Property**
Tuesday: (2pm) RM106: **Seekers**
(4pm) RM104: **Worship**
(4:30pm) RM106: **Finance**
Thursday: (8:15am) RM106: **Personnel**

Bible Studies – Tuesday (Women) 10am FH: (in-person & on-line)
Wednesday (Men) 12noon FH: In-person only

Please contact the church office or let the men know you are coming.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner (5:45pm) FH: – *Million \$ Spaghetti Casserole*

Life Groups: Monday - Joy Seekers: (4pm) RM106
Wednesday - Inklings: (4:30pm) RM104
Salt & Light: (6:30pm) RM106
Heinz 57: (6:30pm) RM104

Youth – Sunday (11:45am) & Wednesday (6:30pm) FH
Wednesday – Choir Rehearsal (6:30pm) S
Thursday – (9am) FH: Flower Club
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**

Veterans Day, Monday, November 11

Please remember all who served and those who are serving.

Prayer List

1. All affected by Hurricanes Helene & Milton & the many workers involved
2. Mildred Anderson (Mark Kirby's friend)
3. Graham Anthony
4. Debbie Baugh
5. Judy Benvenuti
6. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
7. Steve Buzzo (Kitty March's friend)
8. Doris Clark
9. Janice Clark
10. Trina Cliff (Kay Peterson's friend)
11. Kathy Cook
12. James Elliott (Roger & Ann Elliott's son)
13. Betsy Ellis (Herb Ellis's sister)
14. Ruth Fraser (Jay Fraser's mother)
15. Aaron Frazier (Jennie Bryan's friend)
16. Shelby Gavellas (Judy Benvenuti's granddaughter)
17. Dot Gifford
18. Eve Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's older sister)
19. Shawn Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's father)
20. Alison Goodrich
21. Marlene Henderson (Don & Julia Baggeett's daughter-in-law's mother)
22. Janie Hollis
23. Joanne Hudson
24. **Darrell Johnson (David Clark's cousin)**
25. Racheal Jones
26. Pastor Ken
27. Marie Kennon
28. Katherine Lyle (Nikki Hubler's mother-in-law)
29. Evie & Jim McCrady
30. Ashley McDavid (David Clark's granddaughter)
31. Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity
32. Drew & Meg Mann (Goodrich family friends)
33. Noah (Johnny Brown's Montreat friend)
34. People of the Middle East
35. Elaine Phillips
36. Ralph Phillips
37. Kris Robinson (Anne Carroll's nephew)
38. John Schnapp
39. Ria, Lisandra & Rianne Seecharan (Stephen Seecharan's family)
40. Harriet Sparkman (The Ambrose's grandmother)
41. Joshua Sprinkel (Nikki Hubler's friend's son)
42. Don Stevens (Tommy Whigham's friend)
43. Ann VanDenburgh
44. Howard Whitaker
45. Jacob Wicker (Carrie Wicker's son)
46. 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:

Graham Anthony 11/10

Jordan Green 11/11

Don Christensen 11/15

Ritchie Glass 11/15

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.