



# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



**February 16, 2025      6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany      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**

**“Love Lifted Me”**

Jina Park

### **\* HYMN #313**

**“Lord, Make Us More Loving”**

**LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY**

### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,

People: **whose confidence is in God.**

Leader: They will be like a tree planted by the water,

People: **sending out roots by the stream.**

Leader: This tree does not fear when heat comes;

People: **its leaves are green, its fruit endures.**

Leader: So come, let us place our trust in God!

**Unison: Let us worship God together.**

### **\* HYMN #693**

**“The Gift of Love”**

**GIFT OF LOVE**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Sustaining God, you would have us be deeply rooted in you, finding strength in your word and nourishment in your grace. More often, though, we live as chaff, blown here and there by the winds of circumstance. Forgive our lack of permanency and our failures to hold fast to our commitments. Grow in us faith that we might be firmly planted in your promises, released from sin, and open to the life you have shown us in Jesus Christ. 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**

**“Promise Song”**

**Douglas Nolan**

## **INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### PSALM LESSON

Psalm 1

### EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 5:22-23

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. Ken Goodrich

- Love is the first fruit mentioned in this passage, highlighting its significance and echoing 1 Corinthians 13:13.
- When we speak of love as a fruit of the Spirit, we acknowledge that we cannot produce it ourselves.
  - Faith, especially Love, is not merely an abstract concept; it demands action.
- In the sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for those persecuting you."  
This is one of the most challenging teachings.
- Also, from the Sermon on the Mount: forgive those that don't deserve it... over and over and over again.  
However, our human nature moves us to ensure we are not exploited.
  - Love isn't a feeling; it's an action.
- Love is the first and foremost fruit of the Spirit that should permeate every aspect of our lives.

### \* HYMN #729

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 1967*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.**

### OFFERTORY

"Forever True"

Brian Gibson

### 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 #300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

### \* 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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People: **God is good!**

### \* POSTLUDE

"I Love Thee"

Patti Drennan

## Announcements

### *Ordination & Installation of Elders today*

**Sunday School - (9:30am) Montgomery SS Class: RM106**

Jay Fraser, Jennifer Renfroe & Dr. Elaine Phillips

**PreK to 1<sup>st</sup> grade** – Joan Goodrich - Children – **2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade:** RM104 – Lisa Smith

**Youth 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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 – (4:30pm) FH: Finance**

**Thursday – (10am) RM106: Nominations**

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

**Wednesday Fellowship Dinner (5:45pm) FH:** Join us for *Chicken Casserole del Sol*

**Life Groups – Monday – Joy Seekers: (4pm) RM106**

**Wednesday – Inklings (4:30pm) RM104**

**Salt & Light: (6:30pm) RM106**

**Heinz 57: (6:30pm) RM104**

**Youth – Wednesday (6:30pm) FH**

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

**Thursday – (5pm) FH: Color & Eat Fellowship Event**

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

**Saturday – (6pm) FH: Living Sober**

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

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

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

# Prayer List

1. **Bev Anthony**
2. Graham Anthony
3. Judy Benvenuti
4. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
5. Doris Clark
6. Kathy Cook
7. James Elliott (Roger & Ann Elliott's son)
8. Betsy Ellis (Herb Ellis's sister)
9. Ruth Fraser (Jay Fraser's mother)
10. Aaron Frazier (Jennie Bryan's friend)
11. Shelby Gavellas (Judy Benvenuti's granddaughter)
12. Eve Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's older sister)
13. Shawn Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's father)
14. Sol Gonzalez (Nikki Hubler's grandmother)
15. Alison Goodrich
16. Nancy Howe
17. **Gerald Hoyt**
18. Joanne Hudson
19. Tom Hudson
20. Racheal Jones
21. **Bereaved family & friends of Christopher Harry Justus (William Justus's son)**
22. Pastor Ken & family
23. Marie Kennon
24. Ashley McDavid (David Clark's granddaughter)
25. Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity
26. Anthony Mobley (Beverly Schulz's friend)
27. **Pat Oosterhoudt (Mark Kirby's friend)**
28. People in California suffering from the fires
29. People of the Middle East
30. Bereaved family & friends of Diane Perry (Lisa Smith's friend)
31. Elaine Phillips
32. Ralph Phillips
33. **Diane Ray (Beverly Schulz & Laila Striebel's friend)**
34. Bereaved family & friends of Wayner Rehberg (June Martin's brother)
35. John Schnapp
36. **Mike Schulz**
37. Ria, Lisandra & Rianne Seecharan (Stephen Seecharan's family)
38. Don Stevens (Tommy Whigham's friend)
39. Ruth Talent (The Kime's friend from TN)
40. Ann VanDenburgh
41. **Bereaved family & friends of Sky Van-Ness (Men's Breakfast Group friend)**
42. **Flo Wattles (Tommy Whigham's friend)**
43. Paul Williams (David Clark's son-in-law)
44. Rose Wilson

*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:**

Kitty Dennison 2/17

Kinley King 2/17

Bob Taylor 2/18

Phyllis Skinner 2/20

## **Anniversary:**

Bob & Bonnie Taylor 2/18

**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](http://fpclc.org) and scroll down to Membership at the bottom of the page.