



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



November 17, 2024 26th Sunday after Pentecost 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

“Give Me Jesus”

arr. by Tracey Craig McKibben

* HYMN #466

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Whether we are sure of God’s work in the world,

People: **whether we are still waiting for a sign,**

Leader: let us worship the Lord,

People: **encouraging one another in hope.**

Leader: Whether we are confident in what the future will bring,

People: **whether we carry more questions than answers,**

Leader: let us worship the Lord,

People: **strengthening one another in faith.**

Unison: Let us worship God together!

* HYMN #39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable and disengage from the work of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day and a new world because our present reality feels good enough. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to live and work towards a world made just and equitable and new. 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

“If My People Will Pray”

arr. by Keith Christopher

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 16

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 10:22-25

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Ken Goodrich

The text discusses Jesus Christ's high priesthood and the exhortations or appeals of Faith, Hope, and Love from the book of Hebrews. It emphasizes drawing near God with sincere hearts, holding fast to hope, and encouraging one another in love and good works. The text contrasts human love with spiritual love, highlighting that spiritual love originates from Christ and serves others selflessly. It calls for regular fellowship and mutual encouragement within the Christian community.

Exhortations from Hebrews

- Draw near to God with a sincere heart and full assurance of faith.
- Hold fast to the confession of hope without wavering.
- Stir up one another to love and good works.

Characteristics of Spiritual Love

- Spiritual love serves others for Christ's sake.
- Human love is self-serving and desires direct contact.
- Spiritual love is bound to the Word of Jesus Christ.

- Spiritual love respects the boundaries set by Christ and relies on prayer.

Christian Community and Fellowship

- Regular fellowship is essential for spiritual growth and accountability.
- Encourage and challenge each other towards good works.
- Use personal gifts to be a blessing and support others.

* HYMN #761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of Belhar*

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

arr. by Mark Hayes

* 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 #740

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

* 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

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

arr. by Jason Krug

Announcements

Thanksgiving Basket Donations are due today! See flyer in the FH for more information.

We are still taking pledge cards, which are available in the FH or can be submitted online at fpcl.org.

Angel tree-gifts are due by Dec 1st. No need to wrap, just place the angel and the gift in a grocery bag and place it under the tree.

Christian Ed. Committee is looking for old Christmas cards you may not need. They will be using them for a craft. Please contact a Christian Ed. Committee member or drop them off at the office.

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

Session Meeting – Tuesday: (5:30pm) FH: Session

Committee Meeting – Thursday: (1:30pm) FH: Christian Ed.

Bible Studies – Tuesday (Women) 10am FH: (in-person & on-line)

Wednesday (Men) 12noon FH: In-person only

There are no Wednesday Fellowship Dinners for the next 2 weeks

Life Groups: Monday - Joy Seekers: (4pm) RM106

Wednesday - Inklings: (4:30pm) RM104

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



Presbytery of St. Augustine
needs your help
in fulfilling their mission

Do you know of ruling elders that might be interested, willing and have the gifts to serve the presbytery?

→ Email them at info@staugpres.org

Requested by, David Rollins, Lead Presbyter

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. Doris Clark
8. Janice Clark
9. Trina Cliff (Kay Peterson's friend)
10. Kathy Cook
11. **James Elliott (Roger & Ann Elliott's son)**
12. Betsy Ellis (Herb Ellis's sister)
13. Ruth Fraser (Jay Fraser's mother)
14. Aaron Frazier (Jennie Bryan's friend)
15. Shelby Gavellas (Judy Benvenuti's granddaughter)
16. Dot Gifford
17. Eve Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's older sister)
18. Shawn Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's father)
19. Alison Goodrich
20. Marlene Henderson (Don & Julia Baggeett's daughter-in-law's mother)
21. Janie Hollis
22. Joanne Hudson
23. Darrell Johnson (David Clark's cousin)
24. Racheal Jones
25. Pastor Ken
26. Marie Kennon
27. Katherine Lyle (Nikki Hubler's mother-in-law)
28. **Bereaved family & friends of Jim McCrady**
29. Ashley McDavid (David Clark's granddaughter)
30. Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity
31. Drew & Meg Mann (Goodrich family friends)
32. Noah (Johnny Brwn's Montreat friend)
33. People of the Middle East
34. Elaine Phillips
35. Ralph Phillips
36. Kris Robinson (Anne Carroll's nephew)
37. **Geri Romaniello (Connie Fedele's sister)**
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. Paul Williams (David Clark's son-in-law)
46. **Larry Zimmerman**

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:

Kay Peterson 11/18

Bonnie Green 11/20

Anniversary:

Don & Sharon Christensen 11/17

Tom & Denise Kelii 11/19

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.