



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
First Presbyterian Church
Tallahassee, Florida
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 7, 2024, 11:00 AM



Welcome

Whether this is your first time at First or you have been here forever, you join by YouTube or in person, we are glad you are here. First Presbyterian Church is a downtown congregation called to glorify and enjoy God as we worship through the Word and Sacrament, make disciples, nurture faith, serve neighbors, and strive for justice. We pray that worship is a place in which the Spirit guides you to make meaning in a life of faith for the living of these days.

Land Acknowledgement

As we come to worship, we acknowledge that the land on which we are meeting is the traditional and ancestral homeland of the Apalachee, Miccosukee, Seminole, and Black Seminole peoples. The people who called this beautiful land home for millennia were decimated, forcibly removed, and coerced from their homes. We the church recognize, remember, and are challenged by the stewardship of these indigenous peoples and their land. We acknowledge that the building in which we worship was built on the backs of enslaved peoples and funded by the sweat of their brows. We also acknowledge that until the mid-20th century we excluded people based on race. We repent of our complicity in the harm done to our siblings in the human family. We see our wrongs. We remember their place in our story, and we commit to shape our worship and service to reflect God's dream for a world where all members of the human family live together in justice and peace.

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Check-in

GATHERING

Ringing of the Zimbelstern

Voluntary

Land of Rest

George Shearing

Land Acknowledgement

Pierce Withers

*Call to Worship

Ethan Murphy

We ponder your steadfast love, O God,
and our praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Tell the next generation:

Our God will be our guide forever.

Come, let us rejoice.

*Hymn 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*Call to Confession

Pierce Withers

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Hymn 551

Kyrie

LAND OF REST

*Assurance of Pardon

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

*The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Pierce Withers

PROCLAIMING

Prayer for Illumination

Come and Fill

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

1. Come and fill all — my life, come and fill all — my life. Each and ev - 'ry
2. Come and fill all — my life, come and fill all — my life. Pour - ing gen - tly,

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ten - der place: Ho - ly Breath, move through me.
rush - ing strong: Ho - ly Breath, move through me.

Hebrew Scripture

2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 48

Great is the LORD and Greatly to be praised
in the city of our God.

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,

Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King.

Within its citadels God
has shown himself a sure defense.

Then the kings assembled,
they came on together.

As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;
they were in panic, they took to flight;

trembling took hold of them there,
pains as of a woman in labor,
as when an east wind shatters
the ships of Tarnish.

As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the LORD of hosts,
in the city of our God,
which God establishes forever.

We ponder our steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

Your name, O God, like your praise,
reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with victory,
let Mount Zion be glad,
let the towns of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments.

Walk about Zion, go all around it,
count its towers,
consider well its ramparts;
go through its citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God,
our God forever and ever.
He will be our guide forever.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 807

When We Must Bear Persistent Pain

PROSPECT

Gospel

Mark 6:1–13

Pierce Withers

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

RESPONDING

Call to Offering

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Anthem

*Take Courage my soul,
And let us journey on.
Tho' the night is dark,
And I am far from home.
Thanks be to God,
The morning light appears.*

The Storm is Passing Over

*The storm is passing over,
The storm is passing over,
The storm is passing over, Hallelu.*

Evelyn Simpson–Curenton

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
The storm is passing over,
The storm is passing over
The storm is passing over, Hallelu.*

*Presentation Hymn

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*May God forever be our peace;
may hymns of glory never cease:
Let all the faithful people come;
sing praise to God, the Three-in-One.
Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

SEALING

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Dr. Greta Reed
Pierce Withers

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

Sanctus — Hymn 552

LAND OF REST

... We break bread and share the cup, giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.

Memorial Acclamation — Hymn 553

LAND OF REST

... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen — Hymn 554

LAND OF REST

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 498 Loaves Are Broken, Words Were Spoken BEACH SPRING

Hymn 525 Let Us Break Bread Together LET US BREAK BREAD

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

*Hymn 463 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Dr. Greta Reed
Pierce Withers

Voluntary Praeludium in D minor, BuxWV 140 Dieterich Buxtehude

*Asterisks indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold print**.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

“**Kingdom**” or “**Kindom**” in the Lord’s Prayer? Our Scriptures were developed when Kingdoms were the going community structure. We realize now that other Biblical metaphors, like *koinonia*, more adequately capture the communities of care and genuine kin-ships about which Jesus taught and preached.

Prayer Concerns — **We offer prayers for healing** for Carol Lou Phillips, Joyce Crawford, Bev Breedlove, Tara Reynolds, Jodie Kim Geradine, Sandra Sherrard, Martha Snowden, and Catherine Parrish. **We offer prayers for strength and mercy** for the family and friends of Emily Landreth, who died on July 2 (a Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held in the sanctuary on Friday, July 12 at 1 PM); and for Vanessa Joy, her husband Kyle, and their three daughters; Patricia McCoy Delancey; Thaddeus Gillon; and Aidan, grandson of Sue Safford. We pray for Monique Ellsworth and the staff and volunteers of Second Harvest of the Big Bend; for all those recovering from storm damage; and for victims of gun violence in our community and our country. We pray for the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba, Pastor Izett Samá Hernández, and Pastor Alison Infante. We pray for peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and around the world. **We also pray for those in military service**, including Brian Guisao, Ross Yielding, David DelRossi, and Owen Elzie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are welcome in this service as full members of God’s family. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in the basket by the back door. Child care for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building. Please note that during worship the Education Building is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each aisle of the sanctuary.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T–telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

Large print versions of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

Visitors: We are glad you are here this morning! If you have questions about our congregation or about church membership, please let us know by using the friendship registers or speaking to one of the greeters so we can connect you with the right people. We welcome new members during worship on the second Sunday of each month.

The Choir would love to have you join them during the Summer months. If you would like to take part in singing with the choir during the summer, meet in the choir room before worship on Sundays at 10 AM.

MEMBERS OF SESSION 2024–26

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	Parish Associate	Rev. Dr. Greta Reed
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