



First Presbyterian Church

The vision of The First Presbyterian Church of Lake Wales, Florida, is to be a Christ-centered fellowship of believers devoted to glorifying God through true worship, personal evangelism, discipleship and servanthood.

THE MORNING WORSHIP

February 11, 2024

To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and want fellowship; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who pray and to all who do not, but ought; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide the door and says in the name of the Lord Jesus, “Welcome.”

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Improvisation on Worship Service Hymns

Please date and sign the friendship pad, then pass it down your pew for others to sign.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mackay Smith

Prelude Allein Gott in Der Höh Sei Her (All Glory be to God on High)
Vince Treadway, organ/Johann Walther/ see hymn 102 for text

*Call to Worship from 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father, Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,

for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name!

*Hymn of Praise and Thanksgiving

***Invocation**

Rev. Myers McKinney

***The 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, for ever. Amen.

***Confession of Faith** from the *Heidelberg Catechism*

Q 33 Why is he called God's "only begotten Son" when we are also God's children?

A **Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God—adopted by grace through Christ.**

Q 34 Why do you call him "our Lord?"

A **Because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.**

THE WORD OF GOD REVEALED

New Testament Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Sanctuary Bible: p. 1248; Chapel Bible: p. 980

We continue reading through the book of Philippians.

THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Scripture Reading Response from II Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

Thanks be to God for equipping us by his Word!

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

*Spiritual Song

Is He Worthy?
Andrew Peterson/Ben Shive

Congregation will sing words in **bold print**

Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.**

Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do.**

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? **We do.**

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.**

Is all creation groaning? **It is.** Is a new creation coming? **It is.**

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.**

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.**

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?**

**The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root
and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.**

Is he worthy, is he worthy, of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is he worthy of this? He is!

Does the Father truly love us? He does! Does the Spirit move among us? He does!

And does Jesus our Messiah, hold forever those he loves? He does!

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does!

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and open the scroll?**

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, he is David's Root

**and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
he has made us a kingdom of God to reign with his Son.
Is he worthy, is he worthy, of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy, is he worthy, is he worthy of this? He is!
Is he worthy, is he worthy? He is!**

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Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering **Blessed Are Those Whose Way is Blameless**
Large Ensemble/Psalm 119:1-4/Vince Treadway

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the way of the Lord!
Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart.
Who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!
You have commanded your precepts be kept diligently.

***Hymn of Response for the Offering**

Hymn 731

Doxology
OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here
below; praise him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.**

*Children may come to the front and be seated on the first pew on the left side of the
sanctuary for the children's message during the singing of the Doxology.*

***Prayer for the Offering**

Children's Message

Rev. Mackay Smith

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading

John 17:1-5
Sanctuary Bible: p. 1149; Chapel Bible: p. 903

Sermon

Holy Ground: God's Glory

THE SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Response

Hymn 460

Amazing Grace!

*Benediction

Postlude

Erbarm, dich mein, O Herre Gott (O God be merciful to me)
Vince Treadway, organ/J. S. Bach/Buzvetski BWV 721

*Congregation please stand if you are able.

Welcome Visitors: We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! Our prayer is that you will rejoice with us today in our good and mighty God through the good news of the risen Savior. It is our chief calling as a church to worship Him together. If you do not trust in Jesus for life and salvation, we pray that God will work in your heart to repent and turn to him today (Romans 3:23-24). If you wish to learn more about our church, any pastor or elder is happy to speak with you.

Prayer Focus: What does it mean to have eternal life? Jesus answers that question in today's sermon text. In John 17:3, Jesus says that "this is eternal life, that they know you and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." Jesus is not talking about the knowledge that a judge has of a convict but the knowledge that a man has of a friend (Exodus 33:11, John 15:15). Do you know God in this way? If you do, praise the Lord! Pray to go "further up and further in" such knowledge. If you do not know God, pray for the Holy Spirit to graciously apply the finished work of Christ's reconciliation to your heart so that you would no longer be God's enemy but God's friend.

If you are in need of prayer, one of our Elders will be available to pray with you in the Pastor's study following this morning's service. For Prayer Chain requests please contact Elder Vince Treadway at vince@fpclw.org; for Pastoral visits please contact Rev. Mackay Smith at 704-813-9006.

Next Week's Sermon: *Holy Ground: Jesus' Disciples* based on John 17:6-19.

Today's Children's Sunday School Leaders: Angie Crews and Myers McKinney

Today's Ushers: Luke Cain, Bob Hulen, Doug Pace and June Ullman

Today's Elder Prayer Partner: David Nelson

Worship Attendance: January 28, 2024: 187; February 4, 2024: 182

FPC Meetings and Activities for the Week:

*Please call the church when coming to use the gym so that we can unlock it for you.

Contact Walker Kirkpatrick (803) 417-4607 for pickleball info and equipment.

SUNDAY 2/11: Worship (Sanctuary) at 9:30 am; **Nursery** (Nursery) at 9:30 am; **Adult Small Groups** (various times & locations); **Children's Sunday School** (Children's Dept.) at 11:00 am; **MS & HS Youth Sunday School** (FLC Game Room) at 11 am; **NO Youth Group** this afternoon.

MONDAY 2/12: Open Gym* from 8 am to 12 pm; **Handbell Choir Rehearsal** (Handbell Room) at 2 pm.

TUESDAY 2/13: Men's Prayer Breakfast (Missions Lobby) at 7 am; **Open Gym*** from 8 am to 12 pm; **Tuesday Morning Circle** (Game Room) at 9 am; **S & F Meeting** (zoom) at 12 pm; **Discipleship Committee** (Gym Classroom C) at 4:30 pm; **Evangelism Committee** (Breezeway Lobby) at 5:05 pm.

WEDNESDAY 2/14: Open Gym* from 8 am to 12 pm; **Worship Committee** (Library) at 12 pm; **Covenant Kids** (Handbell Room) at 4 pm; **Musical Beginnings** (Room 320) at 4 pm; **King's Singers** (Choir Room) at 5 pm; **Rock on Wednesday** (Breakout Night - Fellowship Hall) at 6 pm; **ROW Children's Program** (Children's Dept.) at 6:30 pm; **MS & HS Youth Bible Study** (Game Room) at 6:30 pm; **ROW Nursery** (Nursery) at 6:30 pm; **Large Ensemble Rehearsal** (Choir Room) at 7:30 pm.

THURSDAY 2/15: Open Gym* from 8 am to 12 pm.

FRIDAY 2/16: Open Gym* from 8 am to 12 pm.

SATURDAY 2/17: None

ROW – Week 2: Breakout Night.

Pastor Myers continues the *Unbreakably His* study in the Fellowship Hall. The women's breakout session, *Navigating Gospel Truth*, will meet in room 297. The Children's program (PreK - 5th grade) continues *The Biggest Story* in the Children's Department downstairs. MS & HS Youth will meet in the Game Room to study *The Bible Project*.

Next week: Hymn sing and Prayer meeting for the *3rd Wednesday* of the month!

ROW Dinner Reservations – Please help us be good stewards. Your reservation will help our kitchen crew know how much food to prepare to have plenty but avoid waste. You can sign up on the friendship pad in your pew this morning (please indicate hot meal or pizza) or online at www.fpclw.org by Wed at 10 am or call the church office 863-676-0711 by Wed. at 10 am. **The menu for this week is: Pork chops, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, dessert, and drinks.** A donation box will be available for those who would like to contribute money for their meal; the suggested donation is \$5/adult and \$2.50/child. Pizza will be offered for a suggested donation of \$1/slice.

Financial Report (year-to-date) - As of January 31, 2024

REVENUE:	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Difference</i>
	\$85,337.00	\$88,269.00	\$2,932.00
Estate Receipts		\$0.00	
Total Revenue:		\$88,269.00	
EXPENSES:		<u>\$79,841.00</u>	
Net Income (Loss)		\$8,428.00	

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