



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

LAKELAND, FLORIDA

April 19, 2026

GREAT
STORIES





Thank you for worshipping with us
this Sunday!

Serving in this Worship Service:

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton,
Senior Pastor

Elder, Ann Marshall,
Liturgist

Sam Carlton,
Classic Worship Arts Director

Tom Ingui,
Organist

Chancel Choir,
Sam Carlton, Director

Soloist,
Veronica Prevost, Mezzo Soprano

The flowers in this morning's service
have been given
in memory of David Anderson
by Mary Lib Anderson and Family.

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Christian worship gives
all glory and honor,
praise and thanksgiving
to the holy, triune God.
We are gathered in worship
to glorify the God
who is present and active
among us— particularly through
the gifts of Word and Sacrament.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Third Sunday of Easter
10:30 A.M. CLASSIC WORSHIP
April 19, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC

My God I'll not abandon; He'll not abandon me, BWV 658 J.S. Bach
Tom Ingui

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

~ *GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD* ~

PRELUDE

Veronica Prevost

After Calvary

Thelma Goodrich

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ann Marshall

Psalm 24:3-6

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

**He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**

**He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

**Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah**

*** HYMN 688** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* MORECAMBE

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Ann Marshall

**We give up far too easily. Instead of deep hunger for what
is right and a relentless trust in your goodness, we ask what
we need to do to get you on our side. Instead of seeking
Spirit life, we advise you on how to accomplish our will.
Forgive us our childish ways, and lead us into the long
obedience in the same direction. Amen.**

*** PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Ann Marshall

*** RESPONSE HYMN 817, Verse 3**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ann Marshall

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Ann Marshall

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

Hear My Cry, O God

Alexander Kopyloff

Words adapted from Psalm 51:1; 39:12; 25:1-2; 103:1; and 108:5

Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer: Hold not Thy peace at my tears.

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul; O my God, I trust in thee; O keep my soul, and deliver me.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all within me praise His holy name.

Be Thou exalted above the heavens, and Thy glory above the earth.

Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

* DOXOLOGY

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ann Marshall

~ PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD ~

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

The Wrestler

Genesis 32:22-32; Luke 18:1-8

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD ~

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day, he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic⁺ church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(catholic⁺ = universal)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR RAVENNA FLESHER

Daughter of Selena and Ren Flesher, Jr.

~ *SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD* ~

*** HYMN**

I Surrender All

SURRENDER

- 1 All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all; All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

- 2 All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine; Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine. [Refrain]
- 3 All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me. [Refrain]

*** BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

POSTLUDE

Tom Ingui

Vivace from Trio Sonata No. 6 in G Major, BWV 530

J.S. Bach