



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

LAKELAND, FLORIDA

August 23, 2026

FAITH *at Home*





Thank you for worshipping with us
this Sunday!

Serving in this Worship Service:

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton,
Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich,
Parish Counselor, Liturgist

Sam Carlton,
Classic Worship Arts Director

Tom Ingui,
Organist

Chancel Choir,
Sam Carlton, Director

The flowers in this morning's service
have been given in memory of
Bob W. Stanley
by Nancy and daughters,
Jennell, Barbara, and Nancy Jane.

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from **Presbyterian Directory of Worship:**

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.*

13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M. CLASSIC WORSHIP

August 23, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC

Selected Choral Preludes, Op. 112

Tom Ingui

Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

~ GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD ~

PRELUDE

Ruhig bewegt from Organ Sonata No. 2

Tom Ingui

Paul Hindemith

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 84:1-4

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and
flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my
King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

* HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

We are called to love our neighbor as ourselves, but we have ignored
the plight of the poor and the stranger, wishing them away instead of
coming alongside. When we visit, we want to be welcomed, but we
have failed to show the kind of hospitality that honors the Gospel.
Give us a hunger and thirst to move into the heart of worship and
love where we give according to what we have been given, and serve
according to how God has attended to our needs. Amen.

* SILENT PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

*** RESPONSE HYMN 529**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

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

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

OFFERTORY

Many Tables

Fred Gramann

Chancel Choir

Many tables, Lord, we see; Many choices do us invite;
As we seek our community, May we know which place is right;
Draw us closer to your light.

For your table is set with grace; At each place the cup of love.
The invited gaze upon your face; Holy One sent from above
Who for us did shed his blood.

Gathered round your table now; You are there for all to see.
in humility we bow; As we sit to dine with Thee.

*** DOXOLOGY 10**

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia! Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three in One: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD ~

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

Hospitality in a Lonely World

Isaiah 25:6–9; Romans 12:13

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD* ~

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.055

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

Q. What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?

A. **First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members. Amen.**

~ *SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD* ~

*** HYMN 769**

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

*** BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE 306**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Amen

POSTLUDE

Lebhaft from Organ Sonata No. 2

Paul Hindemith

Tom Ingui