



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

LAKELAND, FLORIDA

September 6, 2026

FAITH

at Home





Thank you for worshipping with us
this Sunday!

Serving in this Worship Service:

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen,
Family Pastor

Kay Strong
Elder, Liturgist

Sam Carlton,
Classic Worship Arts Director

Chancel Choir
Sam Carlton, Director

Marsha Jones,
Guest Organist

The flowers in this morning's service
are in honor of
my daughter Kate and son-in-law, Sam,
for 20 years of marriage
by Kay Strong.

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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.*

15th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M. CLASSIC WORSHIP

September 6, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Chris Rice
Marsha Jones

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen

~ GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD ~

PRELUDE *O God, Thou Faithful God* Flor Peeters
Marsha Jones

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Elder, Kay Strong

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

*** HYMN 687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

CALL FOR OFFERING

Elder, Kay Strong

OFFERTORY *O Sacred Feast* Healey Willan
Chancel Choir

O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

*** DOXOLOGY 10** *Sing Glory to the Name of God*

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

Elder, Kay Strong

~ PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD ~

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen

Faith Through the Generations

Psalm 78:1–7; 2 Timothy 1:5

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD ~

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Elder, Kay Strong

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)

COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen

Elder, Kay Strong

* Invitation

* Prayer of Confession

There is no shadow of turning with Thee, O God, but we are prone to wander, prone to leave the God we love. Great is Thy faithfulness, but often we are fickle. Teach us from your steadfastness to be resolute, offering steadfast love to our neighbors, remembering Thy faithfulness in times of struggle and testing, choosing to lay down our lives when others are saving their belongings. We would follow Jesus. Amen.

* Silent Prayers of Repentance and Assurance of Pardon

* Response Hymn 808 Verse 3

When Memory Fades

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Within your spirit, goodness lives unfading. The past and future mingle into one.
All joys remain, unshadowed light pervading. No valued deed will ever be undone.
Your mind enfolds all finite acts and offerings. Held in your heart, our deathless life is won!

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Celebration of Communion

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, forever. Amen.

* HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

* HYMN 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen

POSTLUDE

Marsha Jones

God of Grace

Paul Manz