



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

LAKELAND, FLORIDA

September 13, 2026

FAITH

at Home





16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M. CLASSIC WORSHIP

September 13, 2026

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

Marsha Jones,
Guest Organist

Chancel Choir,
Sam Carlton, Director

Festival Ringers,
Sam Carlton, Director

The flowers in this morning's service are
given in loving memory of
Brian F. X. Ahearn
by Jo Ahearn.

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office at 863-686-7187, or email
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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.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Marsha Jones

Take Time to Be Holy

arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

~ GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD ~

PRELUDE

Festival Ringers

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Eugene Butler

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Marshall

Psalms 89:35-37

Once for all I have sworn by my holiness;
I will not lie to David.
His offspring shall endure forever,
his throne as long as the sun before me.
Like the moon it shall be established forever,
a faithful witness in the skies. Selah.

* HYMN 459

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ann Marshall

Jesus sends us as witnesses to those who need to know him, but we
act as if we know nothing relevant. Jesus sends us as ambassadors to
a broken culture, but we act as if we were secret agents. Each of us
has faith, hope, and love that we can share, bearing witness to the
grace that is ours in Christ. Amen.

* SILENT PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ann Marshall

* RESPONSE HYMN 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let
me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where
there's sadness, ever joy.

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

Ann Marshall

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Music by James Tripoli
Words by Tobias Clausnitzer

*Blessed Jesus, at thy word we have come again to hear you.
Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred, and in glowing faith be near you.
By your gospel true and holy, teach us Lord to love you solely.*

*All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in darkness shrouded,
Till your Spirit breaks our night, filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living come but by your gracious giving.*

*Glorious Lord, yourself impart, Light of Light from God proceeding,
Touch our lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's pleading,
Hear the song your church now raises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.*

* 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

Home as a Witness

Joshua 24:15; Matthew 5:13–16

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD ~

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967, 9.01, 6, 7

Ann Marshall

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation to which he has called his church are the heart of the gospel in any age. Our generation stands in peculiar need of reconciliation in Christ. In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with man. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, man, and the world. Therefore the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another. Amen.

~ SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN 314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE 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

POSTLUDE

Marsha Jones

Grand Choeur

Théodore Salomé