



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

LAKELAND, FLORIDA

October 18, 2026



THE NAME
ABOVE
EVERY NAME

WHY JESUS MATTERS FOR EVERYTHING



21st Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M. CLASSIC WORSHIP

October 18, 2026

Thank you for worshipping with us
this Sunday!

Serving in this Worship Service:

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen,
Family Pastor

Elder Dennis Ross,
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 honor of all the
volunteers in Children's and Youth Ministries
by David and Kim Bowers.

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website (fpclakeland.org), call the church
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

Fantasia in A minor

William Byrd

Tom Ingui

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen

~ GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD ~

PRELUDE

Les Gendarmes and Gavotte

Georg Muffat

Tom Ingui

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27:1, 4

Elder Dennis Ross

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

* HYMN 673

Jesus, Light of Joy

LAUDA ANIMA

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Dennis Ross

"If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness,
we lie and do not practice the truth." We confess that we have
walked in darkness when we have neglected love of God and love of
neighbor. We have walked in darkness when we have chosen our
desires over love of God and love of neighbor. We have walked in
darkness when we have recoiled in fear and put our fear over our
faith. Shine your light, O God, into every facet of our lives that we
may be done with sin, complete in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

* SILENT PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Dennis Ross

* RESPONSE HYMN 314, Verse 1

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to
you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

ELDER, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Dennis Ross

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Elder, Dennis Ross

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

Walk in the Light

Music by André Thomas

Words by George D. Elderkin and Charles Wesley

Refrain

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;

Glory to the newborn King, Jesus, the Light of the world. (refrain)

Hail the heavenborn Prince of Peace! Jesus, the light of the world;

Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the light of the world; (refrain)

* DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Elder Dennis Ross

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD ~

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen

Jesus, the Light of the World

Psalm 27:1-6; John 9:1-7

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD ~

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.001

Elder Dennis Ross

Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence, do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God, and of his will, which is necessary unto salvation; therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in divers manners, to reveal himself, and to declare that his will unto his Church; and afterwards for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the Church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing; which maketh the Holy Scripture to be most necessary; those former ways of God's revealing his will unto his people being now ceased. Amen

~ *SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD* ~

* HYMN 840

It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE 542, Verse 1 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

GOD BE WITH YOU

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again. Amen.

POSTLUDE

A Fancy in Gamut Flatt

Orlando Gibbons

Tom Ingui