



**FIRST
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LAKELAND, FLORIDA

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Rev. Dr. John Fullerton, *Senior Pastor*

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October 18, 2026 "The Name Above Every Name"

Congregational Meeting

Our annual fall congregational meeting will be held today following the 10:30 am services. The congregation will vote to elect new elders to serve on Session, the church's governing body. Please make all attempts to be present for this meeting.

Kirkin of the Tartan

The 10:30 am Classic service on Sunday, Oct. 25, will feature the church's annual Kirkin of the Tartan. If you have a family tartan, please dress accordingly.

The service will feature bagpipes and the new timpani drums. Because of this, the service will be louder than usual.

Living Generously

This month, we observe our annual stewardship drive in which we make commitments to the church and to God to give back to him what is his through our involvement in the local church.

You should have already received your commitment cards in the mail, and we ask you to prayerfully consider your commitment.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and we are delighted to honor our pastoral team - Pastor John Fullerton, Pastor Zac McGowen, Dr. Paul Suich, and Rev. Richard Phillips.

There will be a member of the Pastoral Care Committee in the Welcome Center on Sundays to receive cards and love offerings for our pastoral staff.

Costumes and Candy

We will be hosting our annual Costumes and Candy event on Wednesday, Oct. 28 during the Kids Club time. We need volunteers to host booths, and we need donations of candy.

Mark the date on your calendars and encourage your kids to invite friends to attend with them. It will be a fun time for all.

Eat Dessert First

Our Youth Worship Band is holding a Bake Sale today in the Welcome Center to raise funds for their annual summer trip to the Montreat Worship and Music Conference.

Get yourself a sweet treat (or one for a friend!) and help support our youth.

Surrender's Got Talent

Tonight at 5 pm in Loudon Hall, our youth will be hosting a talent show. They'll have gift baskets on raffle, and funds will assist the youth in their annual summer trip to RealLife Camp. We hope to see you there.

Chili Cookoff Teams Registration

If you have the best chili recipe around, sign up for our annual Chili Cookoff and share that amazing chili with us. Registration for teams competing is open now. Stop by the table in the Welcome Center today to register. The event will be on Nov. 8, and all are invited.

Tom Ingui Presents Bach Concert

Next Sunday, Oct. 25, Tom Ingui, FPC organist, will present the third in his nine concert series, The Complete Organ Works of J.S. Bach. The free concert will be at 3 pm in the sanctuary. The concert is free, and all are invited.

Upcoming Events

Pastor Appreciation Month | October

Stewardship/Annual Fund Campaign | October

Congregational Meeting | Oct. 18 | 11:45 am | Sanctuary

Youth Worship Band Bake Sale | Oct. 18 | 11:30 am | Welcome Center

Tom Ingui Bach Concert | Oct. 25 | 3 pm | Sanctuary

Costumes and Candy | Oct. 28 | 6 pm | Front Lawn

OAM Six Gun Territory Wild West Weekend | Nov. 7 |

Leave the church at 7:45 am | \$30 per person | RSVP to Sandie

Special Needs Ministry Inclusion Sunday | Nov. 8

Chili Cookoff | Nov. 8 | 4:30 pm | Loudon Hall

**The Chamber Choir concert scheduled for Oct. 20 has been cancelled.

More event information is available on our website (www.fpclakeland.org) or on the Church Center app.