

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
November 9, 2025
Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Tommy Clay, Jr.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING SENTENCES

Tom Stone-Erdman

Stand firm and hold fast to your faith.

God will strengthen us in word and deed. (II Thess. 2)

GATHERING PRAYER

O God, your blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life. Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Hymn #1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

We confess to you, O God, that we deceive ourselves about our sin, slipping by and sidestepping the truth. You are the source of righteousness, the overflowing fountain of goodness. You made us to be like you in righteousness and holiness, yet we are distracted from your purposes and running after the gods of this world. Forgive and restore us through Jesus, your Son.

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI “Glory Be to the Father” Hymn #581

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end, Amen.”

ANTHEM “You Are Mine” Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

First Reading

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 p.678, OT

Second Reading

II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 p.161, NT

Gospel Reading

Luke 20: 27-38 p.64, NT

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 p.678, OT

In the second year of King Darius, **2**¹ in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: **2**“Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say: **3**Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? **4**Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high

priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, ⁵ according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶ For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, ⁷ and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. ⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. ⁹ The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.”

II Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17 p.161, NT

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one^[a] is revealed, the one destined for destruction.^[b] ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruit for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Luke 20; 27-38 p.64, NT

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Children of the Resurrection” Cliff Lyda

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle’s Creed)

Hymnal p.35

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 at 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (with the Lord’s Prayer)

Hymnal p.35

**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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING MUSIC

Tommy Clay, Jr.

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Hymn #606

“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.”

HYMN “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” Hymn #542

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.

God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Details on our website, Facebook, Realm & 386-385-3040.)

Church Activities

Small Groups-Sunday 9:15 am; Tues. 4:00 pm; Wed. 5:00 pm.

Presbyterian Women-Circles meet every 2nd Tuesday, 10:30am & 6:30pm in the Garden Room.

Outreach Ministries

Bread of Life-November needs are Parsley flakes, Jiffy cornbread mix, marshmallows, stove top stuffing, turkey gravy packets, cranberry sauce with berries, wide egg noodles, ziploc bags (sandwich size and quart size).

Social Connections-Thurs. 1pm in Zoom Rm. Contact Shaaron Kohl 864-378-7032.

Quilting Group-Friday's at 10:00 in the Zoom Room, Welcoming new members.

Shower Ministry-Thurs. from 2-6pm

PC3 Ministry-Monday 2-6pm

Meridian/Grace Market Place-Thurs. 2-4pm in the Bartram Rm a representative for assistance.

CDC (Chemical Dependency Counseling)-Mon. 8-12; Tues. 8-6, Wed. 8-6, Sat. 8-6.

New Opportunities

Ascend Music Ministry-contact Felecia Nelson for an interview/audition pinkorchidjfn@aol.com.

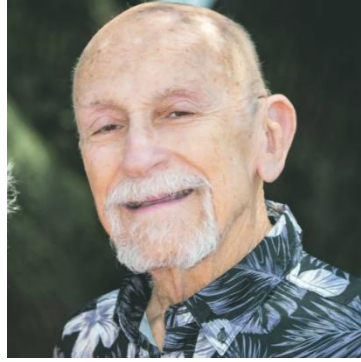
Financial Report – Year to date through Oct. 31:

Total In \$204,810

Total Out \$226,590

TYD Deficit \$21,780

Update on Brick Opportunity 7 orders



Kenneth R. “Ken” Mahaffey, 77, A man in a million, known for his heart for people and widely admired for his influence and contributions in our community passed away Wednesday, November 5, 2025.

For many years, Ken was a radiant presence in our congregation—faithful in worship, generous in spirit, and always quick with a smile that could brighten the darkest day. Whether greeting you at the door, lending a hand behind the scenes, or simply walking through the halls with that unmistakable joy in his step, Ken embodied the love of Christ in word and deed. We will miss his warmth, his wisdom, and the way he made each person feel seen and loved.

As we grieve his absence, we also give thanks for the gift of his life among us. We entrust him now to the arms of the Savior he loved so dearly, confident that he is dancing in joy everlasting.

“Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Lord.” — Matthew 25:23

2025 Advent at First Presbyterian Church of Palatka ✨

A Season of Hope, Music, Joy, and Community
All are welcome. Come as you are. Bring a friend. And come celebrate the Season!

🎵 November 30 – Advent Concert

4:00 PM – Sanctuary: Begin the season with beautiful music! Featuring **Angel Semidey**, on our historic Moeller organ. Angel is a Palatka High School graduate and a University of North Florida music student. Angel currently sings with the **UNF Chorale**—a perfect, peaceful start to Advent.

 December 6 – Parents’ Day Out

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM - Westminster Hall: Need a break to shop, wrap, rest, or breathe?
Bring the kids for fun, crafts, and care—we’ll handle the merriment while you handle your to-do list.

 December 7 – Community Chili Cook-Off

4:00 – 6:00 PM – Westminster Hall: Bring your best chili and your hungriest friends!
Taste as many as you like and **vote with quarters** for your favorites.
Spicy, mild, veggie, or wild—come enjoy good food and great company.

 December 14 – Music Sunday Cantata during
Worship (10:30 AM)

Then at **4:00 PM – Messiah Sing-A-Long – Sanctuary:** Lift your voice with singers from **Florida School of the Arts** and our community. Whether you sing loudly, softly, or just in your heart, this beloved tradition is a joyful celebration for all.

 December 21 – Drop-In No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant - Sanctuary

4:00 PM – Sanctuary: Family-friendly, funny, and full of Christmas cheer!
Roles assigned on the spot—no experience, costumes, or preparation needed. Just show up and **have fun**.

 December 24 – Christmas Eve: Lessons & Carols

6:00 PM – Candlelight Service: A traditional, reflective celebration of Jesus’ birth with scripture, carols, and community. Bring family, friends, and neighbors as we share the light of Christmas in community.
