

It is Good to Give to God with Thanks

CALL TO GIVING

Matthew 20:26-28

²⁶ It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

OFFERTORY "Where Can I Turn for Peace?"

Children invited to Children's Church

***DOXOLOGY**

[The offering plates are positioned at the exits for convenience]

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

It is Good to Hear God Speak

ANTHEM "Our Savior's Love" Crawford Gates

SERMON Pastor Aaron Ankeny

It is Good to Depart and Serve

***HYMN** "Lord God, Your Love has Called US Here" (v1&5) 579
[to tune St. Catherine]

***BENEDICTION** **1 John 4:7-11 (NLT)**

⁷ Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.

Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

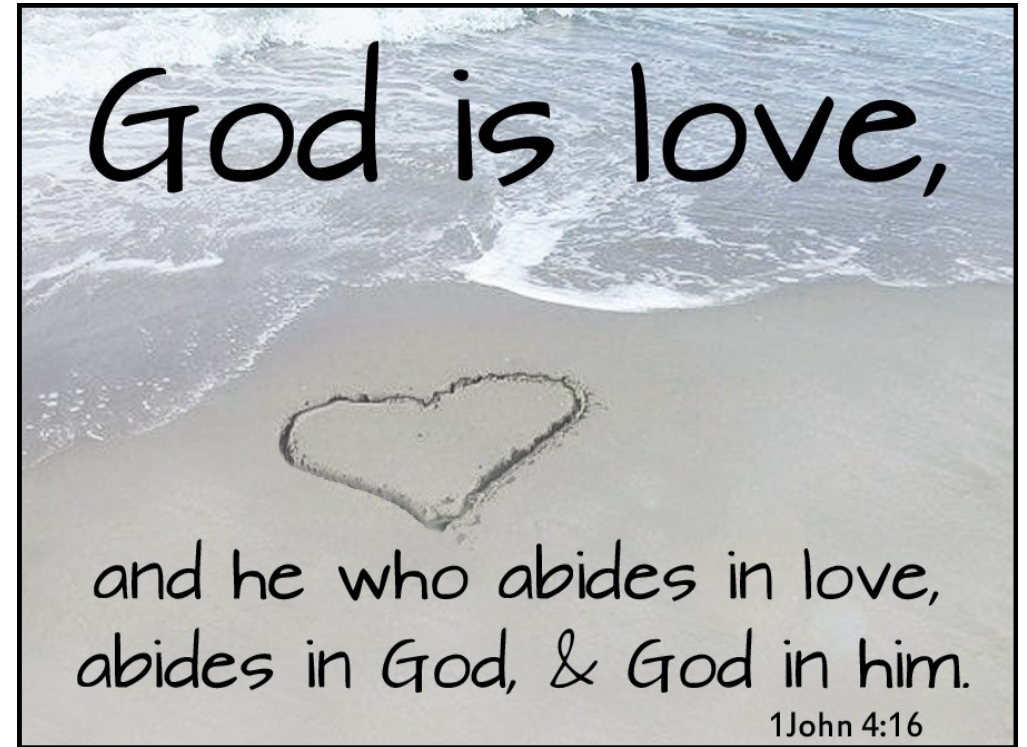
⁹ God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.

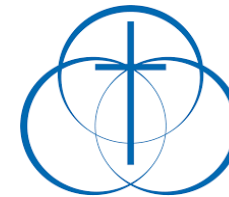
***CHORAL CLOSING** "Morning Has Broken" (145, V3) Choir

***POSTLUDE** Festive Postlude on the hymn tune "Hereford"

***(Please stand where indicated)**



First Methodist Church
of Lake City



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who
worship passionately,
love extravagantly,
and witness boldly.

OUR LOCAL MISSION GOAL

"that no child sleeps on the floor in our town."

973 South Marion Avenue, Lake City, FL 32025. 386-752-4488

Email: info@lcfumc.org

Website: www.lcfumc.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FirstMCLakeCity>

FEBRUARY 18, 2024
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

It is Good to Gather for Worship

We come to the house of God, a sanctuary from the world. Enter in reverent anticipation; seek in quiet meditation; rejoice in revelation; depart to serve.

CHIMING HOUR

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ann Fortney, Liturgist

It is Good to Seek God's Presence

Take this opportunity to focus on God, and realize God's Presence

PRELUDE

"When the Church of Jesus" "King's Weston"

CHORAL OPENING

"Morning Has Broken" (145, V1) Choir

UNISON PROFESSION OF ASSURANCE

Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)

³⁸ *And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell...*

³⁹ *No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

***OPENING HYMN**

"O How I Love Jesus"

170

It is Good to Give God Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

During the Lenten season, we worship and honor God for the love shown to all of us in Jesus who died for us.

This is a season of repentance and tears.

But Lent brings us to the time when Joy is born from tears.

Yes, Lent ends in the victorious joy of sins forgiven, hope restored and life eternal rising from death.

We stand in awe of the Sovereign God who brings good from bad, light from dark, right from wrong, joy from sorrow, and life from death.

We have come to worship and praise the Lord God Almighty.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

139

LENTEN PRAYER

It is Good to Affirm our Faith in God

268

HYMN

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

(vs 1,3,4,5) 269

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Titus 3:3-8 (NLT)

³ *Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other.*

⁴ *But—"When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love,*

⁵ *he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.* ⁶ *He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

⁷ *Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life."* ⁸ *This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.*

SONG OF COMMITMENT

"Hallelujah! What a Savior"

165

It is Good to Read God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:16-21 (NRSV)

¹⁶ *So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.* ¹⁷ *Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment.*

¹⁸ *There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.* ¹⁹ *We love because he first loved us.* ²⁰ *Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.* ²¹ *The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

This year we will collect different items each month and have a packing day sometime in late October/first of November.

This will make it more affordable for everyone and hopefully, we can pack many boxes for Christmas for children around the world as we share God's love. This program is through Samaritan's Purse.

In the month of February, we will collect toothbrushes (all ages) and children's socks (packs would be great). If you'd like to help, purchase these items and place in the large basket in the narthex on Sundays or drop off during the week at the office (Mon-Thurs. 10-3pm).

GRIEF SHARE

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and need support to help you then please join us for this program led by Pastor Aaron Ankeny. It will meet every **Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room in Fellowship Hall. Brochures are available in the narthex



Prayer Concerns



Homebound:

† Glenn Jones † Dot Pitman † Helena Powers

Congregation Members in Need of Prayer:

† Frankie Powers † Pat Humphress † Don Stevens † Tim Kirby † Bill Rogers † Terry Reiter † Lorene Douberley † Andy Dukes † The Leszkiewicz Family † Paul Wengert † Family of Rev. James Richardson who went to glory on 1/22/2024

Homes and Rehabilitation:

Nancy Hunter-Solaris † Mark Giebeig-Baya Pointe † Cheryl Hammons-Willowbrook

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

† Curtis Crawford † Ryan Gabey † Morgan Gabey † Kyle Moisan

Our Friends and Relatives:

† Sandra Buck-Camp's friends, Alice G. St. John & Joan Crawford, veteran, WSMC † Peggy Ankeny's friend, Susan Walker † Sandra Buck-Camp's sister-in-law, Dottie Henne † Carleen Van Sicklen † Dan Muckel † Sandra Buck-Camp's friend, Ottolie S. Glickman † Susan Lagoni † Bill Lagoni † Bailey's friend, Jason Harry † Lorene Douberley's granddaughter, Sarah Geer † Bailey's friend, Angie Ulsh and Joyce Ulsh † Pastor Fred Taylor, Branford MC † Carolyn Hunter † Dave Field † Steve, Brian, & Sam Berryhill † Peggy Ankeny's friend, Susan Walker † Gracie Howell † Katrina Counts † Bruce Reiter

Our Friends and Relatives with cancer:

† Riley Martin † Suzanne Melton † Troy Cunningham † Glen Jones, Jr. † Anne Sandlin † Barbara Hagler † Lorene Douberley's son, Farrell Short † Annette Hall † Shane Beadles † Rob Sandlin

Please let us know if a name can be removed or added. Thank you.

If you are visiting with us today, please fill out the information below, tear off along the perforation and put this card in the offering plate.

We are honored you chose to join us for worship today.

Please Print your name (s) in this space:

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Email

Notes/Prayer Requests

[] Please check the box if you would like the name added to the Prayer Concerns list in the bulletin

NEWS and EVENTS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Don Hembree
- 7 Staci Johnson
- 9 Helena Powers
- 10 Milly Beggs
- 11 BJ Wheeler
Beth Willis
- 12 A.H. Stevens
- 15 Sallie Rae Williams
- 16 Justin Johnson
- 17 Norman McRae
- 18 Cooper Willis
- 21 Rusty Bailey
- 23 Brielle Bailey
- 25 Buie Summerlin
- 26 Eva Kirby
Carson Powers



If you would like to have your name added to the birthday list, please contact the church office.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Aaron Ankeny
Director of Music: David Malone
Pianist: Amelia Tompkins
Audio Visual: Rusty Bailey, David Smith
Administrative Assistant: Lee Gober
Custodian: Heather Crawford
Grounds Keeper: Austin Reiter
Nursery: Heather Giebeig
Home Communion: Rev. Gary & Rita Monk

UPCOMING EVENTS and MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 20-Trustees Meeting @ 6 pm;
Finance Meeting @ 7 pm

Tuesday, March 6-First Wednesday Family Meal
Tuesday, March 12 @ 6 pm-Men's Fellowship

Please RSVP on the form included in the bulletin if you would like to attend.

Saturday, March 16 from 8:30 am-noon-SHP Bed Build
at the Christian Service Center.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

The Pregnancy Care Center is holding their annual Baby Bottle fundraiser. This organization is designed to assist women in confronting and dealing with the physical, emotional, economic and social problems associated with pregnancy. They provide ultrasounds, resources such as clothes, diapers, baby furniture, etc. as well as counseling.

If you would like to help, please pick up a bottle in the narthex and fill it with loose change. When you are ready to turn it in, please give to an usher or drop by the church office during the week Monday-Thursday 10 am-3 pm. The due date is Monday, February 26.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE UPDATE

SHP is in need of new blankets, heavy quilts or heavy comforters to meet the needs of bed requests received so far. The items must be in the original packaging.

Beds built to date: 135

Beds delivered to date: 77

Beds to be Delivered: 71

