

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, June 29, 2025**



**First Evangelical & Holy Cross Churches**  
**2740 Parker Ave.**  
**West Palm Beach, FL 33405**  
**[www.felcwpb.com](http://www.felcwpb.com)**

*“We are a community of churches and a church to the community.”*

Welcome to worship with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We come together for worship each Sunday to share in the ministry and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ with our own unique traditions and history. Seven other Christian ministries are located onsite with us.

If you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more about First Evangelical or Holy Cross, please reach out to one of our ushers, pastors, or fill out a welcome card and drop it in the offering boxes. Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. May God bless you.

## WELCOME / INVOCATION

**OPENING SONG BY CHOIR:** *"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

## GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** Father of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most merciful God,

**C:** We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who were once dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love. Through the Holy Spirit God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live and walk in the newness of life.

**C:** Amen.

# HYMN OF PRAISE: "Be Thou My Vision"



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. . .

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Are you looking for a **church home**? Join us! Talk to one of the pastors or call or email the church office (See information on back cover of bulletin).
- Help feed a friend with our **food drive** this summer! This mission project will continue through August. Dry goods are being collected at the back of the church and given to the Palm Beach County Food Bank.
- Thank you to our **“Pop Up” choir** for helping in worship this morning.
- Our **Vacation Bible School** was this past week. Thank you to all of the volunteers from all the ministries who helped make it possible, and for the parents and students that took part in it.
- **Next Sunday** we are welcoming the Grace Notes Music Foundation **Summer String Music Camp** to perform some of the music they have been learning the past two weeks. You are also invited to come to their free public concert here on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. *Wear red, white, and blue next Sunday!*
- Our **chapel roofing project** is happening this week and will be completed by July 4<sup>th</sup>. The construction may affect some of our activities.
- Our **lunch today** will be moved to the back of the church. Join us!

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & VIDEO

*The elementary-aged children are excused for **Sunday School class**.*

## **FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9b-21**

### **The Lord Appears to Elijah**

<sup>9</sup> There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>10</sup> He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

<sup>11</sup> The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>14</sup> He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

<sup>15</sup> The Lord said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. <sup>17</sup> Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. <sup>18</sup> Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

### **The Call of Elisha**

<sup>19</sup> So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. <sup>20</sup> Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,” he said, “and then I will come with you.”

“Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?”

<sup>21</sup> So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

### **Freedom in Christ**

**5** It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

### **Life by the Spirit**

<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

<sup>16</sup> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<sup>19</sup> The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:51-62**

**P:** The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Luke.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

### **Samaritan Opposition**

<sup>51</sup> As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” <sup>55</sup> But Jesus turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then he and his disciples went to another village.

### **The Cost of Following Jesus**

<sup>57</sup> As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

<sup>58</sup> Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

<sup>59</sup> He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

<sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

<sup>61</sup> Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

<sup>62</sup> Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

Pastor Michael Breznen

Matt:11:28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *"Seek Ye First"* (Sung by the choir)

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **THE OFFERING**

***Your OFFERING is received in the back of the church.  
Separate BOXES are available for both Holy Cross &  
First Evangelical churches.***

**For First Evangelical only, you can give online at  
[www.felcwpb.com](http://www.felcwpb.com) or TEXT2GIVE 844-504-1678 or Scan  
QR Code.**



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**P: Lift up your hearts.**

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and Praise.**

**SONG:** “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

**C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE DISTRIBUTION – CONTINUOUS FORMAT** *(Silence is appreciated)*

We practice Open Communion at Holy Cross and First Evangelical. If you believe that the Holy Sacrament carries with it the promises of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life and are a **baptized Christian** – you are welcome to receive. We do ask, however, that younger children who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the sacrament - please come to the chancel for a blessing but refrain from receiving. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays.

### **BENEDICTION/ BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL SONG:** “*Go Now in Peace*” (Sung as a round)

5

Go now in - peace Go now in - peace. Sha - lom sha - lom. And serve the - Lord and serve the - Lord, Sha - lom sha - lom.

## DISMISSAL

**P:** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**WELCOME** to all and thank you for joining us in worship today as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that the service will be meaningful and uplifting for you. If you are a first-time visitor, please sign the Guest Register. You are invited to stay for coffee and refreshments following the service. We very much would like to greet you and hope to make you feel welcome.

### **Serving in Worship**

<b>Pastors</b>	- Rev. Daniel D. Baker & Rev. Dr. Michael Breznen
<b>Crucifers</b>	- Tom Kalorgis, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
<b>Liturgists</b>	- Dianne Breznen, Sera Butz
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	- Dianne Breznen, Sera Butz, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
<b>Sound/Live Stream</b>	- Ken Burton
<b>Video</b>	- Sera Butz, Scot Alexander

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Musicians</b>	Sandra Baran, Elijah Bartimore	Sandra Baran
<b>Lector</b>	Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe	Susan Moncher

### **Remember in Prayer**

We pray for peace between nations and peoples and for just resolutions to the conflicts throughout the world – especially the people of Israel and fellow believers facing life-threatening persecution; those in war-torn countries; for all members of our armed services and law enforcement personnel; for our country and our nation’s leaders; for the Church, Church leaders, for **Youth for Christ**, and all faithful witnesses to the Gospel; for our missionaries – **Anthony and Soyoung Sellari** and their work in Egypt.

We pray for God’s healing presence to be with: **Franklin Eddie** - recovering from burns; **George & Susan Butz** (Sera’s parents); **Linda Zier** – lung cancer (Lori Kinney’s friend); **Patrick Murphy** – addiction; **Elizabeth Ducally** – breast cancer (Tracy Graham's mother); **Cyndy Sellari** – for healing; **Joan Cannon** – health issues; **Kristina & John** – for healing; and members of the **Holy Cross and First Evangelical Church** families who are at home and unable to attend.

Holy Cross prayer requests: **Lisa & Don, Sandy Waldron, Carl Lindstrom, Trish, Lou Lanza, Allan, Carson, David S., Gertrude, Holly, Katie, Linda, Marilynn, Patrick and Christopher.**

Visit, like, and follow us on our social media platforms and website.



### **First Evangelical & Holy Cross Churches**

2740 Parker Avenue  
West Palm Beach, FL 33405  
Ph: 561-833-9653  
Website: felcwpb.com  
Email: [info@felcwpb.com](mailto:info@felcwpb.com)

Church Office Hours  
Monday – Wednesday – Friday  
9 a.m. until 1 p.m.