

Sunday Worship

June 7, 2026

*Nursery care is available for children up to age 3
in the Nursery on the first floor of the Center for Christian Studies.*

Prelude

Alfred Fedak

Variations on "Southwell"

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

The original church bell is rung in memory of Raymond (1918-1999) and Helmi (1921-2014) Fishburne, who are honored in our Memorial Garden.

Opening Prayer

First Scripture Reading (p. 260)

Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong! Be fearless! Don't be afraid and don't be scared by your enemies, because the Lord your God is the one who marches with you. He won't let you down, and he won't abandon you."

***Hymn of Praise No. 139**

Italian Hymn

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

"Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,

Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,

Come, and reign over us, ancient of days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: come, and thy people bless,
And give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour: thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great one in three, the highest praises be,
Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore."

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

"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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen."

Blessing of Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Time with the Children

Gathering Song: "Jesus Loves Me"

"Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so."

Children up to 3 years old may go to the Nursery (Nursery Rm)

Children 3 years old through kindergarten are excused for Bible Bunch (Bible Bunch Rm)

Children in grades 1 through 4 are excused for Primary Sunday School (Sunday School Rm)

Children in grades 5 and up are excused for God Squad (Youth Rm)

Offering . . . *"Freely we have received, freely let us give."*



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Offertory Anthem

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

"Ave Verum Corpus"

Translation

"Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary
Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for man,
Whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood.

Be for us a foretaste in the touch of death."

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

“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.”

Ministry of the Church

Special Music

Philip Stopford

“Ave Verum Corpus”

*“Ave verum corpus
natum de Maria virgine:
Vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine.*

*Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

*O dulcis, O pie,
O Jesu, Fili Mariae,
Miserere nobis. Amen.”*

“Hail true body
born of the virgin Mary:
Thou hung on the cross
for humankind.

From thy pierced side
flowed blood and water:
In your death become
our salvation.

O merciful one,
Jesus, the son of Mary,
Have mercy on us. Amen.”

Second Scripture Reading (p. 700)

Psalm 46:10

“That’s enough! Now know that I am God! I am exalted among all nations; I am exalted throughout the world!”

Sermon

Dr. Doug Hood

“The Needed Focus on Prayer”

Sacrament of Communion

We serve gluten-free bread

We pray during the Lord’s Supper for:

Peace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Key West, Florida

St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, Lake Worth, Florida

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

***Closing Hymn No. 513**

Let Us Break Bread

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

“Let us break bread together on our knees;

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.”

***Benediction**

Postlude

*The congregation is invited to stand, in mind or in body.

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Instructions on using our **Hearing Assistance System** to enhance your worship experience are available at the Welcome Center in the lobby.

For more information about **connecting with our church**, please complete the card in the pews.

Use your smartphone or tablet’s camera to access the **QR Code** in the bulletin to make an online donation to the church.

The **flowers** that beautify the Chancel this morning are given by the Pothast family, in loving memory of Betty Pothast; and by Janice Faustin, in loving memory of beloved husband, David C. Faustin.

Our **liturgist** this morning is Steven Haught.

Today’s **Fellowship by the Sea** is hosted by the First Delray Ringers. Come outside the lobby doors, enjoy a bite, and say hello after worship.

Sign your name and become part of the legacy of First Delray Beach. Visit the lobby to add your name to the **memory book** for our **100th Anniversary Time Capsule**.

What will your legacy be? Please remember the church in your will and beneficiary donations and become a **Legacy Partner**. Contact Colleen O'Rourke, Finance Manager, (colleen@firstdelray.com) for more information.

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As of June 2nd, we have raised \$3,902,761.32 for our **Renew & Rejoice Capital Campaign**. More information is available in the lobby or on our Capital Campaign page on our website, where you can view completed and ongoing projects, watch the campaign video, and learn how you can help us renew our church facilities.

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Last Call: Calling all Children! Ready to travel back in time? Join us in Rome for our **Vacation Bible School, starting tomorrow, June 8 to 12, 2026!** Children will explore the caves of the Underground Church, meet the Apostle Paul, create cool Bible-time projects, experience thrilling real-life dramas, play high-energy games, sample tasty Mediterranean snacks, and hear unforgettable music. If you would like to participate, contact Grace Hood at gracehood@firstdelray.com. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center.

This congregation has supported **Campo Alegre**, a camp for migrant children, for many years. The Mission Outreach Ministry Team invites you to attend a special Flag Day Ceremony presented by the children as they honor our American flag. This celebration is especially meaningful as we approach our nation's 250th anniversary. The ceremony will take place on **Monday, June 15th**, at 12:30 p.m. at South Tech Academy, 6161 Woolbright Road in Boynton Beach (please use the East Entrance off Woolbright Road). If you would like additional information, please contact Jeanne Heavilin at 561-901-8714.

Summer Craft Sale at Holly House. Celebrate summer and get ready for the 250th anniversary of Independence Day with beautiful patriotic and seasonal décor featuring holiday table runners, placemats, and aprons. There are also summer decorations with shell art, wreaths, and floral décor. Holly House is open on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon** and on **Sunday, June 28th**, immediately **following the worship service**.

Stop by the Welcome Center to purchase **First Delray Concert Series tickets for the final concert of the 2026 concert season:** "Lights, Camera, Music!" on Sunday, **October 25th** at 4 p.m. [\$20 each].

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Our **Stephen Ministers** listen to, care for, and walk with those going through difficult times. If you or a loved one needs a Stephen Minister, contact Laura DeBrita, Stephen Minister Coordinator, at 954-591-0439.

Nursery Care for children up to age 3 is available in the Nursery on the first floor of the Center for Christian Studies.

Bible Bunch for Children, ages 3 through kindergarten, meets **after the Time with the Children** in the Bible Bunch Room on the first floor of the Center for Christian Studies.

Primary Sunday School for Children in 1st through 4th grade meets **after the Time with the Children** in the Sunday School Room on the first floor of the Center for Christian Studies.

God Squad for 5th grade and up meets **after the Time with the Children** in the Youth Room on the second floor of the Center for Christian Studies.

The **Youth Group** is on summer break, but has several activities planned over the next several months. Contact Rachel Therrell (racheltherrell@firstdelray.com) for more information.

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study meets Monday mornings at **10 a.m.** via Zoom. Contact Maria Graham (mmg2352@gmail.com) for more information.

The **Holly House Workshops** meet on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings** at 9:30 a.m. in the Holly House.

Hosts Dolores McNaboe and Kathy Wilsher invite you to **Women's Lunch by the Sea at noon** on the **second Tuesday** of the month at Boheme Bistro. Contact Kathy Wilsher (561-252-0709) with any questions. The next lunch is **this Tuesday, June 9th**.

Men's Fellowship meets **Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m.** at The Original Pancake House (1840 S. Federal Hwy) for a warm breakfast, meaningful conversation, and fellowship. Contact Fred McNaboe (561-350-4294) for more information.

Women's Discipleship Group next meets on **Thursday, June 25th, at 10 a.m.** in the Meeting Room on the second floor of the Center for Christian Studies. Contact Pamela Kent-Balasco (561-414-7552) for more information.

First Delray Ringers meets on **Thursdays at 6 p.m.** in the Bell Room on the second floor of the Center for Christian Studies.

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Upcoming Children, Family, and Youth Events for 2026

June 8 to 12 Vacation Bible School	July 15 to 19 Middle School Montreat Trip
July 19 to 25 High School Montreat Trip	August 2 Bowling
November 8 Mini Golf Outing	December 13 Christmas Pageant

N U R T U R E
F A I T H
with
Dr. W. Douglas Hood, Jr.

*The following meditation was written by Rev. Dr. Michael B. Brown,
Pastor of Blowing Rock Methodist Church in North Carolina*

Strength in Remembering

READ: 2 Timothy 2:2 (Common English Bible)

“Take the things you heard me say in front of many other witnesses and pass them on to faithful people who are capable of teaching others.”

REFLECT:

“‘I bring Naya into the Magic Kingdom.’ *The Eyes of the Heart* begins with a reference to Frederick Buechner’s maternal grandmother, Naya. But this time, he isn’t remembering Naya. Instead, Naya (who died in 1961) is there with him.”¹ Such is often one of memory’s gifts to us as part of the greater gift of grace. If people were special *to* us, they remain special *with* us. Some lessons we learn stay with us always. So, also, do the ones who imparted those lessons.

¹ Munroe, Jeffrey. *Reading Buechner* (Downers Grove, Illinois, InterVarsity Press, 2019), p. 58

My father taught me a love of public speaking, Duke athletics, and the New York Yankees. He is deceased, but every time I stand behind a pulpit, watch the Blue Devils play, or turn on a Yankees-Red Sox game, he is there with me. My mother was a magnificent southern-style cook. My unending love of culinary arts is one of many ways she lives on in my life, despite the fact that she died forty years ago. I developed a love of poetry from a high school English teacher named Lena Flenniken, who has long been deceased. And yet, never do I experience the lyrical loveliness of William Butler Yeats, Emily Dickinson, or Robert Frost without feeling her presence in their words. Owen Weatherly taught me theology. Mickey Efird taught me biblical interpretation. John Carlton taught me homiletics. All now reside in that “eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.” (2 Cor 5:1 NIV) And yet, each of them in very real ways lives on with me, in me, and through me. Death is not strong enough to erase the presence or influence of those who helped shape us into who we are. “Where is your victory, Death? Where is your sting, Death? . . . Thanks be to God, who gives us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor 15:55, 57) and his resurrection. Death is no match for the impact sacred lives have on our lives.

When he wrote to Timothy, whom he considered his son in the faith, Paul confessed that he had made a sincere and concerted effort to teach Timothy the deep truths about Christ and Christian living. He sought to be a lasting influence in Timothy’s life. And, he hoped his young spiritual protege would then pass those lessons along and influence others, who

would do the same for others still. "Take the things you heard me say in front of many other witnesses and pass them on to faithful people who are capable of teaching (passing them on to) others." (2 Tim 2:2)

As part of this meditation, I suggest that you make a list of five names from your past. Beside each name, briefly note the impact that person had on your life, the key lesson you learned from them.

[1] Name _____

Lesson _____

[2] Name _____

Lesson _____

[3] Name _____

Lesson _____

[4] Name _____

Lesson _____

[5] Name _____

Lesson _____

What would your life be like were it not for the contributions of the persons whose names and lessons you listed? What would your faith be like were it not for the contributions of those individuals, and perhaps a list of additional names, as well?

Read Dr. Doug Hood's weekly **Nurture Faith** meditation on our website under Resources.

Visit our website (www.firstdelray.com) for more information about our ministries.

Spiritual Resources

Simple practices. Deeper connection. Stronger spirit.

Book Title	Price
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