



CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Goodwill Presbyterian Church, located at 606 N 29th Street in the City of Fort Pierce, has served as a steadfast house of worship and community anchor on the Lincoln Park side of our city for generations, within the Tropical Florida Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA); and

WHEREAS, historical records reflect Goodwill Presbyterian’s long-standing presence in Fort Pierce, including an early-20th-century listing at 523 N. 8th Street—evidence of the congregation’s deep roots and continuity of ministry in our community; and

WHEREAS, Goodwill Presbyterian Church has maintained responsible stewardship and civic standing as a Florida not-for-profit corporation since 1993 and previously through trustees incorporated in 1962, demonstrating sustained governance in service of its faith mission; and

WHEREAS, the congregation has shown consistent compassion for neighbors in need—most notably in 2020 when Goodwill Presbyterian, with the support of church leaders and members, contributed funds that helped eleven Fort Pierce Utilities Authority customers keep the lights on during a time of economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, Goodwill Presbyterian continues to invest in strong pastoral leadership and connectional ministry, with recent presbytery actions recognizing Reverend Ronald Evans as Pastor in 2024, ensuring the church’s spiritual vitality and good order; and

WHEREAS, through worship, outreach, and partnership with city and county entities, Goodwill Presbyterian has advanced the common good, promoted family stability, and uplifted residents across generations in Fort Pierce; and

WHEREAS, the church’s legacy is enriched by noted members whose public service reflects Goodwill’s values—including former City Commissioner Julius Lee and current City Commissioner Curtis E. Johnson, Jr.—whose commitment to servant leadership exemplifies the congregation’s impact on civic life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 26, 2025 as:

GOODWILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DAY

in the City of Fort Pierce, and I call upon all residents to join me and the City Commission in congratulating Goodwill Presbyterian Church on its 102nd Anniversary, honoring its faithful witness, historic resilience, and continuing service to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to be affixed this 20st day of October 2025.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER

