



First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach. All are welcome, and we are so pleased to have you with us this morning as we gather to praise God.

GUESTS

We extend a special welcome to you! Whether this is your first visit with us or your 100th visit, it is a gift to have you among us. Please take a moment to sign in using the Welcome Pads in the pews and leave contact information for Pastor Dee Dee to reach out to you. We are excited you are here and look forward to welcoming you into the life of the church through our ministries. You can find more information on our church website: www.firstpresvb.org.

If you ever struggle to hear while in our Sanctuary, we have a few options that might help you. First, you can see one of our ushers for a hearing device that fits over your ear and might assist you. Second, our Sanctuary has a hearing loop installed on the main floor. If you use hearing aids that are equipped with a T-coil, you are able to connect your hearing aids directly into our sound system. Please see an usher for instructions on how to connect your hearing aids into our system.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Items in bold indicate congregational participation. * invites you to stand in body or in spirit. Please silence all mobile devices prior to the start of the service.

November 27, 2022

THE GATHERING

GREETING

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us welcome one another with the peace of Christ.

VOLUNTARY

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

David Cherwin

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

8:30 am – The Mayo Family

11:00 am - The Labows Family

Leader: God of promise, bring your light into our lives once again this Advent.

People: As we wait for Christ's arrival, renew your hope in us, for you alone bring life out of death.

Leader: Receive God's promise of hope from Psalm 33.

People: The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in God's unfailing love.

Leader: We wait in hope for the Lord; the Lord is our help and our shield.

People: In God, our hearts rejoice, for we trust in God's holy name.

Leader: May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

OPENING PRAYER

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 3

Comfort, Comfort You My People

PSALM 42

CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, during this season of hope and waiting, we confess that we are usually impatient. We do not wait well for what we know you alone have willed for your children, and we show little sign of our hope in your sure promises. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Forgive our doubts. Send your Holy Spirit to us so that through faith we will wait in hope for the day when you bring life out of death for all who believe just as you raised our Lord Jesus from earthly death. Amen. *(Silent prayers and confession)*

*** KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Gloria Patri

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.

THE WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN: SPIRIT BOX

Following this time, children *ages 4 years - 2nd grade* may return to their seats or join our Wonders of Worship team in the Chapel. Children will rejoin their families in the Sanctuary near the end of the service in time for the offering.

Children 2-3 years old will join caregivers in Room 214 and may be picked up after the service.

*Our Nursery, located on the first floor, is available for our youngest children and infants during the entire worship service.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

ANTHEM (11:00 AM)

That's The Love of God
FPC Children's Choir

Phil McHugh and Greg Nelson
Reagan Fulton, soloist

What made God take so much care to make creation glow?

He could have made it black and white, and we'd have never known.

And what made God send Jesus to die on Calvary? Of course it was this joyous thing I feel inside of me. That's the love of God, it's never ending. That's the love of God, always forgiving. He's always there, He never fails, all He will do is love forever, and He loves to share it., that's the love of God.

It can change a family, it's already changed the world. When Jesus brings it to our heart, heaven's banner is unfurled. And once you start to share it in His precious name, you're glad to see your view of life will never be the same. That's the love of God, it's never ending. That's the love of God, always forgiving. He's always there, He never fails, all He will do is love forever, and He loves to share it., that's the love of God.

SECOND LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-9

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Hope and Waiting

Randy DuVall

Commissioned Pastor

* HYMN 51

See Amid the Winter's Snow

HUMILITY

THE RESPONSE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, and delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offering

Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, With the fire of life
impassioned, Striving still to truth unknown, Soaring, dying
round Thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding, Hark, what peaceful
music rings; Where the flock, in Thee confiding, Drink of joy from
deathless springs. Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure. Thou dost
ever lead Thine own In the love of joys unknown.

* Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all
creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* VOLUNTARY

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Martin Luther

Our church family extends our sympathy and prayers to Renee Weaver on the loss of her father.

WORSHIP NOTES

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" is one of the most popular choral compositions of Johann Sebastian Bach. It was crafted around 1714-1716, Bach's first year in Weimar. It is the 10th movement of "Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben," (Heart and mouth and deed and life) his famous cantata, which is also simply called, "Joy." Under Bach's design, those pastoral triplets (DUM-da-da DA-da-da DA-da-da DA-da-da . . .) gird up a choir-song of praise to Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, our joy and our strength. The cantata was written for the 4th Sunday in Advent.

THE FLOWERS in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God and in memory of James Prevette's 90th birthday by Dawn Prevette.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by the grace and truth of Christ, we nurture one another's faith to do God's work in the world.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church approved the above statement in and affirmed the following ten values to guide the leaders of our church as they prayerfully plan for our congregation's future.

Values that Reach UP

- Worship
- Preaching
- Music
- Prayer
- Bible Teaching

Values that Reach OUT

- Ministries that serve the community
- Congregational Care
- Financial Stewardship
- Early Childhood Christian Education
- Family

PASTORS AND STAFF

- The Reverend Dee Dee Carson, *Pastor*
- Jacqui Horton, *Director of Senior Adult Ministries*
- The Reverend Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam, *Minister to Youth and Their Families*
- Randy DuVall, *Commissioned Pastor and Director of Missions*
- David S. Kunkel, *Music Director*
- Kimberly Markham Nickerson, *Assistant Music Director*
- Bonnie Lambert Baxter, *Director of Children's Music and Handbells*
- Dr. Antoinette Anglin, *Organist*

SESSION

- Sallie Bryant, Leslie Cutchins, Becky Davison (Clerk), Hunter Frischkorn, Justin Fulton, Christine Harris, Liz Harris, Paul Hirschbiel, Caroline Nelson (Youth Elder), Shannan Poteran, Don Schultz, Martha Simkins, Jon Thornton, Mark Winters.

TRUSTEES

- Sandy Cowden, Gael Daugherty, Laurie Dawson, Dudley Fulton, Ed Hurt, Hunter Sims.



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