

First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach

Celebrating

100 YEARS



1922



1958



1928



1940



Remember. Rejoice. Renew.

Sunday, January 22, 2023

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.

ABOUT THE MUSIC

Festival Hymn Concertato on Darwall's 148th

The opening sequence of our worship this morning is based on the hymn "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy" which was written by Brian Dill, who served as Pastor of King's Grant Presbyterian from 1993 to 1998. The hymn was the winner of a competition held by the Presbyterian Church for its Bicentennial year (1988-1989). The theme of the year was "Celebrate the Journey." This morning's setting is by John Dixon, which was commissioned from the Donnell Davis Music Fund of our church. Dixon is the Organist and Composer in Residence at Providence Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach. He has over 900 compositions in his catalog, a number of which have been sung here.

The Lord God is With You

Our anthem is an original composition composed by Tom Trenney, Music Director of First Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. The text comes from Zephaniah 3:17, which reads "The Lord, your God, is in your midst...he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you with his love." Trenney was commissioned by Elders Becky and David Davison. He is a nationally known composer, choir conductor, organist, teacher and lecturer.

I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me

The Offertory this morning is "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me" which was composed by British composer and church musician Sir C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918) and is based on Psalm 122. The Psalm expresses the joy of being in the house of the Lord and speaks to our continual prayer for peace. Parry also composed the great hymn tune "Jerusalem"

At the conclusion of each hymn, please join the choir in singing a responsive "Amen".

THE GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

God of Grace

Setting by Paul Manz

GREETING

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 105

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord and make known God's deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Remember the wonderful works God has done.

Leader: As we worship this day, we remember 100 years of God's wonderful works here at First Presbyterian Church.

People: We sing to God and give thanks that God has led us, sustained us, and nourished us here.

OPENING PRAYER

* PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL HYMN 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Setting by John Dixon

All who are able shall rise and sing all verses on the signal of the Music Director

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Even as we celebrate, O God, still there is much to confess. Without your grace and mercy, where would we be? Without your guidance, where would we be? We give thanks this day for the many ways you have led us and encouraged us, and we ask your forgiveness for the times we have turned away from your leading or failed to listen to your voice. Forgive us, O God, for relying more on our own insight than yours. Draw us back to you, O God, and lead us forward as your disciples. 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

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Cindy Booth

Rob and Carmen Nelson, and their children Nicholas and Jacob

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 FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Revelation 10:1-10

And I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. He held a little scroll open in his hand. Setting his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, he gave a great shout, like a lion roaring. And when he shouted, the seven thunders sounded. And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down.' Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and the land raised his right hand to heaven and swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it: 'There will be no more delay, but in the days when the seventh angel is to blow his trumpet, the mystery of God will be fulfilled, as he announced to his servants the prophets.' Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, 'Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.' So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll; and he said to me, 'Take it, and eat; it will be bitter to your stomach, but sweet as honey in your mouth.' So I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it; it was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *The Lord Your God Is With You*
Commissioned by Rebecca and David Davison

Tom Trenney

Rejoice! The Lord, your God is with you! Rejoice and sing! The Lord your God is with you wherever you go. The Lord your God is in your midst. Your God is with you wherever you go. The mighty One will save you. God will delight in you! Rejoice! The Lord, your God is with you! Rejoice and sing! For God will rejoice in you. For the Lord will quiet you. For God will rejoice in you. For the Lord will quiet you. You will rest.
You will rest in God's love.

SERMON *Spiritual Sustenance*

Rev. Al Butzer

* **HYMN** *My Church (sung to the tune Our God, Our Help in Ages Past)* W. A. Getty

O Church of God, in ages past, With holy passion stirred, Thou builded thy foundation
sure Upon Thy buried Lord.

Thy hallowed pew, thy sacred desk Doth still proclaim His Word; For
thou, with fervor, loveth well Thy saving risen Lord .

O may thy spire still cleave the blue! Thy chimes peal heavenward Till then with rapture
shalt behold The coming of thy Lord.

Then, is that glory realm above, Enjoy the blest reward Forever, in the presence
of Thy regnant reigning Lord Amen.

THE RESPONSE

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CENTENNIAL LITANY OF CELEBRATION

Leader: As we worship this day, we remember:

People: We remember all of the saints of First Presbyterian who have loved and served here.

Leader: We remember the good days and the difficult days in the life of the church, and the ways God led us through them.

People: We remember worship services, Sunday School classes, Vacation Bible School, weddings and funerals. We remember God meeting us here in the highs and lows of life.

Leader: As we worship this day, we rejoice:

People: We rejoice in God's provision and guidance that has led us through 100 years.

Leader: We rejoice that we are a church family, drawn together by common faith and God's grace.

People: We rejoice that God fills us and sustains us as we worship together.

Leader: As we worship this day, we ask for God to renew us:

People: Renew our strength, O God.

Leader: Renew our commitment to following you, O God.

People: Renew our love for your church, O God.

Leader: Just as God has blessed these 100 years of ministry, may God bless all of the years ahead.

People: By God's grace, together we remember, rejoice, and renew.

Leader: Together, just as it has been done for the last 100 years, we join our voices in the prayer spoken by all those who have gone before us, saying:

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

I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me (Psalm 122)

C. Harry H. Parry

I was glad, glad when they said unto me, We will go, We will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

* 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.

* **RECESSIONAL HYMN 262**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

* **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

* **POSTLUDE**

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John Dixon

Special Thanks to the Following:

Reverend Al Butzer

BRASS QUINTET

Robyn Card, trumpet

Benjamin McCarthy, trumpet

Marlene Ford, horn

Jay Larkin, trombone

Phil Sloan, tuba

Glenn Smith, percussion

CHOIR

David Kunkle, music director

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

ORGANIST

Dr. Antoinette Anglin

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