



First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach. All are welcome, and we are so pleased to have 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. In the absence of our usual sign in pads in the pews, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Dee Dee Carson before or after the service, or by phone or email. 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.

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. The Passing of the Peace will be done by waving, rather than handshaking or hugging. We will enjoy listening to our hymns but will not sing along just yet. Offering plates will not be passed during the service, but you may place your gifts in plates located in the Narthex or use the QR code on the back of the bulletin to make an electronic offering.

March 7, 2021

THE GATHERING

GREETING

VOLUNTARY

My Soul Forsakes Her

Van Delight

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader: Again and again,

People: We arrive to worship God.

Leader: Again and again,

People: We gather, near and far, as a community.

Leader: Again and again,

People: We move closer to God.

Leader: And again and again,

People: We trust that God is here.

Leader: We trust that we are met.

People: We trust that we are heard.

Leader: We are shown the way.

People: Again and again, let us worship holy God.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might,
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, our lives are filled with worship, but we are not always worshipping you. Forgive us when we worship our calendars, our stressors, our wallets, or our goals. Forgive us all of the ways we have misdirected our priorities and our energies. Show us the way of worship that realigns our lives. Show us how to live with our faith in you at the center instead of the margins. Loving God, walk alongside us as we learn to worship you more fully. Amen. (silent prayers)

*** KYRIE (Instrumental)**

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

*** INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI**

THE WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN: SPIRIT BOX

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

ANTHEM

Sanctus from Requiem

MAURICE DURUFLE

From the Worship Service on March 8, 2020

Clara Gerdes, guest organist

SECOND LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

John 2:13-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Dee Dee Carson

“Again and Again, We Are Shown the Way”

THE RESPONSE

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Confession of 1967, Section B

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The minister leads the congregation in prayer, which concludes with 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 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.

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

THE SENDING

HYMN 344

Christ of the Upward Way

SURSUM CORDA

Christ of the upward way, My Guide divine,
Where You have set Your feet, May I place mine;
And move and march wherever You have trod,
Keeping face forward up the hill of God.

Give me the heart to hear Your voice and will,
That without fault or fear I may fulfill
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,
Like one who would not bring less than the best.

Christ of the upward way, My guide divine,
Where You have set Your feet, may I place mine;
And when Your last call comes, serene and clear,
Calm may my answer be, "Lord, I am here."

* BENEDICTION

* VOLUNTARY

The Sacred Harp

setting by Robert Powell

*Call to Worship adapted from a prayer by Sarah Are / A Sanctified Art
LLC / sanctifiedart.org

SUNDAY**7**Online worship, www.firstpresvb.org

or Phone 1-757-216-9839

- 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School on Zoom, contact
[Rev. Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam](#) for information
- 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School on Zoom, for information
contact [Jacqui Horton](#)
- 9:45 AM Lenten Season Sunday School on Zoom, for information
contact [Rev. Dee Dee](#)
- 11:00 AM Live Stream Worship Service, www.firstpresvb.org,
4:00 PM Confirmation Class on Zoom

MONDAY**8**

- 6:00 PM Property and Maintenance Meeting YC 303
7:30 PM Choir Zoom, David Kunkel for information

TUESDAY**9**

- 10:30 AM Church Staff Meeting on Zoom
6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Ladies by the Sea at 303 YC

WEDNESDAY**10**

- 6:30 PM Carol Choir, contact [Belinda Valet](#) for Zoom
information

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- 8:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary and Courtyard
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to attend Worship at
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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 Christian Education*
The Reverend Lyndsey McCall, *Director of Youth Ministries*
Randy DuVall, *Commissioned Pastor and Director of Missions*
David S. Kunkel, *Music Director*
Kimberly Markham Nickerson, *Assistant Music Director*
Belinda Valet, *Director of Children's Music and Handbells*
Dr. Antoinette Anglin, *Organist*

SESSION

Sallie Bryant, Leslie Cutchins, Kyle Davila, Becky Davison (Clerk), Hunter Frischkorn, Savannah Gentry (Youth Representative), Christine Harris, Paul Hirschbiel, Stuart Nesbit, Shannan Poteran, Don Schultz, Thomas Spencer, Mark Winters.

TRUSTEES

Sandy Cowden, Jim Darden, Diane Feineis, George Gillespie, Ed Hurt, Katherine Willis.



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