



First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

EASTER

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.

April 4 , 2021

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

Fanfare- Rondeau on VICTORY

setting by Brenda Portmas

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader: This day is like every other day.

People: Alarm clocks beeped. Coffee was brewed. Weary bodies came to life.

Leader: And yet this day is like *no* other day—

People: For the sun rose, and we knew it was a miracle. The tomb was empty, and they knew it was love.

Leader: So again and again we say —

People: The longest night is over. Death has lost its sting. Jesus is among us. He is risen!

Leader: He is risen indeed! Again and again and again we say—

People: Alleluia! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly King,
Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and
save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured;
Alleluia! Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing,
Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia

CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Forgive us, O God, for all of the ways we have failed to live as you call us to live. We have seen the sun rise and withheld our praise. We have seen our neighbors suffer and have withheld our aid. We have seen love extended and chosen to walk away. We have seen divisions deepen and managed to remain unfazed. Forgive us, loving God. May our lives reflect the joy that flows on Easter Sunday and the truth of the resurrected Christ. May we live differently in light of the Good News we proclaim this day. Amen.

* KYRIE (Instrumental)

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

* DECLARATION OF PARDON

* HYMN OF RESPONSE (Instrumental)

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 (4 years through 2nd grade) are invited to Wonders of Worship. Parents may pick up their children in the Fellowship Hall after the conclusion of the service.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25:6-9

ANTHEM

Fanfare & Canticle for Easter Day

OID YOUNG

SECOND LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Dee Dee Carson

“Again and Again, The Sun Rises”

THE RESPONSE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Brief Statement of Faith, Section 10.2

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, delivering us from death to life eternal.

CELEBRATION OF OFFERING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY 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 the Cup

Closing Prayer

THE SENDING

HYMN 122

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine be the glory, Risen, conquering Son, Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave-clothes, Where Thy body lay. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom. Let the Church with gladness, Hymns of triumph sing, For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of Life! Life is nought with-out Thee: Aid is in our strife; Make us more than conquerors Through Thy death-less love; Bring us safe through Jordon To Thy home above. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** VOLUNTARY**

Hallelujah Chorus

HANDEL

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SUNDAY**4**

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- 8:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary and Courtyard
 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School on Zoom, for information
 contact [Jacqui Horton](#)
 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School on Zoom, contact
 [Rev. Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam](#) for information
 11:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary and Courtyard
 11:00 AM Live Stream Worship Service, www.firstpresvb.org

MONDAY**5**

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- Easter Monday Office Closed
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Zoom

TUESDAY**6**

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- 6:30 PM Ladies by the Sea

WEDNESDAY**7**

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- 10:00 AM Fellowship Committee

SUNDAY**11**

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- Online worship, www.firstpresvb.org
 or Phone 1-757-216-9839
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 4:00 PM Confirmation Class zoom
 5:00 PM Youth Small Group 1 Fellowship
 7:00 PM Youth Small Group 4 Fellowship

Register weekly
 to attend Worship at
www.firstpresvb.org

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, Gael Daugherty, Diane Feineis, Ed Hurt, Hunter Sims.



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