



# First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

### 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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. 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.

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July 18, 2021

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# 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

*Healer of Every Ill*

setting by Franklin Ashdown

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into the presence of the Most High God with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

**People: For our Savior frees us and heals us.**

Leader: Our Savior is our peace.

**People: This day, we celebrate God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

## OPENING PRAYER

### HYMN 446

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; God whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for a blest abode; on the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove; who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage? Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near; Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed upon the manna Which he gives them when they pray.

**\* CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control and assume you will bless whatever we do. When we think of others, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. When we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. Have mercy on us, God of grace. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray. Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church, among the nations, and around the world. Equip us to do your will, giving glory, honor, and praise to you, O God. Amen.

**\* 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 (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

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 30-32

The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

## ANTHEM

*Come Unto Him*

James P. Dunn

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:17-26

<sup>17</sup> One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting near by (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>18</sup> Just then some men came, carrying a paralyzed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus;<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>19</sup> but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd<sup>[c]</sup> in front of Jesus. <sup>20</sup> When he saw their faith, he said, “Friend,<sup>[d]</sup> your sins are forgiven you.” <sup>21</sup> Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, “Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” <sup>22</sup> When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and walk’? <sup>24</sup> But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the one who was paralyzed—“I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home.” <sup>25</sup> Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. <sup>26</sup> Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen strange things today.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Reverend Dee Dee Carson

## THE RESPONSE

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The 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.

### CELEBRATION OF OFFERING

#### ANTHEM (11:00 AM)

*I Will Arise And Go To Jesus*

Dwight Gustafson

### 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.

## THE SENDING

#### HYMN 229

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise; Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.

In every land begin the song; To every land the strains belong; In cheerful sounds all voices raise, And fill the world with loudest praise.

Eternal are Thy mercies Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word; Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more.

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* VOLUNTARY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*setting by Thomas Pavlechko*

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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*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

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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*

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Belinda Valet, *Director of Children's Music and Handbells*

Dr. Antoinette Anglin, *Organist*

## SESSION

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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.

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