



First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Thirteenth 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 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. 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.

August 22, 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

When Thou Art Near

setting by J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With gratitude we gather to worship the One from whom every family in heaven and earth takes its name.

People: According to the riches of God's glory, our strength is being renewed with power through the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Rooted and grounded in love, the awareness of Christ's presence is our peace.

People: Surrounded by all the saints who have gone before, we strain to comprehend the vastness of God's love.

Leader: We fall short as we attempt to measure the breadth, length, height and depth of God's love.

People: Only by the power of the Holy Spirit at work among and within us do we recognize the fullness of God.

Leader: To God be the glory in Christ's church to all generations forever and ever!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art. Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest; Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be. End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Never more Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above; Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee. Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise.

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You know how we are, Lord. We say that we will take time to refresh our spirits and our souls and then we quickly crowd our lives with activities to the point of exhaustion. We turn to you for feeding and nurture, asking you to give us something to sustain us through our times. We even are willing to tell you what we have, but when we look closely, we discover that we bring so little to you. Take what we have: our gifts and our needs. Heal and forgive us when we boldly disobey your word. Remind us that you have given to us all that we need to serve you in this world. The world abounds with your miracles of love and hope. Open our eyes to see them and our hearts to know that these are from you and not of our own making. Heal and restore us to your everlasting love. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen

(silent and personal 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 (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

Matthew 13:1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

ANTHEM

Linda Wells

Jesus, Name of Wonderful Love
Brent Hartigan, tenor

SECOND LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:16-21

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Reverend Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam

"Rooted in Love"

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)

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

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 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace: In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid Rock, stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O, may I then in Him be found, Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

* BENEDICTION

* VOLUNTARY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

setting by Alan Smith

Christian Sympathy

Our church family extends our sympathy and prayers to the Davis family following the passing of Annette Davis

Flowers

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are presented in celebration of our Lord by the FPC Flower Guild.

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



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