



# First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

## Rally Day

### 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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September 12, 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

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

setting by Matthew Machemer

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great.

**People: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.**

Leader: Let us worship God today, for God is good.

**People: God forgives us, encourages us, and loves us.**

Leader: Let us worship God today,

**People: Because we are God's people.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

## OPENING PRAYER

## HYMN 442

*The Church's One Foundation*

AUBELLA

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation By water and the word; From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Through with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed, By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed, Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?" And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war, She waits the consummation Of peace for ever more; Till, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest, And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, May live eternally.

**\* CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Living and moving God, we are drawn together by our shared faith in you. We are drawn together by your love for us. We are drawn together, but often we keep each other at arm's length. We are drawn together, but often we hold back, fearful of vulnerability. Give us courage to share all that we are with each other. Make us bold as we invest in life together. Tear down the walls that divide us and draw us deeper into Christian community and fellowship. With your help, may it be so. 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.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30 AM)**

*Remy Eller Radspinner, son of Ryan and Rachel Radspinner*

**PRESENTATION OF SECOND GRADE BIBLES (11:00 am)**

Graham Bickel, Preston Disharoon, Worth Dixon, Logan Horan, Liam Joyner-Viol, William Valet, Grayson Whitehurst, Auggie Wykle

**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

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

## ANTHEM

*Lord Listen to Your Children Playing*

Ken Medema

sung by Kate Nelson, soprano

## SECOND LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

1 John 1

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Reverend Dee Dee Carson

## THE RESPONSE

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from Second Helvetic Confession*

**What is the Church? The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world; a communion, I say, of all saints, namely, of those who truly know and rightly worship and serve the true God in Christ the Savior, by the Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers of all benefits which are freely offered through Christ. They are all citizens of the one city, living under the same Lord, under the same laws and in the same fellowship of all good things. For the apostle calls them "fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."**

## CELEBRATION OF OFFERING

### ANTHEM

*Hymn For A New Age*

Lee Holby

### 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 435

*We All Are One In Mission*

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

We all are one in mission, We all are one in call, Our varied gifts united  
By Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission Compels us from above  
To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service To witness in God's name; Our ministries  
are different, Our purpose is the same: To touch the lives of others  
By God's surprising grace So every folk and nation May feel God's  
warm embrace.

Now let us be united And let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel  
For God's redeeming word. We all are one in mission, We all are one in  
call, Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* VOLUNTARY

*And Again I Say, Rejoice!*

setting by Brenda Portman

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are presented by the Tazewell Family in loving  
memory of E. Bradford Tazewell, Jr.*

## 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*

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

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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.

## TRUSTEES

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



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