



First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Twentieth 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.

October 10, 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

DIX

Setting by Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In love and joy God calls us together.

People: And so we meet this day, as friends, as neighbors, as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Leader: Called together by God, we bring our offerings to God:

People: Our songs, our hearts, our prayers, our lives.

Leader: Grateful for this opportunity to give and receive, let us worship God.*

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun
above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt
away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect
Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for all of the ways we wrestle and fight against you. We can hear your call to live as faithful disciples, but still we fight against it and long to live as the world lives. We know your blessings are beyond our comprehension, but still we are drawn to blessings we can earn for ourselves. Show us how to place our trust in you, and follow where you lead. Fill us with the courage to say yes to your call. Enable us to walk with you, rather than fight against you. Amen.

(silent prayers and 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 may return to their seats or:

During the 8:30 service, children 4yrs and up are invited to join Belinda Valet for worship and music.

During the 11:00 service, children 4yrs - 2nd grade may join Jacqui Horton for WOW Wonders of Worship.

Children may reconnect with families on the Colonnade after both services.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them. The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

ANTHEM

Who Will Go?

Phillip Landgrave

Suzanne Oberdorfer, mezzo soprano

SECOND LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 32:22-32

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket and thigh muscle.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Reverend Dee Dee Carson

THE RESPONSE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Phillip Reed

ANTHEM (11:00 am)
Look At The World

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

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 132

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Come, great God of all the ages, Make Your earthly missions known;
Speak through every deed and person, Let Your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment, Give direction now, we
ask; Fit us for the work of building, Dedicate us to the task.

Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, Sure foundation, cornerstone,
Help us form the church eternal, May Your vision be our own. Send a
message to each follower, Lead all people to Your Way; Urge us to
strong faith and action As we build the church today.

Come, great Spirit, in and with us, Tune our ears to hear Your call;
Through the moving of Your presence, Let redeeming love recall Ministry
in dedication, Love embodied in our deeds; Challenge us to do Your
bidding, See Your purpose, fill our needs.

Come, O Come, in celebration, Household of the one true God, In
commitment and rejoicing Let us go where Christ has trod; As we act in
faith and reverence, Let us, Lord, the futures see; Place us in the church
triumphant, Now and for eternity.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** VOLUNTARY**

Hymn To Joy

Setting by Charles Callahan

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are presented by Judith P. Miskimmin to the glory of God and in memory of her father and brother, John K. Miskimmin and James K. Miskimmin

* Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

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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