



First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach. All are welcome, and we are so pleased to have you 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.

November 28, 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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Arranged by David Cherien

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

8:30 AM Mike & Elaine Eason

11:00 AM Paul & Nancy Hurst

Leader: God of promise, bring your light into our lives once again this Advent.

People: As we wait for Christ's arrival, renew your hope in us, for you alone bring life out of death.

Leader: Receive God's promise of hope from Psalm 33:

People: The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in God's unfailing love.

Leader: We wait in hope for the Lord; the Lord is our help and our shield.

People: In God, our hearts rejoice, for we trust in God's holy name.

Leader: May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, you work in our lives in ways that are beyond our comprehension. Often, we doubt that you will fulfill your promises. We doubt your power and are surprised by your provision. Forgive our unbelief, O God. Help us to trust that you are able to do all that you promise and more. Overcome our doubts, fill us with belief, and show us how to delight in your good news each and every time it arrives into our lives. 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00AM)

Elizabeth Arden Beasley, daughter of Alex and Lauren Beasley

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.

Children 2-3 yrs old will join caregivers in room 211 and may be picked up after both services.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Dear Redeemer

Caesar Frank

Suzanne Oberdorfer, mezzo soprano

Come Thou, Come Thou, dear Redeemer. Come Lord Jesus, to set us free From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.

Hope of all the earth Thou art, Joy of every longing heart.

Come Thou, come Thou dear Redeemer. Born a Child, yet Thou art a King. Born to reign in us for ever. Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring. Rule in all our hearts alone. Raise us to Thy glorious throne. Amen.

SECOND LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:5-23

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

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)

Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Lauren Kadish, soprano

Ray Milne, baritone

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood.
He sill give to all the faithful His own Self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vangard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most High! Amen.

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 9

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

* BENEDICTION

* VOLUNTARY

Jubilate Deo

G. F. Handel

Our church family extends our sympathy and prayers to Carol Arsenault on the loss of her uncle, Charles Clark.

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

The Reverend Dee Dee Carson, *Pastor*

Jacqui Horton, *Director of Christian Education*

The Reverend Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam, *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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