



# First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

## Second Sunday after Epiphany

### 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 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).

If you ever struggle to hear while in our Sanctuary, we have a few options that might help you. First, you can see one of our ushers for a hearing device that fits over your ear and might assist you. Second, our Sanctuary has a hearing loop installed on the main floor. If you use hearing aids that are equipped with a T-coil, you are able to connect your hearing aids directly into our sound system. Please see an usher for instructions on how to connect your hearing aids into our system.

### 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. 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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January 16, 2022

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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

NETTLETON

Setting by Charles Callahan

*Tune my heart to sing your grace*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To forgive as we have been forgiven,

**People: To love as we have been loved,**

Leader: To give thanks for life that teems around us,

**People: To sing of God's goodness and mercy:**

Leader: This is to worship God.

**People: Let us worship God, who forgives, loves, and is worthy of our praise.**

## OPENING PRAYER

### \* HYMN 376

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYPYDOL

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, we often give thanks for your forgiveness, but when it is our turn to extend forgiveness, we hesitate. It can be easier to hold a grudge. It can be easier to hold someone else accountable rather than ourselves. It can be easier to hold onto our anger. You, O God, call us to a different way. Show us the way of forgiveness, even when the process is arduous and complicated. When we are tempted to restrict our own grace, remind us of your grace. Fill us with the courage to do the difficult work of forgiveness. 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 the Cherub Choir will meet in the choir room. Parents can reconnect in the Atrium area.*

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

*Children may reconnect with families on the Colonnade.*

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

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Randy DuVall

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

## FIRST LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 33:1-11

Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. He put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. He himself went on ahead of them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near his brother. But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. When Esau looked up and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." Then the maids drew near, they and their children, and bowed down; Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down; and finally Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor with my lord." But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." Jacob said, "No, please; if I find favor with you, then accept my present from my hand; for truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God—since you have received me with such favor. Please accept my gift that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have everything I want." So he urged him, and he took it.

## ANTHEM

*O Lord, Be Merciful*

Homer Bartlett

*sung by Suzanne Oberdorfer, mezzo soprano*

With broken heart, And contrite sigh, A trembling sinner, Lord I cry;  
Thy pard'ning grace is rich and free, thy pardi'ning grace is rich and  
free: O God, be merciful, O God, be merciful, O God, be merciful,  
be merciful to me.

Nor alms, nor deeds that I have done, Can forgive a single sin atone; To  
Calvary alone I flee, to Calvary alone I flee: O God, be merciful O  
God, be merciful, O God, be merciful, merciful to me.

And when, redemmed from sin and hell, With all the ransomed thong I  
dwell, My raptured song shall ever be, my raptured song shall ever be,  
God hath been merciful, God hath been merciful; God hath been  
merciful, merciful to me.

## SECOND LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:38-42

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## THE RESPONSE

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to this call.

## CELEBRATION OF OFFERING

### 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 241**

*Behold the Goodness of Our Lord*

CRIMOND

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* VOLUNTARY**

*Fanfare and Processional*

Setting by Lynn Trapp

THE FLOWERS in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding of Michael and Maggie Anderson.

## 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

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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

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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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