



# First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

## — THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR — Fifth Sunday of Easter

### **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.

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May 15, 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

8:30 *Love Divine*

setting by Charles Callahan

11:00 *Hymn of Joy*

arr. by Hodges/Keller

Joyous Spirit Ringers

## INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 24:7-10*

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

**People: Who is the king of glory?**

Leader: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

**People: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!**

Leader: That the king of glory may come in.

**People: Who is the King of glory? The Lord of hosts is the King of glory.**

## OPENING PRAYER

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 446

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your hope for humanity. Rather than delight in our shared humanity and our shared need for grace, we focus instead on differing theologies, ideologies, or backgrounds. Forgive us, O God, and give us eyes to see our brothers and sisters as you see them. Fill our hearts with grace and love. 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.*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 24:1-6

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

#### ANTHEM

*The Earth is The Lord's*

Don McAfee

*Brent Hartigan, tenor*

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell there-in. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; Who hath not lifted up his soul into vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

## SECOND LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Dee Dee Carson

### \* HYMN 176

*The Earth and All That Dwells Therein*

CAITHNES

## THE RESPONSE

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Confession of Belhar*

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must be continually built up to attain.**

## 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.**

## SERVICE OF GIVING

Offering

**Offertory Anthem (11:00)**

*The Tree of Life*

K. L. Scott

There in God's Garden stands the Tree of Wisdom, whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations: Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty.

Its name is Jesus, name that says "Our Savior!" There on its branches see the scars of suffering; see where the tendrils of our human self-hood feed on its life blood.

Thorns not his own are tangled in its foliage; our greed has starved it; our despite has choked it. Yet, look! It lives! Its grief has not destroyed it nor fire consumed it.

See how its branches reach to us in welcome; hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary! Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow, I will give blessing."

This is my ending, this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit. This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.

All heaven is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose Passion offers in mercy healing, strength and pardon. Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!" Amen! My Master!

**\* Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**THE SENDING**

**\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 376**

*Love Divine, All Loves, Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

**\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\* VOLUNTARY**

*Prelude in Classic Style*

setting by Gordon Young

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*The RED ROSE last week was in honor of Shephard Knox Gilliam, born on May 3, 2022, son of Dominic and Rev. Lyndsey Gilliam*

*THE FLOWERS in the chancel are given to the glory of God by the FPC Flower Guild*

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## 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-Gilliam, *Minister to Youth and Their Families*

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, Becky Davison (Clerk), Hunter Frischkorn, Justin Fulton, Christine Harris, Liz Harris, Paul Hirschbiel, Caroline Nelson (Youth Elder), Shannan Poteran, Don Schultz, Martha Simkins, Jon Thornton, Mark Winters.

## TRUSTEES

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Sandy Cowden, Gael Daugherty, Laurie Dawson, Dudley Fulton, Ed Hurt, Hunter Sims.



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