



First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR — Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

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. Please take a moment to sign in using the Welcome Pads in the pews and leave contact information for Pastor Dee Dee to reach out to you. 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.

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.

August 7, 2022

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

Jesu, Thou Art Mine

Setting by Alfred Fedak

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, O people. Listen for the voice of God.

People: We have heard God's voice in mighty thunder, in joyful laughter, in faithful questions.

Leader: Come, O people. Watch for the presence of God.

People: We have seen God's presence in the ocean's waves, in busy streets, in one another.

Leader: Come, O people. Taste the goodness of God.

People: We have tasted God's love in broken bread, in a shared cup, in living water.

Leader: Rejoice, O people. God is here!

People: Let us rejoice and worship God together.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 466

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you tell us that where our treasures are, our hearts are sure to be. Forgive us when we treasure the shallow things of this world more than we cherish the depth of your grace; when we choose comfort over faithfulness, power over love, wealth over discipleship, selfishness over service. Forgive us, Loving God, and free us to try again to live as your beloved children. 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 *ages 4 years - 2nd grade* may return to their seats or join our Wonders of Worship team in the Chapel. Children will rejoin their families in the Sanctuary near the end of the service in time for the offering.

Children 2-3 years old will join caregivers in Room 214 and may be picked up after the service.

*Our Nursery, located on the first floor, is available for our youngest children and infants during the entire worship service.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:32-40

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* HYMN 508

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

KINGDOM

THE RESPONSE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offering

Offertory Anthem

As We Gather at Your Table

K. Lee Scott

As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word, help us know, O God, your presence: let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known. Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save. Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who have been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

* 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise ...

The minister leads the congregation in prayer, which concludes with The 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.

Giving of the Bread and the Cup

Closing Prayer

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 428

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* VOLUNTARY

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Setting by David Lasky

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-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

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

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



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