



— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR — Centennial Celebration Sunday

WELCOME

This is a significant year in the life of First Presbyterian Church as we celebrate 100 years of ministry. As we gather for worship today, we are mindful of all of the saints who have gone before us, who have contributed their times, talents, and treasures to building up and sustaining this particular body of Christ. We are mindful of all of the ways God has inspired, encouraged, and enlivened the ministry here over the years. And we give thanks to God for all of the ways God has seen us through the challenges of ministry. Today, as we worship God, we offer up our gratitude and awe as we remember what God has done, as we give thanks for what God is currently doing here in and through the life of the church, and what God promises to do as we move forward together. Today, let us Remember, Rejoice, and Renew!

GUESTS

We extend a special welcome to you! Thank you for joining us for this special Sunday in the life of the church. Whether this is your first visit with us or one of many, it is a gift to have you with us. Please take a moment to sign in using the Welcome Pads in the pews. You can find more information about the life and ministry of First Presbyterian on our 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.

October 23, 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

Lead On, O King Eternal

setting by Benjamin Culli

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 107

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for his wonderful works to humankind.

People: For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.

Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever!

OPENING PRAYER

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICEA

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, only you are holy. Yet we imagine we are righteous, excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others. We take credit and give blame. In spite of the grace you have shown us, we are slow to show mercy. You call us to bear with one another in love, but we are quick to love ourselves over our neighbors. Forgive us, O God. Help us to lead lives that are worthy of your calling. Show us how to serve you with joy and thanksgiving. 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.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Kerry Geho and Krysta Murdock

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11:00 am)

Build Thee More Stately Mansions

Mark Andrews

Jeanette Corey, soprano

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul, As the swift seasons roll! Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul! Leave thy low-vaulted past, Let each new temple, nobler than the last, Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast, Till thou at length art free, Leaving thine out-grown shell by life's unresting sea! Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul! As the swift seasons roll!

Leave thy low-vaulted past: Build thee more stately mansions,
O my soul!

SERMON

Rev. Stephen Ratliff

Because We Love God, We Build Up the Church

* **HYMN 335**

Though I May Speak

O WALY WALY

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.

CENTENNIAL LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: For 100 years, people have gathered for worship at First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach.

People: For 100 years, faithful people have gathered here to worship, pray, learn, and serve.

Leader: We give thanks this day for all of the prayers lifted and prayers answered.

People: For all of the Scriptures studied and questions asked.

Leader: For all of the hymns sung and hands shaken.

People: For all of the acts of service to the church and to the wider world.

Leader: We give thanks this day for the generations of people who have built this church, and who build it still.

People: We give thanks for all of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that have continued to grow and support this church over the years.

Leader: Looking ahead to the next 100 years of ministry, we trust in God's faithfulness to lead us through our years.

People: We trust in God's provision and God's abundance.

Leader: We trust that wherever two or more are gathered, God is there also.

People: May God be here, in the life and ministry of our church.

Leader: May God be here, as we worship, learn, and grow together.

People: May God be here. Amen.

SERVICE OF GIVING AND DEDICATION OF 2023 PLEDGES

Offering

Offertory

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Johannes Brahms

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord. My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.

O blest are they that dwell in thy house:
they praise thy name evermore.

* 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 442

The Church's One Foundation

AURELLA

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* VOLUNTARY

Ein Feste Burg

setting by Rebecca Groom Te Velde

Our church family extends our sympathy and prayers to Lauren Kies on the recent loss of her great aunt Lucille Spektor.

THE FLOWERS in the Chancel are given today by Freddie and John Morgan to the Glory of God and in memory and honor of all who have survived cancer. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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 Senior Adult Ministries*
The Reverend Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam, *Minister to Youth and Their Families*
Randy DuVall, *Commissioned Pastor and Director of Missions*
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Kimberly Markham Nickerson, *Assistant Music Director*
Bonnie Baxter, *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.

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



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