



First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Youth Sunday

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.

May 14, 2023

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

A River Flows in You

Yiruma

John Benton, pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

People: May God's face shine upon us and bring us peace!

Leader: Let all people praise you, O Lord.

People: Let all people shout their joy to your holy name.

Leader: God blesses us continually throughout all our lives.

People: Thanks be to God for God's eternal love and blessing.

OPENING PRAYER

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Maker and giver of all, forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives: when we walk through this world and fail to see the wonder of you upholding our lives and all creation; when we walk through our lives and fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us; when we walk through holy moments and fail to savor your presence, instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life as each day rushes at us with its demands. Open our eyes to your presence, God of love, that we may lean on you—for you uphold all of creation in tenderness and power. Amen. (*Silent prayers and confession*)

* **KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

* **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 581**

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.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Confirmation Class of 2023: John Benton, LuLu Braidwood, Marlee Brown, Banks Brown, Avery Gentry, Elizabeth Grant and Lea Poteran

New Member: Carol Eisenmann

THE WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN: SPIRIT BOX

Following this time, children *ages 5 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 2-4 years old will join caregivers in Room 212 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

ANTHEM

Will You Come and Follow Me

HYMN 726

KELINGROVE

Reagan Fulton, soprano

The Congregation will join in singing verses 3, 4 and 5

SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “I will not leave you

orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SENIOR SERMON

Abby Fuqua

* HYMN 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

THE RESPONSE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Written by the 2023 Confirmation Class

God is our Father, Creator, Teacher and Friend, guiding our path and constantly at work in our everyday lives. God created heaven and earth and every one of us. God knew us before we existed and knows us completely. Jesus is God’s son, and I believe that God reveals Godself to us through Jesus. I can know God through Jesus because Jesus was human like me. Jesus used his life to teach us about faith and the kingdom of God through blessings and miracles, and he is the source of our salvation. The Holy Spirit is the sustainer and guide of life, and is present within and around us. We give thanks that God does not treat us according to our sins, but gives us forgiveness and mercy, which we do not deserve. As humans, we will always struggle with sin and evil, which is one reason we really need God to guide us. Grace is not earned, but is something that should be given freely because God gives it freely to us. I believe that the Bible teaches us more about God, and is another way of God revealing Godself to us. Throughout the Bible, we see God’s unchanging, holy, gracious, faithful, and loving character. I believe that prayer is a way of talking to God. We use prayer to ask God for strength, help, and forgiveness, and to give thanks for what we have. We pray in worship, alone, out loud, in a group, or as a family. The church is where we come together to worship, learn, and serve. I am thankful for the church because this is where we build a deeper relationship with God.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offering

Offertory

Meditation

Charles Callaban

Shannan Boyd, horn

* 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.

* Prayer of Dedication

PRAYER FOR OUR 2023 SENIORS

Abby Fuqua, Isabel Gardiner, Minor Medlin, Natalie Nickles, Leilani Pearson, Casey Proctor, Reed Rader, Alex Rader and James Skarbeck

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 80

You Shall Go Out with Joy

The Trees of the Field

sing through three times

* BENEDICTION

* VOLUNTARY

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

Ryan Benton, pianist

Festive Finale

Phil Lehenbauer

THE FLOWERS in the Chancel are provided to the glory of God and in celebration of the Madison Winters and Patrick Cody wedding.

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*

David S. Kunkel, *Music Director*

Bonnie Lambert- Baxter, *Director of Children's Music and Handbells*

Dr. Antoinette Anglin, *Organist*

SESSION

Sallie Bryant, Becky Davison (Clerk), Hunter Frischkorn, Justin Fulton, Liz Harris, Paul Hirschbiel, Sophia Kamerek (Youth Elder), Shannan Poteran, Marvin Rhoades, Martha Simkins, Jim Sykes, Jon Thornton, Kristen Whalen, Ashley Wykle

TRUSTEES

Tom Cantwell, Gael Daugherty, Laurie Dawson, Dudley Fulton, Pam Pyle, Hunter Sims.



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