



# First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

## Pentecost 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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](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 28, 2023**

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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

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

setting by Wilbur Held

## INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 104:24- 34*

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works.

**People: In your wisdom you have made them all.**

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever.

**People: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Leader: May my meditation be pleasing to the Lord.

**People: For I rejoice always in the Lord.**

## OPENING PRAYER

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 289

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

MUNICH

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have heard the words of your Son Jesus Christ from days of old, yet we so often fail to live into his commands to us. We fail to give food to the hungry, we fail to offer drink to those who are thirsty, we do not clothe the naked nor care for the sick nor welcome the stranger among us. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have neglected the needs of the least members of your family, the widow and the orphan, the poor and downtrodden. Through the power of your Holy Spirit help us to follow your Son more actively and fully.

*(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.

## 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**

#### **FIRST LESSON OF SCRIPTURE**

Acts 1:1-13

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

## SECOND LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-17; 14:25-26; 15:26-27; 16:12-15

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray The Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you... These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you... But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning... I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Revised Standard Version

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

*Change Agent*

Randy Duvall

Commissioned Pastor

\* **HYMN 282**

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

DOWN AMPNEY

## THE RESPONSE

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

## 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

*Come, thou Holy Spirit, Come*

Gerre Hancock

Come, thou Holy Spirit, come, and from thy celestial home  
shed a ray of light divine; come, thou Father of the poor, come,  
thou source of all our store, come, within our hearts to shine.

Thou of comforters the best, thou the soul's most welcome  
guest, sweet refreshment here below; in our labour rest most  
sweet, grateful coolness in the heat, solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessèd Light divine, shine within these hearts of thine,  
and our inmost being fill; where thou art not, man hath naught,  
nothing good in deed or thought, nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds; our strength renew; on our dryness pour thy dew;  
wash the stains of guilt away; bend the stubborn heart and will;  
melt the frozen, warm the chill; guide the steps that go astray

On the faithful, who adore and confess thee, evermore in thy  
sevenfold gifts descend: Give them virtue's sure reward,  
give them thy salvation, Lord, give them joys that never end.

### \* 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

## THE SENDING

### \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 767

*Together We Serve*

SAN ANSELMO

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* VOLUNTARY

*Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

setting by Alfred Fedak

## 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 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

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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

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



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