Tenth 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 6, 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

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP
  Leader:  Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.”
  People:  Jesus said, “I am the vine and you are the branches.
  Leader:  Come to me and never be hungry.
  People:  Believe in me and never thirst.”
  Leader:  As we worship, we give thanks for God’s Spirit poured out on bread and cup.
  People:  We give thanks for God’s gifts of grace and mercy, through Christ our Lord.
  Leader:  Let us worship God.

* PROCESIONAL HYMN 649
  Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound  AMAZING GRACE

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION
  God of compassion, we are in need of your mercy. We have wrestled with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold onto you. We long to deepen our trust in you. Hear our prayers, O Lord. (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 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

FIRST LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

SECOND LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and
they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

Rev. Jenny Spivey

**HYMN 475**

* Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *NETTLETON*

**THE RESPONSE**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*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*

*O Taste and See* Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

**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**
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 1
   Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty  NICEA

* BENEDICTION

* VOLUNTARY

FPC welcomes our guest organist, Dorothy Lorenz.

THE FLOWERS in the Chancel are provided to the glory of God by the FPC Flower Guild.
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.

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PASTORS AND STAFF

The Reverend Dee Dee Carson, Pastor
Jacqui Horton, Director of Senior Adult Ministries
The Reverend Lyndsey McCall-Gillian, Minister to Youth and Their Families
Randy DuVall, Commissioned Pastor and Director of Missions
Elise Ramos-Krepcho, Music Director
Bonnie Lambert-Baxter, Director of Children’s Music and Handbells
Dr. Antoinette Anglin, Organist

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