



First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

Twenty-Fifth 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.

November 19, 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

OLD HUNDREDTH

Setting by Benjamin Culli

INTROIT

All The Earth Will Sing for Joy

Ruth Elaine Schram

FPC Children's Choir

River Gotch, viola & Darynn Gotch, bells

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 71

Leader: You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

People: You will revive me and comfort me.

Leader: I will praise you for your faithfulness, O my God.

People: I will sing praises to you and shout for joy.

Leader: For you have rescued my soul.

People: You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

OPENING PRAYER

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and gracious God, you are so patient with us. We run away, and you seek us. We make foolish choices, and you teach us the better way. We hurt you and others, and instead of hurting us back, you forgive us. Help us, we pray. Help us reveal your glory and goodness in our living. Help us bear the imprint of Christ throughout the world. 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.

THE WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN: SPIRIT BOX

Following this time, children *ages 5 years – 5th grade* may return to their seats or join our Wonders of Worship team in Room 215. Children will rejoin their families in the Sanctuary near the end of the service in time for the offering. *Parents, if this is your child's first time in WOW, please go with them to help them settle in before returning to your pew.*

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

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

ANTHEM (11:00 AM)

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; And take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit.

SECOND LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had

received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Hidden Talents

Rev. Dee Dee Carson

* **HYMN 634**

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

THE RESPONSE

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

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

Hear my Cry, O Lord

Franck

Naomi Henn, soloist

Hear my prayer, O Lord, Give ear unto my cry.
Thou art my refuge and my hope, Thou shalt tread down
my enemies. I will dwell forever in Thy tents
And hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.
Lord! Thou art indeed my God,
Yea, I will seek Thee early.
My soul is faint, my body longeth,
Longeth after Thee In a barren desert where there
is no water. Now I will bless Thee daily
And lift my hands in prayer and adoration;
Yea, my lips shall praise Thee all my life long.

* **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 645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

* **BENEDICTION**

* **VOLUNTARY**

Now Thank We All Our God

Setting by Charles Callahan

THE FLOWERS today in the Chancel are given 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.

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*

Randy DuVall, *Commissioned Pastor and Director of Missions*

Elise Ramos-Krepcho, *Music Director*

Brian Edwards, *Director of Youth and Young Adults Ministries*

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.



First Presbyterian offers you the opportunity to give electronically. Scan the QR Code to the left and make a donation.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

300 36th Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

www.firstpresvb.org

phone: 757.428.6332 | e-mail: office@firstpresvb.org

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)