

11:00 am Worship

March 10, 2024

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Choral Call to Worship “The Lord Is In His Holy Temple” Choir
Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader: Mike Rand
Prelude:

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 107:1-3, 43

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

**² Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,**

³ those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.

**⁴³ Let the one who is wise heed these things
and ponder the loving deeds of the LORD.**

***Hymn:** "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" Hymnal #93

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

O Heavenly Father, have mercy on us. In our shame and guilt, we turn away from You, and hide like Adam in the Garden. Help us to confess openly and freely to You any sins that try to hide in our hearts. Search our hearts, O Lord, and cast out anything that is not of You. Help us not to focus on ourselves, because in our own power we work in vain, but in Christ all things are possible. Father, we confess that we like to be in control of our own lives, and fear surrendering all to You. Please help us see the freedom in Christ Jesus and Your wonderfully amazing grace. When our own desires overshadow what You have called us to, please send the Holy Spirit to convict us and turn our hearts back to You. In the Holy and Precious name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon: John 3:16

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

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| *The Gloria Patri | Hymnal # 734 |
| Walks with Jesus | John McCarthy |
| First Scripture: | Numbers 21:4-9 |
| | Pew Bible #151 |

Prayers of the People (see list below)

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| Choral Call to Prayer | “O How He Loves You and Me” | Choir |
| The Lord's Prayer | Hymnal - Inside Front Cover | |

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| *Hymn: | "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" | Hymnal #442 |
| Presentation of Tithes and Offerings | | |
| *Doxology | | Hymnal #34 |
| *Prayer | | |
| Anthem: (Hymn #95) | "Praise Him! Praise Him!" | Choir |

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 5:12-26 Bible #997
 Sermon: "A Walk Through Luke" part 8 John McCarthy
 Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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| *Apostles' Creed | Hymnal – Inside Front Cover |
| *Hymn: “Just As I Am” | Hymnal #354 |
| * Charge and Blessing | |
| * Postlude | |
| *Congregation Standing | |

Directives for Prayer

Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan
Shut-in/not attending: Ginny Troy
- Full Prayer list listed in monthly newsletter – copies available at each entrance

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: ***Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.***

Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary.

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like to have a card sent to someone that we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send out a card during the following week.

Ushers – serving today Paige Powell at the North Door and Sue Wilkins* at the South Door. Audio is Don Cherry.

This Week's Announcements

Deacons – New meeting time and date! Now meeting the second Sunday after worship. Today will be the first meeting on this new schedule.

Women's Bible Study –Wednesday, March 13 at 10:30 am.

Lenten Lunch – Starting this week! First Presbyterian will again host the weekly Lenten Luncheons each Wednesday between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Come, bring a bagged lunch and join us for fellowship from 12:00-12:30; when a pastor from the community will provide a short devotional, ending at 12:45, so those who need to get back to work can do so. The schedule will be as follows:

March 13 – Laurie Fox – Sentara Halifax Hospice
 March 20 – Rev. Thad Decker – Beth Car Baptist
 March 27 – John Mcarthy, First Presbyterian

Men's Bible Study—Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 pm.

Evangelism Study – Each Thursday at 1 pm at The Busy Bean. The study is *They Like Jesus But Not the Church* by Dan Kimball. It's not too late to start.

5 Cents-a-Meal – The next collection will be next Sunday, March 17.

Elders will meet on March 17 at 12:30

Mark Your Calendar –

- **Palm Sunday Processional** – Sunday, March 24. Meet for the annual processional at Halifax Medical Building by 10:00 am for the prayer and Welcome. Processional will begin at 10:10 am.
The Deacons are providing donuts and juice afterward for all.
- **Maundy Thursday**, Thursday, March 28. The service to be hosted by First Presbyterian at 7:00 pm. Rev. Bill Boelte from First Baptist will provide the message.
- **Sunrise Service** – Easter Sunday, March 31 at 7:00 am in the Prayer Garden at Main Street Methodist church.
- **Flowering of the Cross** – First Pres. will again flower the cross in this time-honored tradition. Please plan and watch for blooming flowers, or help purchase some by bringing them, or submitting funds to help purchase flowers. Mark donations as “Cross Flowers” or “Flowering the Cross”.

| Calendar | |
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| Sunday, March 10 | 9:30 am Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm - Diaconate |
| Wednesday, March 13 | 10:30 am - Women’s Bible Study 12:00 noon – Lenten Luncheon fellowship 12:30 pm - Devotional 6:00 pm - Choir |
| Thursday, March 14 | 1:00 pm – Evangelism Study at Busy Bean 6:30 pm – Men’s Bible Study 8:00 pm - AA |
| Friday, March 15 | Office Closed 12 noon – AA |

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 Rev. Glenn Coleman – Moderator
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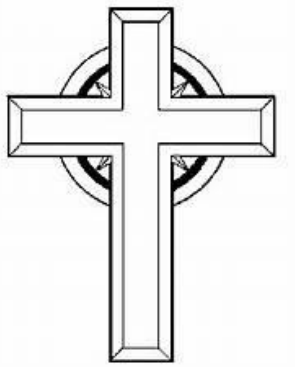
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Mission Statement
"Growing God's Presence"
Foundational Principles
Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love
Values
Committed~Servant Heart~
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning

No nursery or Children’s Church will be provided at this time.
 5 cents-a-meal Offering is collected the third Sunday of each month.
 Worship every Sunday 11:00 am; Sunday School is at 9:30 am.
 Fellowship at 10:15 am. Internet: 1stPresWifi-guest: 800north

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