

First Presbyterian Church

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October 2nd, 2022

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God’s family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 2nd, 2022

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Diane Bish

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

INTROIT

“We Will Worship”

J. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: God's mercies never end; they are new every morning.
People: *We gather in gratitude, that our faith may increase.*
Leader: Let us rejoice in God, who is with us wherever we go.
People: *We will commit our ways to God.*
Leader: We will wait patiently for answers to our prayers.
People: *The Holy Spirit has called us together.*
Unison: *Let us treasure this sacred time.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, we are appalled at the violence and devastation that are seen in the world. We find it simpler to question Your patience with humanity than to take some responsibility for what we could do to calm the distressed, relieve the anger of others, or pacify the hostility of the aggressive.

Forgive our lack of hope that the future could be better than the past and that our faithfulness could make a difference in the lives of others. Help us reclaim our purpose to bring Your love and grace into the world. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*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, amen.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 37:19, Page 511

ANTHEM

Herbert Brokering

"Thine the Amen"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, Page 871

MEDITATION

"In The Meantime"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

Isaac Watts

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We are grateful, O God, for the faith we have inherited. We give thanks for the courage of ancestors who suffered for the gospel that we might know Your love. We join them in placing our trust in You and rising to the challenge of serving You. May we walk beside those faithful disciples who inspired us to follow Your Son. We dedicate our lives and our offerings to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SENDING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 498

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL AMEN

"Danish Amen"

*POSTLUDE

"Rondeau"

Jean-Joseph Mouret

Opportunities for the Week of October 2nd – October 9th

Today:	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship / Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Sunday Funday / OCC Packing Party
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Union Pines Soccer
Friday:	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Morning Bible Study
Saturday:	9:30 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting of Coastal Carolina, Sanford
Sunday:	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group – Grades 7-12

Announcements

The Robbins Food Bank will be held this Saturday, Oct. 8th at 7:30 a.m.

The session will meet next Sunday, Oct. 9th at 12:15 p.m.

The Fellowship and Mission Committee would like to say a great big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers that helped make our annual picnic a wonderful success. Without your help there would not have been a picnic. Thank you again and we look forward to our picnic next year.

It's time for us to start bringing our crackers and raisins for Back Pack Pals which feeds our school age children in Moore County.

The PW are working on starting the night circle again this fall. If you are interested in meeting at night for the traditional Horizons Bible study or another Bible study please contact Helen McDonald.

FPC continues to offer a virtual worship service on our Facebook page (Fpc Carthage).

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Ann & Tom Currie.