

First Presbyterian Church

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August 11th, 2024

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!

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

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

PRELUDE

George Stubbins

“Take Time to Be Holy”

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

CHORAL INTROIT

Harry D. Clark

“Into My Heart”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: God deals with us gently and with great care.

People: *Le us watch for God working in our lives.*

Leader In all time and places, we can rely on God.

People: *We can support one another as we seek to know God.*

Leader: *May we find hope in God's power to redeem*

People: *We celebrate and give thanks for the new day God promises us.*

Unison: *We come as those who long to be children of God, children of the Light.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King” (verses 1-4)”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as Your faithful children. We are angry with the world, with those around us, and even with ourselves. We hold grudges against those who have wronged us and it is eating away at our souls and how we live. We have hoarded Your gifts instead of sharing them with those around us. Our forgiveness is selective and misguided.

Gracious God, heal our wayward selves. Bless us with a love that changes us and the world. Grant us a grace that opens us to see a brighter future for all humanity. 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 # 738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 130, page 573

ANTHEM

soloist, Barron Maness

“My Tribute”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 4:25-5:2, Page 193

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

The Rev. Rick Martindale

“Imitators of God”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hymn Book, Page 35

“The Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Unknown Composer

“Into Thy Presence”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 372

“O for a World”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL AMEN

Traditional

“Danish Amen”

*POSTLUDE

Linda Stassen

“Sing Hallelujah”

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of August 11th – August 18th

Today	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Lemonade on the Lawn
	11:10 a.m.	Session Meeting
	11:15 a.m.	Hand Chime Practice
Wednesday:	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday:		PW Gathering at Carolina Beach
Sunday:	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion
	11:15 a.m.	Hand Chime Practice

Announcements

Please welcome our special guest, soloist Barron Maness. Barron is a regular performer at the Pinecrest Inn in Pinehurst and is a member of the choir at Congregational Community Church in Southern Pines.

The PW will be collecting school supplies for Carthage Elementary School through August 18th. Supplies needed are: Crayons, pencils, colored pencils; glue sticks; XPO markers; Crayola magic markers; Kleenex, hand sanitizer; Ziploc bags snack size-gallon size. A bin is available across from the office for supplies donated.

Pictorial Directory: sheets are located in the upper and lower narthex. Please fill out and return to Michelle Tortora. You can also email the information and a clear, family appropriate picture to her at mrstortora@hotmail.com

“Reading and Lunch” will take place on August 24th, for those in kindergarten through 5th grade at Kiser Park. This is a joint effort with Grace Church.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Diane & Tom Pangborn.