

First Church in Pembroke

Sunday Communion Service

August 1, 2021 - 10:00 AM
Order of Worship

“It’s The Heart That Matters”
by Pastor David Poole



“These people honor me with their lips, but
their hearts are far from me” Mark 7

PRELUDE: *(Contemplative Music)*

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem." (Psalm 122)

MEDITATION PRAYER: *(Silently)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *(Any Congregant, Please Stand & Speak Loudly!)*

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION: *(Music)* "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Congregant Response in Bold)*

Wonderful people, turn your eyes upon Jesus and magnify the Lord with me.

We embrace the realms of His love; Lord of righteousness, Lord of glory, we exalt your name.

It is a wonderful thing to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

We are the righteousness of God in Christ; and today we will sing unto the Lord a new song.

So stand in awe, and let us sing aloud to the God of the heavens, for He is alive and living!

God of grace and glory, we adore your majestic name.

HYMN: *(Please Stand & Sing)* **NCH#436** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: *(All read aloud)*

Everliving and everloving God, We come before you with jumbled thoughts, confused minds, but open hearts. Settle us – embrace us, and bring to each of us your peace. Strengthen our resolve to listen to your word, to listen to each other, and to be an instrument of your love in all we do. All we ask, we do so in the name of Jesus, our teacher, our Savior, and friend. Amen

CALL TO PRAISE *(Congregant Response In Bold)*

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up unto the Lord.

O Lord, open Thou our lips

And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise

THE GLORIA PATRI (Red-515) *(all Sing)*

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.

MUSINGS: *(Pastor)*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: *(Pastor)*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

HYMN: (*Please Stand & Sing*) **NCH#332** “As we Gather at Your Table”

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With grateful hearts we praise you O God, for your great goodness in the gift of Christ. Through sacred memory, Christ has come to us and fed us at this table. Strengthen us by your grace to fellowship with Christ each day. Stir us to share Christ's cross in daily sacrificial service. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: (*Pastor Pg4*) **Mark 7: 1-23** (That Which Defiles)

SERMON: “**It’s The Heart That Matters**” by Pastor David Poole

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (*Pastor*) (*Ushers Pass Collection Plates*)

OFFERTORY: (*Contemplative Music*)

DOXOLOGY: (*All Sing*) **Red#515**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise him all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (*Pastor*)

PRAY: (*A Time of Silent Prayer*)

PRAYER: (*Pastor*)

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (*All Pray Aloud*)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil, For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

MUSICAL RESPONSE: (*Musical Interlude*)

HYMN: (*Please Stand & Sing*) **NCH#473** “Blessed Assurance”

BENEDICTION: (*Pastor*)

POSTLUDE: (*Contemplative Music*)



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Mark 7: 1-23

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles. So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?” He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules. You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.’” And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (devoted to God) then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.” Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them. After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. “Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? ¹⁹For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.) He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”



The Crafter's group will be starting up **Thursday August 5th** at 7:00 and meeting every Thursday evening through the fall. Everyone is welcome. Historically we have worked on our own projects, completed those long lost projects, made prayer shawls, baby blankets for First Church Christenings, put together the First Church Quilt, created items for the Fall Festival and shared their skills with whomever wanted to learn. Drop in and see what it is all about.



First Church in Pembroke will be hosting a Community Pancake Breakfast on the **FIRST** Saturday of the month from July – June from 8-10am in the church Fellowship Hall, 105 Center Street, Pembroke. We be offering a combination of pancakes, sausage, and a choice of beverage all for only \$5. It is a time of good food and fellowship. Seating is limited so we offer Grab & Go goodness. Place your order and soon after pancakes and sausages are all packed up and ready to go. A great way to start your day - and you don't have to cook!

See you August 7th

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Rev. David Pool voted Called Pastor.

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