

**First Church in Pembroke
105 Center Street
Pembroke, MA 02359**

**Sunday
February 20, 2022, 10:00 AM**

Order of Worship



"Spiritual Ammunition "
by Minister Miriam Theodore

PRELUDE: *(Contemplative Music)*

MEDITATION PRAYER:

"But in the last days, it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills, and the people shall flow unto it." (Micah 4:1).

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

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION: *(Music)*

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

Wonderful people, why are you gathered here today?

With a loving heart and a yearning spirit, we gather to render our praise and honor to the Most High God.

Wonderful people, are you the Lord's anointed? Do you count yourself precious in the eyes of the Lord?

Yes, we are, and yes, we do! The Lord is the joy of our salvation. Our Great and Mighty God is Lord of all the heavens and can do all things!

Wonderful people, you have responded correctly, so let God arise, and may his grace lighten your paths this day henceforth and forevermore!

Hallelujah! The favor of God is upon us! We are truly blessed and blessed to be the name of the Lord! Amen.

HYMN: *(Please Stand & Sing)* :

#35 Red Hymnal (verses 1-4 only) "When Morning Gilds the Skies."

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: *(All read aloud)*

As we go about the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, many times, we are overwhelmed with our busy agendas and family life. We run to and from in a busy rush to complete our tasks for the day while we are also busy preparing for the next days ahead. Lord, why are we so busy? Today Great Spirit, we call on your holy name to be the ultimate aid and mediator to our busy lives. Teach us thy way, Lord, and grant us your power of wisdom and understanding to always take a little more time to breathe, a little more time to talk with you, a little more time to walk with you, and a little more time to listen to our Family and friends and those around us. This we pray in the name of Jesus. 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 (*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. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:47 – 52

SERMON: Spiritual Ammunition (Minister Miriam Theodore)

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (*Pastor*) (*Ushers Pass Collection Plates*)
"The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, year mightier than the waves of the sea."

OFFERTORY: (*Contemplative Music*)

DOXOLOGY: (*All Sing*)
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*)

HYMN: #77 Red Hymnal "Be Still, My Soul"

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

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*) #363 Red Hymnal "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

BENEDICTION: (*Pastor*)

POSTLUDE: (*Contemplative Music*)



First Church in Pembroke Updates

Don't forget to come back today at 2:00 PM - to hear Rev. Bliss's ideas for our new minister's search and moving forward. He will also be teaching us more about the "congregational way." Our church needs each of us to share our wants and needs as we move into a strong future together.

March 06, 2022, Annual Meeting - Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2022; after our Sunday Service, please join us. The plan is to get the Annual Meeting Report out this Sunday, February 20, 2022, for all to review before the meeting.

Calling all FCIP members, please consider joining one of our committees. Please contact the Nomination Committee: Gail Sim, Bonnie-Jean Morrison, or Marge Baulmer for more information on the committees.

Wednesday, March 2, 2022, - First Church will have an Ash Wednesday service on March 2, 2022, at 7:00 PM. Minister Miriam Theodore will be performing the service for us.

First Church in Pembroke Steeple Lighting - This week's steeple lighting is in memory of Ernest "Buster" Linscott, dedicated by his daughter Julie Linscott Barone and her Family. If you would like to light the steeple for any special occasion, you can contact Joellen Graham via the FCIP Facebook page.

Sunday Fellowship - We are looking for families to donate baked goods, breakfast bars, fruit, etc.; for fellowship on Sundays, a signup sheet will be available today in Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Flowers for the Sanctuary - Now that we are getting back to somewhat of normalcy, we would like to remind everyone that the signup sheet for flowers can be found on the outside of the Deacons Closet. If anyone is interested in ordering flowers for the Sunday service, please call the office and leave a message, and someone will get back to you. This is a beautiful way to remember a loved one, anniversary, birthday, etc.

First Church in Pembroke Web page

Have you had the opportunity to check out First Church's webpage? If not, please do so it has up-to-date information as to what is happening at our church. firstchurchinpembroke.org.