

First Church in Pembroke

Sunday Service

March 27, 2022 – 10:00 AM

Order of Worship

"The Loving Father"

by Alexander Killian



“We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life!

He was lost, but now he is found!” Lk. 15:32

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION *(Psalm 32:1-2)*

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *(Any congregant, please speak loudly!)*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 66:1-4) (Congregation in bold)*

Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!

Sing about the glory of his name!

Tell the world how glorious he is.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Your enemies cringe before your mighty power.

Everything on earth will worship you;

They will sing your praises,

Shouting your name in glorious songs."

HYMN: **NCH #43:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: *(Read in unison)*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open. All desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE: *(Congregation 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.

GLORIA PATRI: *(Sung in unison)*

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.

Dismissal of the Children Sunday School & Activities
Please join us after service today in Fellowship Hall where the children will be
servicing the congregation Ice Cream Sundaes.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

HYMN: NCH #202: O God, How We Have Wandered

SERMON: *“The Loving Father”*

OFFERTORY INVITATION: Isaiah 58:6a, 7

OFFERTORY:

DOXOLOGY:

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(Please speak loudly so Pastor can hear names)

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:

HYMN: NCH #476: My Life Flows On in Endless Song

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE:



Be Thoughtful, Be Silent, Be Reverent for this the House of the Lord.
Before the Service Speak to God:
During the Service, let God Speak to you,
After the Service, speak to one another kindly.

Mark the days of Lent and the Journey to Easter

April 10 at 10:00 am Palm Sunday - Join us as our Sunday School children lead us in a Palm Sunday Parade. Please join us after Service for a cake that the children will decorate during Sunday school; they will be serving the members. This will be fun!

April 14 at 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday - Service of Lights and Darkness with Holy Communion with Minister Miriam Theodore. Together we remember events leading up to our Lord's crucifixion. The Deacons are looking for readers. Do not hesitate to contact **Jane Hodge** if you would like to be one of the readers for Maundy Thursday.

April 16 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - Please sign up for half-hour time slots and pray for members of our Church Family and the needs of your own soul. 6:00 – 10:00 pm. A signup sheet is in Fellowship Hall.

April 17 Easter Sunday Service at 10:00 am - Celebrate Christ's victory over death with your Church Family. After our Service, join us out front for FCIP Easter Egg Hunt.

EASTER FLOWERS

First Church needs everyone's help to decorate the sanctuary for the joyful occasion of Easter. FCIP will be ordering Tulips this year from the Candy Jar. The cost will be **\$15.00 each**. These flowers can be given for any reason: a celebration of life, a Birthday, an anniversary, memory/honor of loved ones, or for yourself. Envelopes will be placed in the pews for ordering. You can also contact the Church Office with your order or if you have any questions at 781-293-2584. The deadline for ordering tulips is March 31, 2022.

The Christian Education Team is excited to let members of the FCIP Congregation know that the children will be hosting the following: We are asking members to bring in their favorite toppings for the ice cream Sundays and Cakes. Please see Rachel, Donna, Karan, or Francine for more information. A signup sheet will be in Fellowship Hall on Sunday.

March 27	Ice Cream Sundae, please remember to bring in your favorite topping
April 03	Children will decorate the CE Bulletin boards in Fellowship Hall
April 03	Open House CNK 60 Years Old Come meet the teachers of CNK
April 10	Palm Sunday Parade
April 10	Children will be decorating Easter Cakes to serve the congregation
April 17	Easter Egg Hunt all are invited to join us you are never too old

For a full list of what's happening at First Church please see our weekly blast.