

PRELUDE: *(Contemplative Music)*

MEDITATION PRAYER:

"For the Lord is our defense, and the Holy One of Israel is our King." (Psalm 89:18).

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *(Please Stand & Speak Loudly)*

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION: (Music)

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Congregation in bold)*

P: Sing glory to the risen King, let us sing a jubilant song in honor of the name of Jesus.

C: Indeed, we will sing with gladness, because righteousness and justice are the habitation of his throne, and mercy and truth are his eternal attributes.

P: So stand proud my people, never be afraid to take a stand for Jesus your risen Lord and Savior.

C: Who is greater than our Lord Jesus? Our Lord is the true Light, and is worthy to be exalted above all.

P: The One who died to save us all will return one day to judge the world with his righteousness, and to judge the people with his truth.

C: We will take the liberty to rejoice in the Lord, no matter what we are going through, we will remember to give thanks for the breath we breathe. Amen.

*HYMN: (Please Stand) #478 (Red Hymnal) "All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(In Unison)*

In this Easter season new life is springing forth, and new fragrances will fill the air. Our ascended Lord is a true representation of the Easter season who reminds us that although we may go through some dark channels in life, there is always light at the end of the tunnel. The saving strength of our Lord reminds us to never give up even when the days may appear grim. Risen Savior, today we confess that every time we remember how you suffered on the cross for us, we will cherish our faith in you, and we will not hesitate to take a bow in reverence to your holy name. 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.

## Dismissal of the Children for Sunday School & Activities

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 7:54-60

SERMON: 'Stoning The Truth' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

HYMN: (Please Stand) #385 (Red Hymnal) "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus"

OFFERTORY INVITATION: Acts 2:32-33

"This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. Amen."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

*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.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:*

(Please speak loudly so Pastor can hear names)

*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)*

CLOSING HYMN: (Please Stand) #195 (Red Hymnal) "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

BENEDICTION: (In Unison)

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other. Amen.

POSTLUDE: *(Contemplative Music)*

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.

*Alter Flowers today are placed in memory of our parents Nan and Shirley A.  
Peterson  
By Alan & Linda Peterson*

Flowers for the Sanctuary - The flower signup sheet can be found outside the Deacons Closet. If anyone is interested in ordering flowers for the Sunday service, please call the office and leave a message. Someone will get back to you. This is a beautiful way to remember a loved one.

First Church in Pembroke Steeple Lighting - If you would like to light the Steeple for any special occasion, you can contact Joellen Graham via the FCIP Facebook page.

Thrift Shop hours are Friday & Saturday from 11:00 - 3:00 pm. Spread the word about Pembroke's hidden gem.

#### First Church in Pembroke Monthly Meetings for April 2022

The CNK Staff will meet on Monday, April 25, 2022, in Fellowship Hall at 2:30 pm. The CNK Staff meets on the third Monday of each month.

The Trustees will meet on Monday, April 25, 2022, in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm for April. The Trustees meet on the third Tuesday of each month.

The Council will meet on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The Missions Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at the Thrift Shop at 11:00 am.

*Please take a minute to look at First Church's Facebook page: First Church in Pembroke, or our Webpage: [firstchurchinpembroke.org](http://firstchurchinpembroke.org). JoEllen Graham and Jay Hodge have done an outstanding job keeping both social media pages updated! Thank you, JoEllen and Jay.*

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