

Worship Program for First Church in Pembroke

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Sunday November 20th, 2022

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“I will lift up my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: As worshipers of the Living God, let us assemble ourselves as humble children and give thanks to the Lord.

C: To the One who sustains us and becomes our shelter in the times of storm; let his mercy endure forever!

P: Indeed, let us give thanks unto the Lord, from the rising of sun to the going down, and from season to season.

C: To the One who is the Lord of lords, and allows the sun to rule over the day, let his mercy endure forever!

P: Wonderful people, did you know that God's mighty hand divided the Red Sea and caused his children to walk on dry land?

C: To the One who has great power, understanding, wisdom, creativity and love; let his mercy endure forever!

P: God spread out the earth on the waters, and created day and night.

C: We give thanks unto the Lord who gives food to all flesh, and may he continue to bless us on 'Thanksgiving Day' and always, because his mercy endures forever! Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #12 (Black Hymnal) “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

It is pure gladness to sing the praises of faith and to exalt a God in whom we believe! Our God is a powerful God! Our God is an awesome God who is

forgiving and looks down from heaven with welting eyes when he sees his children gather in worship to praise him. As a token of his love, God sends his angels as busy messengers to traverse the expanse of the universe to bring hope, health and healing to a hurting world.

As we approach 'Thanksgiving Day,' we promise to take a little time to lift up our heads and give thanks to God for family, for food, health, shelter, clothing and above all, the air that we breathe. May we also remember to be gracious to a friend, a neighbor, family member and even a complete stranger this Thanksgiving week. We also pray that our burdens will be lightened, and our sadness will become gladness, because we believe that with God all things are possible! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 7:13-14

SERMON: '700 years of Anticipation for Labor & Delivery' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

HYMN: #21 (Red Hymnal) “We Gather Together”

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (Isaiah 53:5)

“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

CLOSING HYMN: #29 (Red Hymnal) “Now Thank We All Our God”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: