

First Church in Pembroke

Sunday September 10th, 2023

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“Children are an heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are the children of one's youth.”
(Psalm 127:3-4)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Let your voices echo the name of the Lord my people, in unison let us tell of his wondrous love towards the children of men.

C: We will teach the children diligently about the grace of God. We will tell of his love not just for a season but for seasons to come.

P: Teach the children the way of the Lord my people. Let them know of the passages from the wisdom literature that they should “hear the conclusion of the whole matter, that they should fear God, and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man.”

C: We will teach the children diligently about the grace of God. We will tell of his love not just for a season but for seasons to come.

P: Jesus commanded the little ones to come unto him, and loved and adored them unconditionally.

C: God's agape love is enough to us all. Let the children's voice be heard, because they too are counted as precious in the eyes of God.

ALL: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! In the newness of life and in celebration of a new birth, Lord we thank and praise your holy name. Amen

OPENING HYMN: #38R “Morning Has Broken”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Gracious Father,
We belong to you because we are your loving children! You have said that you “will never leave us nor forsake us.” Your loving arms are opened wide to embrace and accept us all! In humility we come to you and bow our heads in the presence of your greatness. Father, your loving-kindness surpasses our understanding, and your forgiveness supersedes

our strength and human nature. Restore on us afresh an overflow of your favor and blessing. As we seek your presence among us this day, may we all come to the conclusion that you are the 'Living God' who is omnipresent, which means that you are everywhere! Let us also realize that you are omniscient, which means that you are all knowledge, and that you are also omnipotent, which means that you have unlimited power and authority. For all these attributes, dear Lord, we choose to cling to you, because we are aware that you are **The King of Glory!** Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE:

GLORIA PATRI:

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:21-24

SERMON: 'Spiritual Pediatrics' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

HYMN: #478R “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

THE BAPTISM OF OWEN MINER

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

“Comfort, comfort my people says God... for every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of God shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.”
(Isaiah 40:1&4-5)

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

HYMN: #485R “This Is My Father's World”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: