

# First Church in Pembroke

## Sunday Service

September 17, 2023, 10:00 AM

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. Amen.

PRELUDE: Silent Meditation (Contemplative Music)

MEDITATION PRAYER: (Luke 5:31-32)  
And Jesus said: "They that are well do not need a physician, but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: (*Any congregant*)

Greet your Church Family: (meet fellow members of FCIP.)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Congregation in Bold*)  
P: Let us take a pause and let us stand in reverence because there is One who will give a listening ear and consider our meditations.  
C: We extol the wonders of the Lord, and unto him, only we will pray.  
P: The Branch from the stem of Jesse, who is Jesus the Christ, has favored us, and in his arms, we are counted as precious.  
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P: Let us meditate on the God of this sanctuary. Let us meditate on the goodness of his love because, indeed, we are counted as precious in the eyes of God.  
C: There are many that say, "Who will show us any good?" But our answer will always point to the Lord, who is our saving strength. Our Lord has lifted the light of his countenance upon us because we have directed our prayers unto him. Amen.

HYMN: #246 (Red Hymnal) "Come, Thou Almighty King"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*Read In Unison and slowly*)  
Like a balm for every wound and a cordial for every care, so are the mercies of God bestowed upon his children. Father, we cannot hide from you; you know our ways and knew us even before we were formed in the womb. Therefore, today, we find it fitting to surrender our lives to you. We call on your holy name to encourage us to tell of your love to everyone we meet. Enable us to step up to become members in your ministry and to give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name. We also pray that you will be our lamp-light to aid us along the way now and forevermore. 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.

SCRIPTURE READING: [Matthew 5:1-12](#)

SERMON: "The Echo on Mountain Olivet" Pastor Miriam

HYMN: B#517 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

OFFERTORY INVITATION: Matthew 4:24  
"And his fame went throughout all Syria, and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with diverse diseases and torments, and those who were possessed with demons, and those who were epileptics, and those who had the palsy, and he healed them." (Ushers Will Pass The Collection Plates)

OFFERTORY:

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

DOXOLOGY: R#515: "Praise God Whom Blessings Flow"  
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*)

SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER:  
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: #597 "Shall We Gather at the River"

BENEDICTION: (In Unison)  
May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other. Amen.

POSTLUDE: (Contemplative Music)