

First Church in Pembroke

Order Of Worship

Sunday November 26th, 2023

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER

“For wisdom is a defense, and money is a defense; but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom gives life to them that have it. Consider the work of God; for who can make that way straight which he has made crooked? In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider God also have set the one over against the other, to the end that man (humans) should find nothing after him (them).” (Ecclesiastes 7:12-14)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth take a brief pause in worship to our Great and Mighty Wonder!

C: Precious Lord, make our hearts humble, make our souls glad again as we join our hands in worship to praise you.

P: Wonderful people, let us recognize Jesus of Nazareth as our Savior, for he is **King** over all the earth, and our Great and Mighty Wonder!

C: Precious Lord, make our hearts humble, make our souls glad again as we join our hands in worship to praise you.

P: Let your presence be known among us Great Savior, because in you there is life and life eternal.

C: Precious Lord, make our hearts humble, make our souls glad again as we join our hands in worship to praise you.

ALL: The Lord will make us wise and will show us the interpretation of things to come. His wisdom will cause our faces to shine, and his power will discern our hearts to be patient and to do what is right. Amen.

HYMN: #4 (Red Hymnal) “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Lord, we have gathered for Thanksgiving, and we pray that the love of family, friends and neighbors will always surround us. We thank you for the love you continue to bestow on us. Today, as we your faithful stewards pledge our contribution to Stewardship, incite our hearts and minds to give willingly; and may we ever be equipped and wrapped with your eternal love.

As we take a moment to rest and listen to your Word of truth, let your presence be seen and known among us. Allow your seven-fold Spirit to rest with us here for a while. The Spirit of the Lord, The Spirit of Wisdom, The Spirit of Understanding, The Spirit of Counsel, The Spirit of Might, The Spirit of Knowledge, and the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord. Amen. (Excerpts from Isaiah 11:2)

READING: 2 Chronicles 1:11-13

SERMON: 'When Wishes Became Horses in the Eyes of the Lord'

by Rev. Miriam Theodore

HYMN: #473 (Black Hymnal) “Blessed Assurance”

OFFERTORY INVITATION: Matthew 9:10 & 13b

“And it came to pass, as Jesus sat eating in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.” Jesus said: “For I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

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

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: