

Order Of Worship

First Church in Pembroke

Sunday January 14th, 2024

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“Enter quietly into the House of God and be more ready to hear; and be not rash or hasty with your mouth, and let not your heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven, and you are upon the earth; therefore let your words be few.” (Ecclesiastes 5:1-2).

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: The Lord sits in this holy place and his countenance is pure radiance beaming at his wonderful children who have come to praise him.

C: By his mighty right hand, he alone created all things in heaven and on earth. Surely, he can do all things right, and with no contestation we gather to worship him.

P: The words of the wise are gracious unto the Lord; they are like bread cast upon the waters, for indeed we will find it after many days.

C: By his mighty right hand, he alone created all things in heaven and on earth. Surely, he can do all things right, and with no contestation we gather to worship him.

P: Righteousness and justice are the habitation of the Lord, and as worshipers of his name may we blessed coming in and going out.

C: By his mighty right hand, he alone created all things in heaven and on earth. Surely, he can do all things right, and with no contestation we gather to worship him.

ALL: We will follow the righteousness of the Lord, for in it there is an abundance of life and honor. Today and always, we will continue to praise our eternal and One True God forever! Amen.

HYMN: #35 (Red Hymnal) “When Morning Gilds the Skies” (Verses 1-4 only)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

With grateful hearts we sing the wonders of his love. With much adoration we gaze on the expanse of his creation, and with a trembling heart we pray for guidance throughout this New Year. Gracious Lord, we inquire of your wisdom and understanding. This day to be the shining light in our hearts and souls even in difficult times. Take away every inkling of fear in our hearts and continue to lead us on this journey. May we be the carriers of hope, peace, love and joy, and bearers of much contentment to all whom we meet. Bless our church. Bless our congregants, and bless our homes, our friends and families. We pray all of these in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:41-50

SERMON: 'Three Lost Days in Zion'

by Rev. Miriam Theodore

HYMN: #237 (Black Hymnal) “I Come to the Garden Alone”

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

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (Micah 7:19)

“He will turn again; he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities, and thou will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.”

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

CLOSING HYMN: #423 (Black Hymnal) “Great Is Your Faithfulness”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: