

# Order Of Worship

## First Church in Pembroke

### Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### PRELUDE:

#### MEDITATION PRAYER:

“If you confess with your mouth your Lord Jesus, and you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart humans believe unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:9-10)

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Meet & Greet:

#### CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Let the bells of heaven ring aloud this morning, and let all that is within us praise Him!

**C: With an eagerness to praise you and to pay homage to your holy name, Lord we unite in the fellowship of your love on this February morning.**

P: Let all earth be awoken and come to acknowledge of the one true God.

**C: With an eagerness to praise you and to pay homage to your holy name, Lord we unite in the fellowship of your love on this February morning.**

P: With songs and with readings, and in silent meditation, Lord, may we feel your presence here.

**C: We will sing aloud harmoniously, because we know that the Lord is the Rock of our Salvation.**

P: Yes, wonderful congregation, yes, it is true, The Rock, who is Jesus Christ is the Rock of our Salvation!

**C: May our hearts be merry and may our spirits dance knowing that we are in the presence of Holiness!**

**ALL: Holy is his name, and forever holy will be his candor and gracious demeanor. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: #251 (Red Hymnal) “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”**

#### LENTEN PRAYER:

Our wonderful and eternal God, you who knew no sin became sin for us. You were tempted and tried, you were bruised and beaten, you cried out in anguish but

in the end, you stood the test of time and hung on that cross in shame just to bring us eternal salvation. For the next forty days, as Christians and believers of your name may we focus on your parables and work of the cross. Guided by your humility and loving-kindness towards all people encourage us to first focus on our own sins so that we can become a better people. Then may we find the strength to forgive and love all people and become shining lights here on earth and in your kingdom above. As we inquire for more of your wisdom, bring peace to our hearts. Through-out this Lenten Season breathe on us afresh your Holy Spirit and inspire us to be more engaging in fervent prayer and in fasting. May we be always mindful of the poor and those whom society counts as rejects; because we believe that every human being is precious in your eyes! God of grace and glory hear our prayer today and always. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** **Mark 12:38-40**

#### SERMON:

**“God's Rejection for Pretentious Prayers.”**

**by Rev. Miriam Theodore**

**HYMN R#327 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

#### OFFERTORY INVITATION: (1 Peter 4:16-17)

“If any man suffers as a Christian, let him be ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God. And, if it first begins with us, what shall the end be for those who obey not the gospel of God?”

#### DOXOLOGY:

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

#### A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER:

#### PASTORAL PRAYER:

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

#### MUSICAL RESPONSE:

**CLOSING HYMN: #454 (Black Hymnal) “Lord, I Want To Be a Christian**

**BENEDICTION: May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other. Amen.**

#### POSTLUDE: