

**First Church In Pembroke**  
**Sunday Sermon**

**Sunday April 21, 2024**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter

**PRELUDE**

**MEDITATION VERSE:**

“Be not envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. For their hearts study destruction, and their lips talk of mischief. Through wisdom is a house built, and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge shall the chambers or rooms be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.” (Proverbs 24:1-4)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Meet & Greet**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

P: Precious Children of God, what state of mind are you in this morning, and who do you truly worship?

**C: We are in a ‘Praise and Worship’ state of mind, and we gather in peace to worship the Living God!**

P: Precious Children of God, have you agreed to set your troubles and desires aside for a while and focus this hour on the God of Noah, and the God of Job?

**C: Yes indeed, because we believe that the Living God has proved his patience in times past; and even today his patience is extended to us because he is the God of all people.**

P: Who is on the Lord’s side always wins! May God’s wisdom continue to rain on us each day.

**C: Mighty are the works of the Living God, and enchanting are his rewards to all those who freely accept Him as their Lord and Savior!**

**ALL: “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” May our praise and worship continue to be our rehearsal in anticipation of the time when we will all march into ‘Emmanuel’s Land,’ which is heaven above. Amen.**

**HYMN: #1 (Red Hymnal) “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (verses 1-4 only)**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

God takes his seat and “looks down from heaven and he sees all humankind. From where he sits enthroned, he watches all the inhabitants of the earth – he fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is

a vain hope for victory, and by its great strength it cannot save. Truly, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love to deliver their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.” Father, as we stand in recognition of your holy name, our souls wait for Thee. Amen. (Excerpts from Psalm 33:13-19)

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**  
**Acts 3:1-10**

**SERMON: 'Walking and Limping and Praising God'**  
by Rev. Miriam Theodore

**HYMN: #52 (Black Hymnal) “There Is a Name I Love to Hear”**

**OFFERTORY INVITATION:**

“For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before me, says the Lord; so, shall your descendants and your name remain. From one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, says the Lord. (Jeremiah 66:22-23).

**DOXOLOGY:**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**CLOSING HYMN: #353 (Red Hymnal) “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

**BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE**