

Order Of Worship
First Church In Pembroke

July 14, 2024

PRELUDE: Prayer & Meditation with Music

PRAYER: (Pastor) John 12: 44-46

Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

Welcome to the First Church in Pembroke. We're glad you're here on this beautiful day the Lord has made to worship with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greet your First Church Family:

CALL TO WORSHIP: Nehemiah 9:56
Congregation in BOLD

P You alone are the Lord!

C You made the Heavens

P Even the highest heavens

C And all their starry host

P The earth and all that is on it.

C The Seas and all that is in them

P You give life to everything.

C And the multitudes of Heaven worship you.

HYMN: B#423 "Great is Your Faithfulness"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (All, Slowly)

Lord, into your Holy presence we now come. Calm our anxious spirits. Remove the distractions that would keep us from you here today. Break down the walls of separation that we have built to keep you from our hardened hearts. Lead us in joy and celebration of the only reality worth knowing that you love us as we are. Free us to be joyfully obedient to your claim and call on our lives this day and forever more. Amen

CALL TO PRAISE (Congregation in bold)

Lift up your heart!

We lift them up unto the Lord.

O Lord, open Thou, our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

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.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN & YOUNG AT HEART
with Gail Horsefield

READING: (Pastor) Mathew 5: 38-42

You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth." But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let them have your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go

with him two miles. Give to the one who asks you; do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Sermon:

"The Wisdom of Paul Gray"

By Minister David Greene

Reading: (Pastor) Mathew 5: 43-48

You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in Heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even the pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect. Amen

HYMN R#415 "In Christ, There Is No East or West"

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (All)

Gracious God, in this sacred moment of offering, we recognize your sovereignty and mercy. As we present our gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives amid the complexities and uncertainties of our journeys. Amen

(Ushers Will Pass the Collection Plates)

DOXOLOGY: R#515 "Praise God Whom Blessing 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. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Pastor)

Gracious and loving God, we offer these gifts to be used to further your kingdom and your will here on earth. May they be used to joyfully proclaim your vision and direction for your world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (Pastor)

Are there any concerns or issues you would like to have prayers for?

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER: Please pray for all the concerns your church family has expressed.

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (All, Slowly)

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)

HYMN: R#199 "Crown Him With Many crowns"

BENEDICTION:(In Unison & Hold Hands)

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

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord (Pastor)

POSTLUDE: (Contemplative Music)