

First Church in Pembroke Sunday Service

September 15, 2024, 10:00 AM

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

“In Christ, Blessed”

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PRELUDE: Silent Meditation (Contemplative Music)

MEDITATION PRAYER: (Hebrews 12:1-3)

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: *(Any congregant, please speak loudly!)*

Greet your Church Family: Please turn to your left and right to meet fellow members of FCIP.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Congregation in BOLD

P: I will extol the Lord at all times;

C: His praise will always be on my lips.

P: My soul will boast in the Lord;

C: Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

P: Glorify the Lord with me;

ALL: Let us exalt his name together.

OPENING HYMN: (Please Stand) #15 (Red Hymnal) "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (All, please speak slowly)

O Lord, our God, creator of heaven and earth, we ask that you fill this place with your Presence so that we might worship you. We long to know you as you would be known and to be transformed into the likeness of your Son, Jesus, through the working of your Holy Spirit in our hearts. May we bring honor and glory to you in the precious name of Jesus, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE (*Congregation in BOLD*)

Lift up your hearts!

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.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 1:3

SERMON: "In Christ, Blessed" (Pastor Joy Matos)

HYMN: (Please Stand) #233 (Black Hymnal) "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (Ushers Will Pass The Collection Plates)

CHOIR SONG:

DOXOLOGY: #515 (Red Hymnal) "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)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (Pastor)

SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (All, please speak 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)

CLOSING HYMN: (Please Stand) #423 (Black Hymnal) "How Great Your Faithfulness"

BENEDICTION: (In Unison & Hold Hands)

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

POSTLUDE: (Contemplative Music)

***Beth's birthday is on September 20th.
Her parents and many family members
and friends miss her very much.***

Happy Birthday, Beth!

Elizabeth touched all of us with her infectious smile.

Beth will always be in our hearts and never forgotten!

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