

*First Church in Pembroke  
Sunday Worship Service  
April 19, 2026, 10:00 A.M.*

***“ Why does God Allow Bad things to  
Happen to Good People”***  
*by Minister David Greene*

**PRELUDE:** Silent Meditation                      Contemplative Music

**MEDITATION SCRIPTURE:**                      Galatians 6:9  
Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**                                      Congregation in BOLD

P: May the glory of the Lord endure forever.  
C: May the Lord rejoice in his works.  
P: We will sing to the Lord all my life; we will sing praise to my God as long as we live.  
C: Even though the world would draw us back into darkness, we set our eyes on Jesus, our risen Lord.  
P: Thanks be to Christ who gives us the victory!  
ALL: Alleluia! Amen.

**OPENING HYMN:** Please Stand                      #386 (Black Hymnal)  
“Thee Church’s One Foundation”

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**                      (All, please speak slowly)  
Risen Lord, thank You that Easter was more than just a reminder of what happened more than two thousand years ago. Teach us to see this Sunday as a fresh invitation to walk in new life, with deeper trust and greater purpose. We look to 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. Strengthen our faith that we do not grow weary and lose heart. Remind us again that through all our troubles, doubts, and fears, your power, mercy and love are with us. In Jesus’ name, 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.

**SCRIPTURE READING:**                                      “Psalms” 103: 1-22 Lexi Stanley

**SERMON:** “Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?”  
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**PRA YERS OF THE PEOPLE:** (Please speak loudly)

**A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER:**

**PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:**                                      (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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**HYMN:** Please Stand # 31 (Black Hymnal)  
“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

**MUSICAL RESPONSE:**                                      Musical Interlude

**OFFERTORY INVITATION:**                                      Pastor  
Lord, help us to be as generous in our giving as you have been generous in giving to us. (Ushers Will Pass The Collection Plates.)

CHOIR WILL SING FOR US:  
# 232 (Red Hymnal) Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

**DOXOLOGY:**    # 515 (Red Hymnal)  
“Praise God From Whom All Blessings 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

**CLOSING HYMN:** Please Stand # 367 (Red Hymnal)  
“Fight the Good Fight”

**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