

First Church in Pembroke
September 13, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

“Standing on Christ Jesus, the Church’s Strong Foundation”

By: Reverend Joy Matos

PRELUDE: Silent Meditation Contemplative Music

MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:15-16

15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: Congregation in BOLD

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: Who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

P: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

C: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions.

P: We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.

C: To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

ALL: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: Please Stand

Please see Hymnal Board

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (All, please speak slowly)

Father, thank You that in Christ Jesus, the chief cornerstone, You are building us together into Your holy temple, a dwelling place for Your Spirit. O Lord our God, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to You. Help us listen as You speak this morning, and may our lives reflect Your glory. In Jesus' name, 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: Acts 13:1-12 Jane Hodge

SERMON: “Standing on Christ Jesus, the Church’s Strong Foundation”
Pastor Joy

HYMN: # 260 (Red Hymnal) “The Church's One Foundation”

SHARING OUR THANKSGIVINGS AND CONCERNS (Please speak loudly)

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.

MUSICAL RESPONSE Musical Interlude

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.)

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 Joy

CLOSING HYMN: Please Stand

BENEDICTION: (Sung, in unison)

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

POSTLUDE: Contemplative Music