

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome

The Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

This is the Day

Watts/Crüger

*Call to Worship

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

As we behold the beauty of God's temple,
we see God's face.

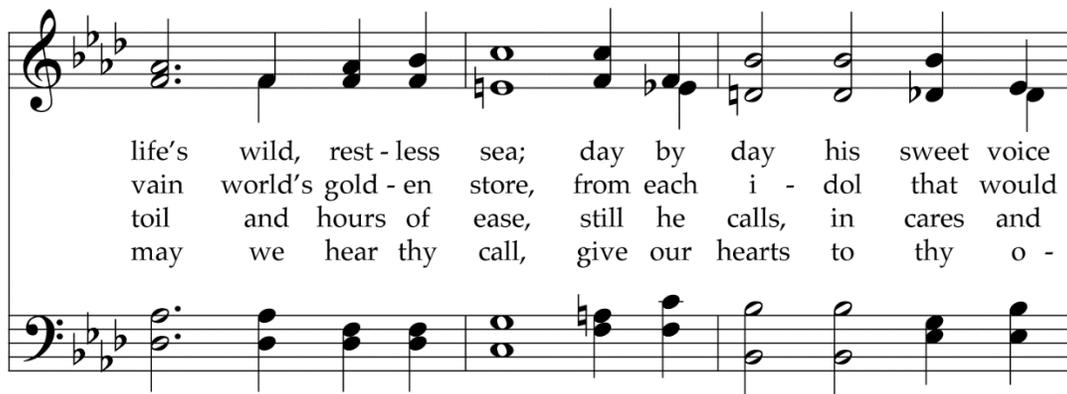
God is our shelter and our shade.

We will sing to the God of our salvation!

Let us worship God!



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Christ, our Messiah,
 you call us to fish for people,
 but we are hesitant to leave our boats.
 We are afraid to let go of so many things,
 believing they make us secure.
 We are afraid to put our trust in you,
 afraid to follow, afraid we will fail.

(we pause for a time of silent confession)

Forgive us.
Transform our fear into faithfulness,
and enable us to walk with you,
that we may be part of your work in the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law

Matthew 22:37-39

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

In Need of Mending

Affirmation of Faith

from a Declaration of Faith, 1977

Christ calls us to be disciples.
In forming his people and sending them into the world
Jesus called individuals to be disciples.
They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings,
and to follow him in life and death.
We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.
Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
is God’s undeserved gift to each of us.
It is also God’s demand upon every one of us,
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.
Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,
we strive to become more faithful and effective
in our daily practice of the Christian life.

Anthem

You Walk along Our Shoreline

Dunstan/Steurlein

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

...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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Benediction

Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Ensemble: Members of the Daybreak and
Sanctuary Choirs

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MONTREAT WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Mark Your Calendars and Register Now! Kate Bowler is the keynote speaker (katebowler.com) at this year's Montreat Women's Conference, scheduled for **August 11 – 13, 2023**. We will register as a group again this year instead of registering on the Montreat website. To find out more and - most importantly - to register (we only need a small deposit at this time) please visit firstpresnb.org/retreats.

THE WEEK AHEAD - www.firstpresnb.org/calendar

Sunday, Jan. 22	12:00 pm	ESL Reception for Montagnards
	3:00 pm	Nathan Laube Organ Concert
	5:30-7:30 pm	Youth Group (Grades 6-12)
Monday	12:00 pm	Divine Sleep Yoga Class
	1:00 pm	Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team
	2:00 pm	Knit 4 Others
	3:45-5:00 pm	Covenant Choir (Grades K-5)
	6:00 pm	Administration Commission
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study (via Zoom)
Tuesday	10:00-11:30 am	Staff Meetings
	2:30 pm	Pickleball (J. Murphy Smith Center)

Wednesday	11:45 am	Preschool Choir
	12:00 pm	Life of Prayer
	1:00 pm	Lunch Wagon
	4:30 pm	Foundation Meeting
	5:00 pm	Contemplative Worship
Thursday	2:30 pm	Pickleball (J. Murphy Smith Center)
	5:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Daybreak & Sanctuary)
Saturday	10:00 am	Pickleball (J. Murphy Smith Center)
Sunday, Jan. 29	8:30 am	Worship
	9:15-10:15 am	Fellowship Café
	9:40-10:40 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Reception for Vance Harper Jones
	4:00 pm	Sanctuary Bells (Handbell Choir)
	5:30-7:30 pm	Youth Group (Grades 6-12)

Offering Thanks

Vance Harper Jones has played the organ for the glory of God and to support the music program of First Presbyterian Church for 46 faithful years. Vance has used his musical talent to support countless Sunday services, special services, and choir practices. His personal service approaches are irreplaceable. As a congregation, we have praised God in song and silence accompanied by his superb talent at the organ. We have grown accustomed to being uplifted, thrilled, and entertained at the end of each Sunday service by Vance's bravura performance on the Fisk organ.

An organ recital honoring Vance will be held on January 22 at 3:00 pm by Nathan Laube. The following Sunday, January 29, Vance will be honored during the 11:00 am service, followed by a reception in the Session House.

You are invited to write a personal note of thanks, a special memory, or your appreciation for Vance's service on the **cards provided in the bulletin or picked up in the church office**. The cards will be placed in a handcrafted, engraved box presented to Vance so that he may read and savor our thanks and appreciation at his leisure. You may leave your notes in the labeled baskets in the narthex or the church office.

Loaves and Fishes Scavenger Hunt - Sunday, January 29 - 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Our youth (and Christ Church Youth) will be split into teams to compete in a canned food scavenger hunt. We need volunteers to donate canned foods either in person at your home or by leaving the canned goods on your porch. If you are interested in being a pick-up site, please contact Catherine (catherine@firstpresnb.org) to get all of the info!

Scout Sunday – February 5, during 11:00 am worship & 12:00 pm - Cookie Fellowship

Planning for the Final Chapter of Your Life – Friday, February 10, 2023 – 10:00 am

The Lunch Wagon is sponsoring this program. We will have a panel of speakers who will discuss topics such as estate planning, making funeral arrangements, making final wishes known, etc. They are planning to do a box lunch so the sessions can continue after lunch. A sign-up sheet will be in the church office.

Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch – February 12 – Session House, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY

❖ 9:40 am-10:40 am: Sunday School: Follow Me

Children (Grades K-5) in Ministry Center Room 1.24

Youth (Grades 6-12) in Ministry Center Rooms 2.23-24

If you are interested in a detailed calendar of upcoming Children, Youth, and Family Ministry opportunities, or volunteering, please reach out to Catherine Campbell, at catherine@firstpresnb.org.

Youth Winter Retreat – Friday, February 17 – 4:00 pm Let's getaway for the weekend! The Youth (grades 6-12) will meet at First Presbyterian to ride the church bus to Camp Caroline. Linens, towels, and meals are included in your registration fees. Bring a snack to share! It will be cold down by the water, so bring warm clothes and maybe an extra blanket. We will return to the church on Sunday, February 19, at noon for pick-up. **Registration closes on February 1.**

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Sunday Mornings, 9:40 am-10:40 am

Session I

January 8 – February 12

Session House Parlor: The Present Word (George Evans)

Session House Main Room: C.S. Lewis: The Four Loves & The Reluctant Convert

During Sunday School hour on **February 5th and 12th**, there will be a showing of the movie "The Most Reluctant Convert" about the life and journey of C.S. Lewis. Half of the movie will be shown each Sunday with time for discussion at the end of the session.

Owl Room (Ministry Center, Second Floor) and via Zoom:

Reviving Discipleship – Staying Christian in Changing Times (Lloyd Griffith).

To receive that email or to get the Zoom link, contact cathy@firstpresnb.org.

Library (Ministry Center, Second Floor): Prayer Beading as a Tool for Prayer (Lynn Gorges & Janet Bryan) Kristen E. Vincent as its text. *This class will meet today and on Jan. 29.*

Upcoming: Mark your calendars! On **February 19** Carol Becton will share her presentation on the Great Fire of New Bern, which happened on December 1, 1922.

Midweek Opportunities

Divine Sleep Yoga class – Mondays, 12:00-1:00 pm

Taught by Diane Elliott in the Lighthouse (on the corner of New and Hancock streets). Participants may bring a prop, such as a yoga mat and blanket for comfort. Contact Diane Elliott with questions (410 507-5508, dianeelliott@gmail.com)/

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study – 7:00-8:30 pm via Zoom

We are reading the book *Neglected Voices: Biblical Spirituality in the Margins*, by John Indermark. For more information, contact Wendy Moeller at 252-876-7259 or Marice DeBruhl at 252-617-8557. To be placed on the Zoom list, contact cathy@firstpresnb.org.

Life of Prayer: The Practice of Contemplative Living – Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm

Led by Lloyd Griffith and meets in the Ministry Center Owl Room and by Zoom.

Contemplative Worship - Wednesday evenings, 5:00-5:30 pm, led by Lloyd Griffith.

This service in FPC's chapel is focused on silence, prayer, and reflection on Biblical text. The Lord's Supper is observed on the 4th Wednesday.