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The 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Prayer of Preparation

*God of light,  
thank you for another day.  
With each hour,  
may I be watchful for signs of your grace,  
ready to show your love,  
and eager to tell the good news of Jesus Christ.  
Make me more faithful than I was yesterday,  
and lead me in the paths of righteousness. Amen.*

## Welcome

## The Chiming of the Trinity

## Introit

*Heaven Shall Not Wait*

Bell, Maule

## Call to Worship

from Psalm 65

By awesome deeds, you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;  
**you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and  
of the farthest seas.**

By your strength you established the mountains;  
**you are girded with might.**

You silence the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples.

**Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed  
by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning and the  
evening shout for joy.**



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extent of our sin.

But you know us completely, O God. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love.

*(pause for a time of silent confession)*

Humbly, we thank you; for no words can express our gratitude for the gift of your salvation. 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

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

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

## Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Anthem

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Spiritual/arr. Moses Hogan

## 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

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Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Ensemble: Members of the Daybreak and  
Sanctuary Choirs

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We are pleased to welcome Zeb Hough (Executive Director of Religious Community Services) to worship leadership today. Zeb was born in Batavia, NY, where he enjoyed a large family, sports, and church. His parents instilled in him deep values of responsibility and strong character. Though his family would be considered poor, his parents worked tirelessly to ensure the family never went one day without something to eat on the table.

Since the age of eighteen, Zeb has worked in the human services field, working to find solutions to mend broken systems, systemic injustice, and generational poverty.

He holds a master’s in theological studies from Northeastern Seminary with a specific focus on family systems and strategic leadership. He loves the Lord, his wife (FPC’s wonderful Financial Administrator, Summer!), and their two beautiful children. He has a deep desire to see communities transformed and people set free to live the lives they were created to live.

**Special Offering – through November 27**

In response to the devastation wrought by recent hurricanes Ian and Fiona, the Session has approved a special offering designated for Hurricane Relief. To make such a gift, simply write “Hurricane” on an envelope or in the memo line of a check or choose “Hurricane Relief” as your fund in the online giving portal.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Want to check on something happening at the church?  
Bookmark the church calendar!  
[www.firstpresnb.org/calendar](http://www.firstpresnb.org/calendar)**

<b>Sunday, Oct. 23</b>	9:40 am	Zeb Hough RCS Presentation
	12:00 pm	Youth return from Busch Gardens trip
	2:00 pm	The church building and history tour
	3:00 pm	Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Joan Wicke
	4:00 pm	Calvin and Hops (Men’s Beer and Theology)
<b>Monday</b>	10:30 am	Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team
	12:00 pm	Divine Sleep Yoga Class
	2:00 pm	Knit 4 Others
	3:45-5:00 pm	Covenant Choir (grades K-5)
	5:00 pm	Foundation Board Meeting
	6:00 pm	Administration Commission
	7:00 pm	Women’s Bible Study (via Zoom)
<b>Tuesday</b>	2:30 pm	Pickleball (J. Murphy Smith Center)
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:45 am	Preschool Choir
	12:00 pm	Life of Prayer
	1:00 pm	Lunch Wagon Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	5:00 pm	Contemplative Worship
	2:30 pm	Pickleball (J. Murphy Smith Center)
	5:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary and Daybreak)
<b>Friday</b>	11:00 am	Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Kathy Nelson
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Pickleball (J. Murphy Smith Center)
	2:00 pm	Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Judith St. John

<b>Sunday, Oct. 30</b>	8:30 am	Worship
	9:15-10:15 am	Fellowship Café
	9:40-10:40 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00-2:00 pm	Fall Festival
	4:00 pm	Sanctuary Bells (Handbell Choir)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Church Building Tour and History Presentation – October 23 – 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary.** Led by Jerry Elliott. Jerry will present a history of the First Presbyterian Church. Meet at the New Street entrance to the Sanctuary.

**Fall Festival – October 30 – 12:00-2:00 pm at the J. Murphy Smith Center**

Families are invited to wear Halloween costumes to worship and bring trick-or-treat buckets. There will be food, games, and activities for the whole family! They can be dropped off at the church office if you would like to donate candy or prizes.

**Lunch Wagon Outing to Mike’s Farm – November 20 – 2:00 pm (returning 8:30 pm)**

The trip will include a family-style meal, a 30-minute hayride, and time to visit the bakery and Christmas shop. Cost: Seniors 56 and over \$34, Adults 12 and over \$35, Kids 7-11 \$25, kids 5-6 \$22, kids 3-4 \$12, kids under 3 free. **Sign Up Deadline is November 10!**

**Lunch Wagon Outing to Chinese Light Festival in Cary – December 1 – 1:45 pm**

We will be attending the Twilight Tour beginning at 4:30 and ending by 6:00. We will have dinner at a restaurant after the tour (self-pay) and return to New Bern between 10-11:00 pm. Admission is \$25.80 and sells out quickly. **Sign Up Deadline is October 18.**

**Pickleball!** What is Pickleball? A relatively new sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, you are invited to join in the fun on most Tuesdays (2:30 pm), Thursdays (2:30 pm), and Saturdays (10:00 am) at the J. Murphy Smith Center on Middle Street. No experience is necessary, and this group loves welcoming new members and visitors!

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY

❖ **9:40am-10:40am: Sunday School: Follow Me: Make Peace**

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

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

❖ **Family Camp – November 11-13 – Arapahoe, NC.**

Need a weekend away? Camp Caroline is equipped with plush cottages, slightly rustic cabins for our teens, cozy fire pits, and waterfront access to kayaks and canoes. We will fellowship, study, play, and worship together. Contact Catherine to register.

*If you are interested in a detailed calendar of upcoming Children, Youth, and Family Ministry opportunities, or volunteering, please reach out to Catherine Campbell, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry:*

[catherine@firstpresnb.org](mailto:catherine@firstpresnb.org)

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION**

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

### **The Present Word/George Evans – Session House Parlor**

The class will be studying “God’s Exceptional Choice” for the fall. Contact George Evans with questions.

### **Early Christianity to the Reformation – October 30, November 6, 13, 20**

Taught by Chip Chagnon. Class meets in the Owl Room and will cover Christianity’s history from Jesus’ ministry to the onset of Reformation.

### **Calvin and Hops (Men’s Beer and Theology) – TODAY, October 23, at 4:00 - Brewery 99**

Led by Ken Wilkins, this is a casual men’s gathering for fellowship and conversation around topics of theology and faith.

### *Midweek Opportunities*

#### **Divine Sleep Yoga class**

Taught by Diane Elliott and offered on Mondays, 12:00-1:00 pm 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. The class is free, but donations are accepted.

#### **Monday Evening Women’s Bible Study**

We meet Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 via Zoom and 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 Wingfield at 828-767-0975.

#### **Life of Prayer: The Practice of Contemplative Living**

Led by Lloyd Griffith on **Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm**, and meets in the Ministry Center Owl Room and by Zoom. The group is studying *Intimacy with God*, by Thomas Keating.

#### **Contemplative Worship - Wednesday evenings, 5:00-5:30**

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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.