

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Prayer of Preparation

*Generous God,  
a day of worship  
a day of rest  
a day in community  
a day to be blessed  
a day for offering  
a day for welcoming  
a day of remembering  
a day of reckoning—  
this is the day  
the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice  
and be glad in it. Amen.*

## Welcome

## The Chiming of the Trinity

## Introit

*Surely it is God who Saves Me*

**Jack Noble White**

## Call to Worship

Come and see what God has done.

**God is awesome in God's deeds.**

God turned the sea into dry land.

**God's people passed through the river on foot.**

Make a joyful noise to God all the earth.

**Sing the glory of God's name.**

**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.**

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,  
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,  
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.  
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.  
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:  
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Jesus, Master,  
 have mercy on us.

We keep our distance from you,  
 for we are broken and sick with sin.

**Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole.**

**Forgive us when we forget to return to you—**

**have mercy when we fail to praise your name.**

*(we pause for a time of silent confession)*

**Help us to exude the faith that makes us well. 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**

Luke 17:11-19

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

### **Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight

### **Affirmation of Faith**

from a Declaration of Faith, 1977

**We believe in one true and living God. We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve and love. God is greater than our understanding. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works. God's reality far exceeds all our words can say. The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best. The Lord's care for us is not always what we want. God comes to us on God's own terms and is able to do far more than we ask or think. We acknowledge no other God. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God. We praise and enjoy God. To worship God is the highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom.**

### **Anthem**

*Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn*

Thornburg/Pavlechko

### **Prayers of the People and 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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#### THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Sunday, Oct. 9</b>	9:40-10:40	Bernard George New Bern History Class
	5:30-7:30	Youth Group (grades 6-12)
<b>Monday</b>	9:00	Preschool Chapel Time
	10:00	Presbyterian Women Circle 2
	12:00	Divine Sleep Yoga Class
	3:45-5:00	Covenant Choir (grades K-5)
	7:00	Women's Bible Study (via Zoom)
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:00	Grief Support
	7:00	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00	Preschool School Pictures
	11:45	Preschool Choir
	12:00	Life of Prayer
	5:00	Contemplative Worship
	5:30	Personnel Committee
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00	Preschool School Pictures
	5:00	Choir Rehearsal (Resurrection Singers)
<b>Saturday</b>	2:00	Funeral Service for Mason Crum

<b>Sunday, Oct. 16</b>	8:30	Worship
	9:15-10:15	Fellowship Café (Ministry Center)
	9:40-10:40	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	2:00	Rothermel Presentation – Dr. Stanley Riggs
	5:30-7:30	Youth Group and SALT (grades 3-12)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Church Building Tour – October 9 and 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.

#### **Rothermel Lecture by Dr. Stanley Riggs – October 16 – 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

Dr. Stanley Riggs, Research Professor of Geology at ECU will speak on *Sea Level Change in Eastern North Carolina: Past, Present and Predicted*. Attend the lecture to learn more about past, present, and predicted sea levels, and the consequences of living at the coast.

### 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

*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 – Canceled today so people can attend the Bernard George Class. We will resume on October 16.**

The class is studying “God’s Exceptional Choice” for the fall. Contact George Evans ([gkevans4@gmail.com](mailto:gkevans4@gmail.com)) with questions.

#### **Early Christianity to the Reformation – October 16 and 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.

### *Midweek Opportunities*

#### **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.

#### **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 (410 507-5508, [dianeelliott0@gmail.com](mailto:dianeelliott0@gmail.com)) The class is free, but donations are accepted.

### **Tuesday Afternoon Grief Support**

The group meets on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month** from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in the Chapel (our next meeting is **October 11**). This ongoing group provides its members with understanding and support after someone they love dies. Come and bring a friend.

### **Rebuilding – Divorce Recovery Group**

The group meets on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month** in the Chapel (our next meeting is **October 17**). This new group hopes to be just the right balance of a shoulder-to-cry-on and a kick-in-the-pants to support your getting through this confusing and often painful process and putting your life back together.

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

Led by Lloyd Griffith on **Wednesdays, noon-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**

The group meets in the Chapel on Wednesday evenings, 5:00-5:30. Led by Lloyd Griffith, this quiet service is focused on silence, prayer, and shared reflection on Biblical text. The Lord's Supper is observed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

## **SERVICE AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Donations for Outreach Project**

For their October outreach project, Presbyterian Women will be collecting paper products for the Coastal Women's Shelter. Circle members are invited to bring paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, wipes, feminine products, or diapers to their next meeting. No travel-size products, please. Thanks for your generosity!