



The Angel Troubling the Pool
Joseph Mallord William Turner, 1775–1851

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Established 1817

22 May 2022
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World

Litany of Affirmation

from Romans 12

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

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.’”

Children’s Moment (11:00 am) Rev. Catherine Campbell

Following the **CHILDREN’S MOMENT** in the 11:00 service, those in the 2nd grade or younger may depart for Children’s Worship and Wonder in the Ministry Center across the hall from the nursery. For all children in worship, there are worship bags available at the front and back of the Sanctuary.

If you have questions about children, youth, or family ministry, please contact catherine @firstpresnb.org

Have an **OFFERING**? You can place it in the wooden boxes found in the narthex and the vestibule. Thank you! Visit the website! www.firstpresnb.org

If you would like to receive **CHURCH EMAILS** containing news, announcements, and/or the newsletter, please contact cathy@firstpresnb.org.

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Our next new member
classes will be on
June 12 and 19.

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and church activities.

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The Sacrament of Baptism for Robert Eugene Dunn IV

Parents: Marianna and Robbie Dunn

Elder: David Stevick

Hymn *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* Cole-Turner

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you:
live as one who bears Christ's name.**

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Worship and Wonder in the Ministry Center*

Anthem *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Pethel

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading John 5:1-9

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

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight

*Affirmation of Faith from a Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the
grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one
triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we
worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus
proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to**

the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

***Hymn 738** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
Gladden/Smith

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Linda Staunch and family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dick Staunch.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Holy God, hear our 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

Response *Go to the World* Dunstan/Williams

Postlude *Agnus Dei* Michael Smith

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Ensemble: Resurrection Singers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Worship! May 29 – September 4, 2022

From Memorial Day week through Labor Day weekend, there will be one worship service at 10:00 am. Sunday School classes will be from 8:40 – 9:40 am.

Fellowship Meal – Wednesday, June 1, 5:30 pm – Summer Kickoff!

Held on the Session House lawn from 5:30 through early evening. (Rain location- JM Smith Fellowship Center). There will be a bouncy house and other activities for the youth. The meal will include hamburgers and hot dogs, vegetable salad, macaroni and cheese, and chips. (Grilled chicken can be requested when you RSVP). And... a "make your own" sundae bar for dessert. Please contact the church office to sign up no later than **Monday, May 30th at 5 pm**. See you there!

Presbyterian Women Luncheon – Tuesday, June 7, 12:00

Presbyterian Women circles will be celebrating with a year-end luncheon at New Bern Golf and Country Club. The cost for the luncheon is \$20, paid in advance, **deadline of June 1**. Checks can be made out to Presbyterian Women and given to your circle leader or left in the PW box in the workroom of the Ministry Center. Our luncheon is the time we install new officers and present an Honorary Life Membership to one of our members. All women of the church are invited, and we always have a good time.

Church Membership Class – June 12 and 19

Rev. Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight - Ministry Center Conference Room (in the Staff Office Suite) Would you like to know more about what it means to become a member of First Presbyterian? On June 12 and 19 we will be offering an introduction to church membership with the opportunity to become a member and be welcomed at the 10:00 worship service on June 19. If you have questions or would like to know more, please contact Anna Pinckney Straight (anna@firstpresnb.org or 252-637-3270).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY

*Sunday School, 9:40 am – 10:40 am
in the Ministry Center*

Birth-Preschool Nursery (Room 1.23-24)

Kindergarten - 5th Grade (Room 1.27)

Middle & High School (Session House)

**End of Year Party for SALT and JOY
(Grades 3-12) May 22: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

Cookout on the Lawn and

Slip n Slide Kickball

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be happening **Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17 this summer from 9:00 am -12:00 pm for kids who have completed grades K-5.** Come explore how God's creation is a gift we all share! Registration is available on our website.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

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

The Present Word/George Evans – Session House Parlor

The “God Frees and Redeems” series examines the nature of God through the lenses of liberation and Christian freedom. Contact George Evans (gkevans4@gmail.com) with questions. The class will begin a new study “Partners in a New Creation” on June 5.

Starting in June: Read This Book Adult Sunday School Offering – Ministry Center Room 2.21 and on Zoom (8:40-9:40 am during the summer worship schedule)

Join us for Read This Book every Sunday in June and July. Each week a different person will present a book that informed, challenged, or inspired them, and connected with their faith. You don't have to attend every week to participate in the class, and friends and family are welcome to attend! To be included on the email list for the class, contact Maren (maren@firstpresnb.org). Upcoming presenters:

June 5 Stacey Griffith, “Living the Sabbath” by Norman Wirzba

June 12 Wendy Moeller, “Where the Light Fell: A Memoir” by Philip Yancey

Midweek Opportunities

Monday Evening Women’s Bible Study

The group meets on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm via Zoom. Join us as we study the second half of Eugene Peterson’s book Tell it Slant. For more information or to get on our list, please call Marice DeBruhl, Cathy Wingfield, or Wendy Moeller. **The last class is Monday, May 30.**

Tuesday Afternoon Grief Support

Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in the Chapel, this ongoing group provides its members with understanding and support after someone they love dies.

Life of Prayer: The Practice of Contemplative Living

Led by Lloyd Griffith on Wednesdays, 12:00 - 1:00 pm in the Ministry Center Room 2.21 through May 25. We will be returning in the fall on September 7!

Wednesday Evening Contemplative Worship

Led by Lloyd Griffith on Wednesday from 5 to 5:30 pm in the Chapel (Ministry Center, first floor) through May 25. We will be returning in the fall on September 7!

Wine and Theology

Open to anyone interested in discussing wine AND theology! We will meet TODAY, **May 22**, at Cravin' Wine (2500 Trent Rd Suite 16 - Trent Road Plaza) at 4:00 pm. Wine will be available for purchase for \$5 a glass with some small bites to go with it. *The topic for May: "Miracles and Signs: the seen, unseen, and all those in between in our lives and the Bible."*

Calvin and Hops (Men's Beer and Theology)

The next gathering of Men's Beer and Theology ("Calvin and Hops") will meet at Brewery 99 (1014 Pollock St) at 4:00 pm TODAY, **May 22**, led by Ken Wilkins. This is a casual men's gathering for fellowship and conversation around topics of theology and faith.

SERVICE AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Friends of Camp Workday – May 28, 2022, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Summer camp is just around the corner for Camp Albemarle, and we need your help to prepare! There is much to be done and there is a role for everyone. You can sign up at: <https://campalbemarle.org/events/> Lunch is provided!



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All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of
age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity,
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