



David and Jonathan

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Established 1817

19 June 2022
The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 AM Worship

Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World

change; open to us a future where we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image.

(we pause for a time of silent confession)

Create in us a clean heart, O God. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, the light of 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.’”

Anthem

Oh, Freedom

spiritual

Children’s Moment

Rev. Catherine Campbell

Preschool children can remain in worship or be taken by their parents to the Nursery in the Ministry Center.

*Hymn 293

Loving Spirit

Murray/1631

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading

1 Samuel 18:1-9

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight

MASKS are now optional for worship and church activities.

If you would like to **FIND OUT MORE** about First Presbyterian Church, including what it means to be a member of the church, please contact anna@firstpresnb.org

Following the **CHILDREN’S MOMENT** in the 10:00 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

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

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*Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith, 1977

Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin.

Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He exposes our failure to live as he lived. He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him.

Welcoming of New Members

Commissioning Steve Mabie as Elder Commissioner to the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church

*Hymn 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Fawcett/Nägeli

Giving of God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory

Cantate Domino

David Hurd

(Psalm 98: Sing to the Lord)

***Doxology**

Hymn 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ all creatures here below
Praise Holy Spirit evermore
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given
by Nancy Melling to the glory of God and in honor of her
husband John, a great dad!*

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

Response *Lord, Make Us More Holy* spiritual

Postlude *Cum Laude March* Stickles

Liturgist: The Rev. Dr. Maren Sonstegard-Spray

Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Ensemble: members of the Daybreak and
Sanctuary Choirs

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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, **June 19**, led by Ken Wilkins. This is a casual men's gathering for fellowship and conversation around topics of theology and faith.

4th of July Celebration Cookout

This will be held on the Session House lawn beginning at **3:00 pm on Monday, July 4**, allowing plenty of time to fellowship prior to going off to the City of New Bern scheduled events which start at 5:30. Hamburgers, hot dogs hot off the grill, traditional cookout sides, and summertime desserts will be served. In case of inclement weather, the event will be in the J. Murphy Smith Center. Please RSVP to the church office (church@firstpresnb.org, 252-637-3270). The deadline for signup is Thursday, **June 30th at 5:00 pm**. Please sign up early to allow our team ample time to prepare properly.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Children and Youth Sunday School is taking a break this summer. That said, children and youth are welcome in the "Read this Book" class meeting in Room 2.21 from 8:40 am-9:40 am through September 4.

Nursery will continue to be available, birth to Pre-K, 8:30 am-11:15 am. We encourage our Pre-K graduates to continue to use the nursery; you can also bring your kiddo into worship through the Children's Moment to transition for the fall.

Children's Church will also meet for rising grades K-2 after the Children's Moment. ****If your child has completed grade 2, it is time to graduate to staying the entire hour in worship.** This is meant to be an exciting milestone!** Please be sure to thank Ms. Kerri, Children's Church teacher, for all her love and wisdom.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Sunday Mornings, 8:40 am-9:40 am

The Present Word/George Evans – Session House Parlor

The class is studying "Partners in a New Creation" for the summer. Contact George Evans (gkevans4@gmail.com) with questions.

Read This Book Adult Sunday School – Ministry Center Room 2.21 and on Zoom

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).

Schedule of presenters:

- June 26 Jeanette Avery, "Hell of a Book: A Novel" by Jason Mott
- July 3 Jim Copland, "John Witherspoon's American Revolution" by G. Mailer
- July 10 Nancy McAden, Gilead Series by Marilynne Robinson
- July 17 Lynn Gorges, "Teach a Woman to Fish: Overcoming Poverty Around the Globe" by Ritu Sharma
- July 24 Anna Pinckney Straight, "Womanist Midrash: A Reintroduction to The Women of The Torah and The Throne" by Wil Gafney
- July 31 Jessica Skinner, "Final Gifts: Understanding the Special Awareness, Needs, and Communications of the Dying" by Maggie Callahan

Midweek Opportunities

Rebuilding – Divorce Recovery Group

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. Our next meeting is Monday, **June 20 (tomorrow!)**, from noon to 1 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome. For more information contact Anna or Maren.

Tuesday Afternoon Grief Support

The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (the next meeting is on **July 12**) 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. Come and bring a friend.

SERVICE AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Flowers

Do you have a birthday or anniversary coming up in July? If you would like to provide the flowers for church on Sunday, three dates are still available. Please see the Flower Calendar in the pink folder in the Narthex.

Looking for Reception Volunteers

If you enjoy working with friendly people in a terrific environment and can volunteer your time on weekdays from either 9 am to 1 pm or 1-5 pm, please contact the church office (252-637-3270). We are looking for a few more smiling faces to join our awesome group of volunteers.



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*Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes a covenant with all believers,
First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all.
All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of
age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity,
economic or educational status, or political affiliation.*