The Worship of God

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

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. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Brooke Hardee

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Don Metzger, Sr.

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.

*HYMN 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

SERMON

"NO Yawning Allowed"

Rev. David Ruth

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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.

*HYMN 85

What Wonderous Love Is This

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

Lobe Den Herren

arr. Smythe

* Those who are able, please stand.

Butterflies are here! If you ordered them please pick up in the Fellowship Hall. Cost of one cup is \$20.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Ushers: Peggy Barrington, Brooke Hardee, Nancy Herthel, Travis Kemp, James Martin, Mary Ann Masters, Larry Pittman, Besty Wilson

Acolyte: Kenan Taylor

The flowers this week are to the Glory of God and in joyful appreciation for the life of Carr Scott Rozier. April 2, 1998—May 24, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! We are delighted you are here! If you do not have a church home, please consider joining us for worship, learning, fellowship, and service at First Presbyterian. Please sign the red friendship pad (located on each aisle) to let us know you're here.

Children Are Welcome to stay in worship or our nursery is available for children from infancy through kindergarten in the Fellowship Hall. There are worship bags available for children to use during the worship service.

The Red Wagons are back and ready to be filled with items for Lumberton Christian Care! During the month of March, the Deacons are encouraging church members to donate cleaning supplies to support this faith based charity. Lumberton Christian Care works to feed and house the less fortunate in Robeson County. Items needed are: liquid dishwashing detergent; Clorox/bleach; paper towels; detergent for clothes washing; and, paper napkins. Red wagons are located in the narthex and in Fellowship Hall. Please consider bringing items for the wagons whenever you come to FPC for services and programs. Thank you!

Wednesday Nights Together: This week's menu is baked potato bar and crunchy slaw (fruit for the kids). Price is \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids. You must RSVP for Wednesday supper if you would like a plate. Reservations for dinner are to be made before NOON on MONDAY. As always, <u>PLEASE</u> let Kristin know if you can attend, (kristin@fpclumberton.org, 910-739-7581, ext. 0).

Important Information

- Listener assisted receivers for both services may be obtained from the ushers.
- Large Print Copies of The Presbyterian Hymnal are available in the Narthex
- Contact the church office if you would like a CD of the service.
- How to sign up for FPC text messages:
 Open your messages app and compose a text message
 In the "to" field, type the number "797979"
 In the body of the text message, type only the world "FPC"
 You will receive a message. "Thank you for joining the FPC text list.
- To receive our mid week email please let us know in the friendship pad or email us at office@fpclumberton.org.

Calendar

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH 2:30PM GIRL SCOUTS 6:00PM Youth MONDAY, MARCH 11TH 5:00PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 5:30PM MISSION COMMITTEE CUB SCOUTS/BOY SCOUTS 6:00PM TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH STAFF MEETING 10:00AM CHRISTIAN ED 5:30PM WEDNESDAY, M ARCH 13TH 7:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM) FINANCE COMMITTEÈ 4:30PM 5:30PM Wednesday Nights Together FISH 6:00PM FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH 6:00PM YOUTH ETIQUETTE DINNER

CHURCH STAFF

(910) 739-7581
The Rev. David Ruth, Pastor/Head of Staff
The Rev. Eva Ruth, Director of Christian Nurture
Heather Miller, Youth & Children's Director Allen Lloyd, Director of Music, Organist
Kristin McCarthy, Co-Director of Praise Team
Les Noble, Co-Director of Praise Team
Cyndy Inman, Director of Weekday School
Kristin Newberry, Church Secretary
Nancy Bass, Business Manager
Mark Reason, Publish Substituted and Mark Ransom, Building Superintendent Marline Scott, Housekeeper Amanda Hooks, Nursery Courtney Blackmon, Nursery

THE SESSION

The Rev. David Ruth, Pastor/Moderator

Buddy McLean, Treasurer Kathy Carmical, Clerk

Class of 2024:	Class of 2025:	Class of 2026:
Beth Carmical	Peggy Barrington	Betty Lamb
Don Metzger, Sr.	Joan Bowen	Mary Ann Masters
Joe Terranova	James Martin	Johnny Talton
Jen Whitley	Ken Ransom	David Watkins

BOARD OF DEACONS

John Revels, Moderator Nancy Herthel, Secretary

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Class of 2024:	Class of 2025:	Class of 2026:	
Jack Branch	Bebe Bollinger	Debbie Ash	
Don Metzger, Jr.	Brooke Hardee	Greg Gibson	
Larry Pittman	Nancy Herthel	Emmaline Mathis	
John Revels	Travis Kemp	Becca Revels	
Linda Scoggin	Alicia Page	Frankie Taylor	
Judy Warwick	Josh Whitley	•	
Betsy Wilson	Marian Wooten		

The Worship of God March 10th, 2024 8:33 am

*Songs

Welcome and Time of Greeting

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The Lord's Supper

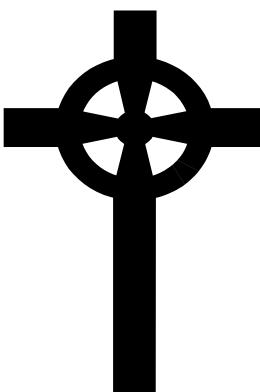
*Closing Song

Charge and Benediction

*Those who are able, please stand.

First Presbyterian Church

Lumberton, North Carolina March 10th, 2024



Our Vision

Jesus Christ calls, redeems, and empowers us, as First Presbyterian Church, to be a witness of faith, hope, and love to Lumberton and the world.

> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

Mission

We join Christ's mission to the world.

God gathers us, freed and forgiven in Jesus Christ, for: Worship

Faith formation

Christ-like compassion and care God sends us forth, sustained and empowered by the Holy Spirit, for: Proclamation

Discipleship

Transformation

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