

A Service for the Worship of God January 16, 2022 11:00 AM



To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who mourn and need comfort,
To all who are lonely and need friendship,
To all who are glad and would serve their neighbors,
To all who are complacent and need disturbing,
To all who sin and need a Savior,
This church opens wide its doors
In the name of Christ and bids you welcome.

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Welcome & Call to Worship

Sisters and brothers rejoice.

We live sustained by God's presence and love.

Thanks be to God.

As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

God weeps with us.

As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,

God gives thanks with us.

As we struggle for justice,

God struggles with us.

As we strive for peace,

God strives with us.

As we work to build the beloved community,

God works with us.

As we offer our gifts to all,

God blesses us.

Sisters and brothers rejoice,

Sustained by God's presence and love we worship God.





Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful God: we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed. We have refused to heed your call to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humble with you, our God.

We condemn racial injustice in our pronouncements, yet we cling to the privileges derived from inequity. When we ought to be ashamed of our failures, we prefer to cling to private, selfish, imprisoning desires. We participate in our own oppression.

Help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions, and to change our behavior. In accordance with the commands of Jesus Christ our Savior, shake us from our sleep with your imperative to do justice; move us to action with the compassion of your grace; and give us courage to pay the price, however painful or costly, that the justice you will, may be done, on earth as is heaven.

(Let us continue in prayer silently)

Congregational Response

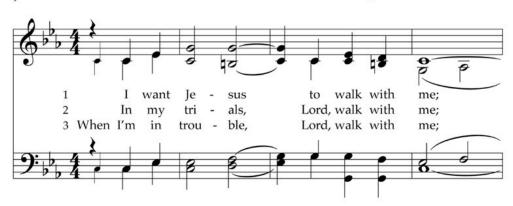
Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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.

*Hymn.....I Want Jesus to Walk with Me





Litany of Intent

Empower us with gifts and desire, gracious God, to minister with your people.

Bless and guide us, O Lord.

Lord, we often boast that we are "one people under God," yet we are divided by strife and factions, the sin of disunity spreading among us like a disease. We are unable to measure up to our standards, much less to yours.

Forgive us, Lord.

Cleanse us and make us whole. Renew our minds and motives so that we might be your people, acceptable in your sight.

We seek your guidance, Lord.

The tensions and differences of race, traditions, culture, creed, and language consume us. Come among us, O God, and free us to live creatively, worship openly, and love unconditionally.

Forgive our arrogance, Lord.

Help us to remember that to bear the good news to others means to first live the good news among ourselves.

We seek boldness, Lord.

Remind us that we are dependent on one another. Show us we are to be concerned for all people. Teach us to love one another.

Teach us the joy of sharing, Lord.

We ask for power, guidance, and direction as your people on a Holy mission. As the community of faith, may we be faithful to the call to spread godly love, care, and concern to all people.

Give us a loving heart and willing spirit, Lord.

We give you thanks, Holy God, for the saints who have borne witness to your Word throughout the ages. We give special thanks for your servant Martin Luther King, Jr., who responded to your voice to serve and gave his life for the cause of love and justice in our land. May we too respond with the depth of commitment that will enable us to give of ourselves in full measure, even to the point of death. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct us, we pray, that we too might feel the call to serve your people. May we not tire of doing good in the face of wrong and evil. May we continue to work for a nation marked by justice, love, and fellowship as only you can create. Inspire our hearts, strengthen our wills, build up our resolve that we too might become worthy of the heritage that has been given to us in the witness of Martin Luther King, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & 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.

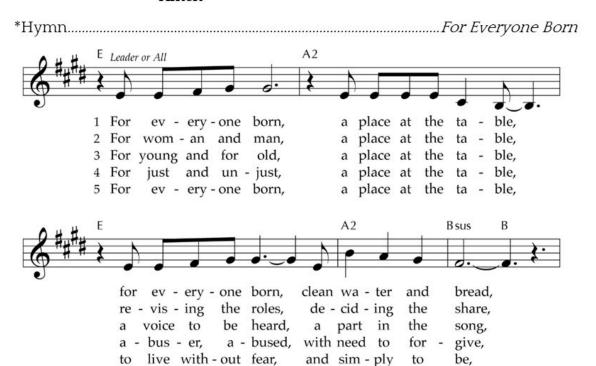
Give us this day our daily bread;

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all who join us for worship today. If you are without a church home, you will be warmly welcomed into our fellowship. We are glad you are here! Please like us on Facebook and visit our website at www.firstpresbeaufort.org for sermons, news, and current events.

TODAY THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO the Glory of God, by the flower committee.

2022 FLOWER CHART: The flower chart is available in front on the table. If you would like to provide flowers for the Sunday morning worship service, please write your name and phone number next to the appropriate date. You may provide your own flowers, or order them from your florist of preference.





Fat Tuesday pancake supper



February 22nd, 5:30pm
cAll are welcome

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT IN US TO BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE.

"The experience I have had is that once you start talking about lexperiencing a mental health strugglel, you realize that actually you're part of quite a big club." — Prince Harry