

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*\* Those who are able, please stand.*

Preparation for Worship

Prelude *Father, We Praise You* Peterson

*As you open your mind and your heart to God's presence in our midst, we invite you to prepare for today's service as you listen to the prelude, which marks the beginning of worship.*

Lighting of the Candles

\*Congregational/Choral Introit *In Christ There Is No East or West* 439 v. 1

Call to Worship Congregation **(Bold)**

Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

**For many signs and wonders are being done among us.**

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

**Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.**

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

**For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.**

Greetings & Announcements

*Visitors: Please fill out a visitor's card and place in the offering plate at offering*

Passing of the Peace

\* Hymn of Praise *How Firm a Foundation* # 361

Prayer of Confession Congregation

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example.

When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return.

We have gone astray.

Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of New Beginnings

Sharing Faith with the Children

(Children ages 3-9 may go to Children's Church)

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn of Preparation *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* #387

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading John 10:1-10 Congregation

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem *At the Table of the Lord* Althouse

Second Scripture Reading Acts 2:42-47 # 90

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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Sermon

Pastor David Fuentes

\*Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed Congregation

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri Congregation # 579

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.

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of God's People

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

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.

Offerings of the People

Offertory *Now Praise the Hidden God of Love*

\*Doxology # 592

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.

Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

* Closing Hymn	<i>Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing</i>	# 538
*Benediction		
*Choral Benediction	<i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i>	# 439 v.4
Postlude	<i>Immortal, Invisible</i>	Smith

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**Question for Reflection**

Acts 2:42-47 describes what life was like in the early church. How do these words guide today's church?

**Household Prayer:**

Generous God, thank you for the gift of this new day.  
Help me to watch for your signs and wonders  
in the world today,  
and fill my heart with gladness and generosity, that I may  
generate good will wherever I go. Amen.

**Household Prayer:**

Thank you, God, for shepherding me through this day. As I lie  
down to sleep this night help me to imagine green pastures and  
still waters, and to remember all the ways you have set a table  
before me and filled my cup to overflowing. Amen.

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**MEMBERS:** Ada Carson, Corrine McCain, Vern Miller, Peggy Cuddington, Martha Parker, Verna Quidley, Jane Armstrong, Barbara Hopewell, Cliff Meadows, Matthew Cedars, Terry Powell, Max Armstrong, Pat Morgan, Walter Powell and the family of Virginia Powell, Joan Wilson and the family of Glenn Wilson, the family of Margaret Brown.

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**FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH:** Catherine Ciin's mother, Hellon Matthews (former member), Ralph & Leigh Powell (Walter's brother & family), Jimmie Boyd, Deborah Glisson, Fred Cornford and the family of Lowell Marsh, Peggy Barber (friend of Beth Doran), Eliza Williams (Tillie Jones' sister), Pat Peterson & Diane Manley (friends of Jean Foss), Mary Gover (Charlene Gover's daughter -in-law), Jim Schneider (friend of Rob & Diana Thompson), Peggy Owen (Jean Boyd's sister), Ashleigh Randell (Terri Randell's daughter), Maxine and George Fisher and the family of Tim Fisher, Mabel Weatherly (friend of Peggy Cuddington), Carol Cherry, Christine Smith (friend of the Thompsons), Eddie Austin (Charlotte McConnell's brother), Elizabeth Brock and the family of Agnes Brock, Denise Plourde (friend of the Thompsons), the family of Mavis McGowan Alder (Irene Brock's sister), Caroline Wrigley (Evelyn Wrisley's daughter-in-law), Rosemary (a friend of Ellie Burns' daughter), Deb & Tim Tuttle (friends of the Thompsons).

**ASSISTED LIVING:** Betty Harrison (Homeplace)

**DEPLOYMENTS/MILITARY:** Evan Austin (Peggy Cuddington's grandson), Nick Zimmer, England, and Shannon Webster, Germany, (both Joan Zimmer's grandchildren).

**SERVICE SCHEDULE  
Week of May 7**

Elder of the Week	Beth Doran
Liturgist	Hso Wah
Ushers	Beth Doran Tillie Jones Pat Morgan Whit Morgan Samuel Ku
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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Sunday	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Nursery/Children's Church
	10:30 am	Worship
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Karate
Thursday	9:30 am	Nifty Knitters
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir

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**Service for the Lord's Day**

**Sunday, May 7, 2017**  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

**10:30 A.M.**

*"The West New Bern Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) exists to invite people to enter a relationship with Jesus Christ, grow in their faith, and go out in the world to share that faith."*

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