

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

** Those who are able, please stand.*

Preparation for Worship

Prelude *Bless This House* Brahe/Taylor

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 Introit *In Christ there is No East or West* # 439 v.1

Call to Worship Congregation (**Bold**)

Bless the Lord, O people, sing!
Let the sound of praise ring out.
Come and hear what the Lord has done,
the Lord who has made everything!

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 *Breath on Me, Breath of God* # 316

Prayer of Confession Congregation

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. 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 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* #388

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading 1 Peter 3:12-22 Congregation

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Choral Anthem

Second Scripture Reading John 14:15-21 #109

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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Sermon

Pastor David Fuentes

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Congregation
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.

*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 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* How

*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 *The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended* #546

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction *In Christ there is No East or West* # 439 v.4

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Question for Reflection

According to the psalmist, God brought the people through trials, tests, burdens, and pain to a spacious place of life, breath, and salvation. God heard their prayers and opened them to deliverance. Where have you felt such a spacious place? What story do you tell of the ways that God is blessing you? What story does your faith community tell of the ways in which God is blessing them?

Morning Prayer:

I give thanks for the gift of life and breath
 that is mine today in Christ.

Make me eager to do good and to resist evil,
 and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference.

Fill me with your assurance in all I say and do
 that I may share the hope that is within me
 in gentleness and reverence of Christ. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

O God, in whom I live and move and have my being,
 you hear me when I cry and listen to my prayer;

you set my feet on steady ground, you never leave me alone.

As I rest in you tonight, sanctify my heart in Christ, and fill me with
 your strength, that I may rise to love and serve you and greet another
 day. Amen.

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.

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 21

Elder of the Week
 Liturgist
 Ushers

Lynn Lamont
 Beth Doran
 Peggy Cuddington
 Beth Doran
 Lynn Lamont
 Whit Morgan
 Aurora Glisson

Acolyte

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 21, 2017

Sixth 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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