

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

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

Preparation for Worship

Prelude *Prelude on Finlandia* Ritter

*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 *He Is Exalted* STF # 2070

Call to Worship Congregation (**Bold**)

People of God, let us gather to worship and praise God's name.

**I give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart.**

**I will glorify your name forever!**

For great is your steadfast love for me.

**You have delivered my soul from the depths.**

God says, "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."

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 *We Walk by Faith* STF # 2196

Prayer of Confession Congregation

Abba, Father, where we are in bondage to sin, set us free; restore us as your children and joint heirs with Christ.

You are our hope. Lead us in the way everlasting. 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 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* #210

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 44:6-8 Congregation

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;

besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,

let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Choral Anthem *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*  
Palmer

*(Joan Zimmer)*

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 # 14

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at

the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

Sermon Pastor David Fuentes

\*Affirmation of Faith Congregation

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. 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

("Notes" section can be found in the bulletin before the "Prayer Concerns" section)

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 *O God of Love, O God of Peace* Baker

\*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 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* # 464

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction *Three-Fold Amen* # 586

Postlude *Psalm XVII* Marcello

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**Question for Reflection**

What does it mean to wait with patience for the coming reign of God?

**Morning Prayer:**

Holy One, I awake into a sense of your presence with me. From time to time today, remind me that each day is a journey into the unknown but that there is nowhere I can go where you are not with me. Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth. Amen.

**Evening Prayer:**

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day. You have been my comfort and help, my strength and my shield. As I drift into sleep, I praise your name and rest in the knowledge that you are always with me. 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, Kate and Jeff Chittick and the family of Rebekah Chittick.

**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), Denise Plourde (friend of the Thompsons), Caroline Wrigley (Evelyn Wrisley's daughter-in-law), Rosemary (a friend of Ellie Burns' daughter), Deb & Tim Tuttle (friends of the Thompsons), Nate Brown (Al Fowler's great grandson).

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

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

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Week of July 23**

Elder of the Week	Paul Miller
Liturgist	Rob Thompson
Ushers	Ric Evans
	Lee McConnell
	Paul Miller
	Whit Morgan
	Teresa Wah
Acolyte	

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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

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**Service for the Lord's Day**

**Sunday, July 23, 2017**

**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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