

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

** Those who are able, please stand.*

Preparation for Worship

Prelude *Lord, Hear Us Pray* Scott

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**)

Blessed be God whose word gives hope
and shapes our dreams,
whose love has conquered death.
Blessed be God who orders our way
and guides our steps,
who leads us into life.

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 *God is Our Refuge and Our Strength* # 191

Prayer of Confession Congregation

We confess that we have turned away from you and have not lived with upright hearts. Forgive us for failing to follow you. Guide our feet to walk in your ways and serve your world to the glory of your 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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #263

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading 1 Kings 3:5-12 Congregation

At Gibeon, the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

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

Choral Anthem *The Lord's Prayer*
(Rob Thompson, trumpet)

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 # 14

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was

full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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Sermon Pastor David Fuentes

*Affirmation of Faith Congregation

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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 *Come Home* Page/Shafferman
(Rob Thompson & Richard Stewart, duet)

*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 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!* # 144

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction *Three-Fold Amen* # 586

Postlude *Crown Him With Many Crowns* Neal

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Question for Reflection

“Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak” (Gen. 32:24). Why do you think God allows times of struggle in our lives? How have times of struggle affected your walk with God? How does your relationship with God affect your view of overwhelming problems in the world, such as hunger, poverty, violence, or injustice?

Morning Prayer:

God of daybreak, thank you for holding me through the night and awakening me to behold your likeness in this brand-new day. Go with me now as I walk with you. Show me the world and its people through your eyes of compassion. Bless me, break me, and move through me to heal and feed those who hunger for you. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

O God, tonight I lay my failures, anxieties, struggles, and unfinished business at your feet. Hold me, bless me, and change me as I rest in you. 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, Sue Davenport.

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 30

Elder of the Week	Whit Morgan
Liturgist	Richard Stewart
Ushers	Carolyn Caton
	Eric Cedars
	Charlene Gover
	Whit Morgan
Acolyte	Aurora Glisson

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 30, 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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