

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

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

Preparation for Worship

Prelude *Peace Reigns Within* 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 Introit *Arise, Shine Your Light Has Come* # 411

Call to Worship Congregation (**Bold**)

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

**Praise the Lord!**

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Let us worship God!**

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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* # 263

Prayer of Confession Congregation

**God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purpose, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. 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 *This is My Father's World* # 293

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Matthew 16: 21-28 Congregation

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Choral Anthem *I Will Remember Thee* Althouse

Second Scripture Reading Exodus 3:1-15 # 50

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

Sermon Pastor David Fuentes

\*Affirmation of Faith Congregation  
From the PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

\*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

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving Congregation (Insert)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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 Wondrous Food, O Cup That Heals* Callernder

\*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 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* # 438

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* # 586

Postlude *With Trumpets and Horn* Handel

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*\*\*After worship there will be an opportunity for a special offering to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program to aid the responsive efforts after hurricane Harvey found in the Narthex. Checks can be made out to Presbyterian Church(USA) with the designation code DR000169.*

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**Question for Reflection**

How can your life include a faithful response to Jesus' charge that his followers must "deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matt. 16:24)?

**Morning Prayer:**

God of love, today help us to live peaceably with all. Help us live in genuine love: to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to love you, O God, with our whole heart, mind, and strength.  
In Jesus' loving name. Amen.

**Evening Prayer:**

Holy God, because you have been with us this day, we have stood on holy ground. Thank you. We know that you will remain with us through this night. Thank you. We know that you will be with us again tomorrow. Thank you. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

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**SERVICE SCHEDULE  
Week of September 3**

Elder of the Week	Lynn Lamont
Liturgist	Beth Doran
Ushers	Peggy Cuddington Beth Doran Lynn Lamont Whit Morgan
Communion Stewards	Pastor David Beth Doran Al Fowler Paul Miller
Acolyte	Samuel Ku

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Karate</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Nifty Knitters</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>

**UPCOMING CALENDAR**

<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>September, 3</b>
<b>Presbyterian Women</b>	<b>September, 5</b>
<b>Rally Day</b>	<b>September, 10</b>
<b>Children/Youth Sunday School</b>	<b>September, 10</b>
<b>Session Fall Retreat</b>	<b>September, 16</b>

**SOCIAL TIME:** Please take a few minutes to gather in the Narthex after service to enjoy some refreshments and each other.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** This Tuesday, September 5 @ 6:00 pm, we will have our first lesson in our new Bible study, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Carole Koi will lead the lesson and install our new officers. Please plan on attending this meeting, and please bring a salad or dessert to share.

**CHOIR:** Choir will start up once again on September 7<sup>th</sup>. We meet on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Please consider joining us to sing to the Glory of God.

**IT'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME!** Enrich your faith journey by planning now to attend Sunday School. The Sunday School year begins with "RALLY DAY" on **September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am** in the sanctuary; refreshments in the coffee/office area; and a brief class time.


**LUNCH GROUP:** The Lunch Group will meet on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at The Chelsea at 12 pm. All are welcome to join us. Point of Contact: Trudy Nelson (514-8044).


**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY:** We welcome Al Fowler as Steward for the LFL, month of September. Al has served before in this capacity, and we thank him.

**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY PATRON COMMENT:**  
"Righteous!!"  
"Thank you for the books ♡ Kyleigh"

**CROP WALK:** The annual CROP walk will be held on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Union Point Park to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. Registration begins at 2 pm and the walk starts at 3 pm. Please contact Whit Morgan (671-4002) if you are interested in contributing or walking. Further information will be announced in the bulletin as it becomes available.

**BOOK CLUB:** Our next Book Club meeting is Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the multipurpose room. We invite anyone who loves to read to come join us.

 **HELPING HANDS AVAILABLE:** Do you need someone to change a light bulb? Drive you to the doctor? Give you a ride to church? There are church members that would be delighted to assist! Please contact the pastor. Helping hands will be on the way.

 **CHURCH DRIVERS:** If you need a ride to church the following would like to be of service:

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Max & Jane Armstrong (637-3868)  | Ric & Sarah Evans (633-1323) |
| Fred & Sally Cornford (514-0515) | Trudy Nelson (633-2780)      |
| Whit & Pat Morgan (635-5059)     |                              |
| Jim & Web Slaughter (637-4754)   |                              |

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**Service for the Lord's Day**

**Sunday, September 3, 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."*

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,  
eternal God, our creator.

You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit.

**Once we were no people, but now we are your people.**

You claimed Israel as your chosen nation  
and raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection,  
breathing into it your life and power.

**From worlds apart, you gathered us together.**

**When we go astray, you welcome us home.**

**Always, your love has been steadfast.**

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of  
heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

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You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

In love with you and in compassion for all,

Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed  
and saved. He formed a community, promising to be with his  
disciples wherever two or three were gathered,  
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**Jesus trusted his life to you, and went freely to his death,  
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**You raised him from death and raise us also to live a new life with him.**

In the power of the Holy Spirit,  
you send us out to make disciples as he commanded.  
Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,  
we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us  
and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

**Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,  
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.  
Great is the mystery of faith.  
Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,  
that the bread we break and the cup we bless  
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

**By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ  
and with all who are baptized in his name,  
that we may be one in ministry in every place.**

As this bread is Christ's body for us,  
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.  
With all who have gone before us, keep us faithful to the gospel  
teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the  
prayers.

**Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.  
Amen.**

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