

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we sometimes prefer the darkness to your light. We turn away, we hide, we seek our own way. We claim to know You, yet we harbor pride, selfishness, and deceit. We have fooled ourselves into thinking our sin is small. Forgive us, creator and source of all mercy. May we be renewed through the true light of goodness and grace so that we may reflect the light of Christ to those around us...(our silent prayers of confession). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

According to God’s steadfast love, according to God’s abundant mercy, God does not pass judgment on us, the judgment we deserve. God creates in us clean hearts and gives a new and right spirit. In the grace of Jesus Christ we return to God forgiven. Praise God for our salvation!

+GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX
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.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Children are invited to come forward, place their offerings in the plate, have a short message and prayer with the minister, then go to Room 208 for their worship service called Summer Stories.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1:1-5, 10-13
Pew Bible, NT p. 91

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to the Lord.

SERMON

Elizabeth McGuire

“Ride Out With Me”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

+ HYMN 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak PERRY

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle’s Creed)
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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
The Word of God Rosephanye Powell
In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made by him;
and without him nothing was made.

+ DOXOLOGY
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.

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
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.

+ HYMN 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
Rhapsody on Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise John Tabler

Please contact Emily Warren (910-617-3469) or Tisa Freck (910-262-1028) if you would like to reserve a date for sanctuary flowers. Thank you.

Leading in Worship	
Dan Lewis, Senior Pastor	Elizabeth McGuire, Associate Pastor
John Tabler, Director of Music and Organist	Benjamin Horrell, Associate Director of Music and Choir Director
FPC Choir	

THANK YOU to all of you who have joined us for worship this Sunday, here and at home. We hope that you find your experience of worship to be uplifting and meaningful. Any usher (designated with a name tag) will be glad to assist you and answer your questions. If you need a large print copy of today’s bulletin and hymns, please notify an usher. A special welcome to any visitors worshiping with us this morning. If you would, please let us know you were here with us by signing the Friendship Register in the pews or by emailing our church office at hello@firstonthird.org.