

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

This is the day you have made, Lord. Help us to rejoice in it and be glad! Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people; to come to you in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises. Open our eyes to see you. Open our ears to hear your Word. Visit us through your Holy Spirit and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.

Prelude

Prayer

R. Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

Bob Dendy

Call to Worship

Leader: We have all been called into this place for worship today. People of God, behold!

All: **We open our eyes to see God's glory.**
We open our ears to hear God's wisdom.
We open our hands to offer God our gifts.
We open our mouths to sing God's praise.
We open our hearts to offer God our love.

Leader: With praise and adoration, let us worship God together.

*Hymn #324

Open My Eyes That I May See

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not always loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not always listen. You ask us to love, but we often walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We even condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent to you in spirit and truth, admit our sins, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Friends, say the good news with me...

All: **In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.**
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

*Lighting the Peace Candle and Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 4 and 5 are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in Room 1 on the ground floor next to the toddler playground. Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to participate in Gateways to Worship in Room 101 on the main level between the Library and Chapel. All children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Please see green pew card for more information.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson: Mark 9:30-37

(pew Bible NT, p. 45)

New Testament Lesson: James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

(pew Bible NT, p. 230)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

"Two Roads Converge"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

The Lamb

J. Tavener

Little Lamb who made thee, Dost thou know who made thee
Gave thee life and bid thee feed, By the stream & o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing wooly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice!
Little Lamb who made thee, Dost thou know who made thee
Little Lamb I'll tell thee, Little Lamb I'll tell thee!
He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek & he is mild, He became a little child:
I a child & thou a lamb, We are called by his name
Little Lamb God bless thee, Little Lamb God bless thee

*Doxology

Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn #419

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King

J. Longhurst

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, September 23

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
- 9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various locations)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. MS Youth Group (FH/MS Youth Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Run/Walk With God (Rear Parking Lot)
- 5:00 p.m. KidMin (Room 126)
- 6:30 p.m. HS Youth Group (FH/ HS Youth Room)

Monday, September 24

- 9:30 a.m. Marys and Marthas (HS Youth Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)

Tuesday, September 25

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Officers' Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (Scout Room)

Wednesday, September 26

- 12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)

Thursday, September 27

- 7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
- 11:45 a.m. WC Luncheon
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Bell Ringers (Bell Room)
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for September: Dorothy Niles 384-1680 and Diana Smack 384-7046.

The Chancel Flowers have been given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Anne North Howard, by Dennis Howard, Margaret Hill, and Elizabeth Howard.

Who's on First? For those who have joined in the past couple of years and visitors who are interested in learning more, we will be having a New Members' Class Sundays from 9:30-10:15, Sept. 16 through Oct. 7 in the Officers' Room.

Orange Cart: September is FPC's turn to help stock the shelves of the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. Please drop any non-perishable food into the orange cart in the Foyer. There is a special need for canned fruit. Please check expiration dates!

Popcorn Sale: Today and next Sunday in the Foyer to help support Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts!!!

Classic to Modern: Join us for an evening of music as young Lynchburg performers share the beauty and expression of classical music in a modern era. Christie Massey, mezzo-soprano; Meghan Lambert, soprano; Peter Gil, classical guitar; Josi Emery, classical guitar. October 7, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary.

Memorial Gifts

- In Memory of Anne Venable, Mr. & Mrs. Jim McDermott
- In Memory of Anne Venable, Mr. & Mrs. George Ramsey
- In Memory of Kitty Hobbs, Martha Strader
- In Memory of Kitty Snead, Martha Strader
- In Memory of Richard Mosby, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Johnston
- In Memory of Marjorie Wittschen, North Capital Management, Inc.
- In Memory of Jack Sellick, Fran Albertson
- In Memory of Kitty Hobbs, Eleanor Dennis
- In Memory of Rebecca Hill, Eleanor Dennis
- In Memory of Dr. Evan Morgan, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby O'Brian



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