

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011
Ten O'Clock Worship Service
Eleven O'Clock Broadcast over WLNI 105.9 FM

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Variation No. 9 (*Enigma Variations*) E. Elgar

Westminster Chimes

Call to Worship

Leader: Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters.

All: Here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

Leader: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us.

All: Here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

Leader: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown.

All: Here, in this place, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.

*Hymn #485 To God Be the Glory To God Be the Glory

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

It seems so easy to get into the boat and set sail on our journey, but when the winds of change begin to blow, we want to turn around and head back to the past's safe harbor. When sin's waves crash over the side, we try to wrap ourselves in the cloak of pride thinking we will not get wet. When Jesus calls to us to get out and follow in faith, we look around, hoping he is not speaking to us.

Swamped by our fears, and sinking in doubt, we long for someone to help us. Save us, gracious God, we pray. Stretch out your hand, so we might be lifted from our despair to hope, from our worries to trust, from our foolishness to faithful living. Then, we will dare to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, even if it means getting out of the sheltered lives we have built for ourselves. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed Hymnal p. 14

*Gloria 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.

Concerns of the Church

Children's Moment

WORSHIP WORKSHOP - for ages 3 & 4 and K & 1st grades. Children are to be picked up after the service from Room 9, Ground Floor.

*Hymn #562 Eternal Father, Strong to Save Melita

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem A. Lovelace
What Shall I Render to My God
What shall I render to my God for all his mercy's store?
I'll take the gifts he hath bestowed and humbly ask for more.
The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,
And all his promises embrace and to his glory live.
My vows I will to his great name before his people pay,
And all I have, and all I am, upon his altar lay.
Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to thee what e'er is mine.
Born in thy family below, and by redemption, thine.
Thy hands created me, thy hands from sin have set me free,
The mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to thee.
Praise him, ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiv'n,
Till gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of heav'n.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-3a (pew Bible p. 672)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 14:25-33 (pew Bible p. 16)

Sermon Meggan M. Farwell
"I of the Storm"

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

Call to Offering
Offertory F. Peeters
Cantique

*Doxology Old Hundredth
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

*Hymn #361 How Firm a Foundation Foundation

*Benediction

*Postlude J. S. Bach
Prelude in C Major

Worship Leader – Christina Cosby

*Those who are able, please stand

* * * * The ushers will seat worshipers

**WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We welcome all who have joined us for worship today. All worshippers are asked to sign the friendship pad as it is passed during the Concerns of the Church. We're glad you're here!

Church Membership: If you are without a church home in Lynchburg, you would be warmly welcomed into our fellowship. The Session meets in the History Room to receive new members immediately following each worship service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Infants and Young Children: Children are always welcome in the worship service. If your child needs attention, you are welcome to sit in the Narthex where you can still hear the worship service, or you may want to take your child to the Nursery (Room #8, Ground Floor). An usher will be happy to assist you.

If you are hearing impaired, we have special devices available in the Narthex before the service. Simply ask an usher for help.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated Sunday, August 7, 2011. **TWO CENTS A MEAL offering** will also be received.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in honor of Lillian Nichol's Birthday by Mary Ann and David Tate.

FOOD PANTRY: August is the month for First Pres to help replenish the Food Pantry of Churches for Urban Ministry. Please help by bringing non-perishable food items (especially canned meat, soups, crackers, instant coffee, fruit, and vegetables) and placing them in the shopping cart in the foyer. Thank you very much!

MISSION TRIP: Three adults and six youth left yesterday to spend their week at The Pilgrimage in Washington DC. While they are there they will be doing mission work with the homeless and hungry. Please pray for them this week that they will have a safe and meaningful experience.

EDUCATION for MINISTRY INFORMATIONAL SESSION: The Education for Ministry course is generating a lot of interest! And the class is filling quickly. If you are interested in taking the course or just want to hear more about it, please plan on attending the information session scheduled for Sunday, August 14, in the Officer Room following the worship service. If you have questions in the meantime, please call our office or Jata Craighill at 841-6000.

Summer Schedule:
May 29 – September 4, 10:00 A.M. Worship

First Presbyterian Church

Virginia Episcopal School Road
Lynchburg, Virginia
July 31, 2011



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