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13th Sunday after Pentecost

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis SM

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Prayer of the Day and the Lord's Prayer

Doxology

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson: John 15:1-15

Questions at the Table

New Testament Lesson: John 14:1-6, 25-27

"Rooted in THE Truth"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Take My Life

Hendon

(vs.1) Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

(vs. 2) Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be, swift and beautiful for Thee, swift and beautiful for Thee.

(vs. 5) Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.

(vs.6) Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Marcia Thom-Kaley, soloist

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green;
 The trees of nature fruitless be, Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.
 His beauty doth all things excel, By faith I know but ne'er can tell
 The glory which I now can see, In Jesus Christ the Appletree.
 For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought;
 I missed of all but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the Appletree.
 I'm weary with my former toil - Here I will sit and rest awhile,
 Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the Appletree.
 With great delight I'll make my stay, There's none shall fright my soul away;
 Among the sons of men I see There's none like Christ the Appletree.
 I'll sit and eat this fruit divine, It cheers my heart like spirit'al wine;
 And now this fruit is sweet to me, That grows on Christ the Appletree.
 This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive;
 Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the Appletree.*

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

Prayer of Dedication and Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

C. Phillips

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, September 13, during the 9:00 A.M. outside worship in the parking lot. All those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and claim Jesus' love for them are invited to participate. Both bread and juice will be served in individually wrapped serving containers and servers will be wearing both masks and gloves. Come, let us join together and let our eyes be opened by the goodness of God's love for us.

Called Congregational Meeting: The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 13, 2020, immediately following the 9:00 A.M. outside worship in the parking lot, for the purpose of electing the 2020 Nominating Committee. The members of First Presbyterian Church being nominated to serve on this committee are Donnie Ore (Ruling Elder- Chair), Laurie Sommardahl (Ruling Elder), Jenny Osinga (Ruling Elder), Jane Stallings, Westray Nowlin, and Bill Semones.

Thank you all for your participation in the Focus Groups that have been held over the last 3 weeks. Your feedback has been great. Everything that was voiced has been noted and compiled for Session review. Session will be meeting soon to determine the next steps for First Presbyterian Church, and we look forward to being back in touch with you on how you can be apart. Looking ahead to all God has in store for First Presbyterian is very exciting and we look forward to all the opportunities we have to be God's church together.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! for all your support to the August Back to School Snack & Supply Drive to help support Food for Thought and the FPC Weekday School! Service and Outreach have collected over 5,000 items and \$1,000 and we understand more are still coming in. Your prayers have been answered and your generosity appreciated. Many thanks as well to all who hosted additional collection times. As you might imagine, the needs do not stop. There are ongoing needs throughout the school year of both snacks and supplies. You are welcomed and encouraged to keep up your donations to these initiatives as you are able and willing.

We are offering TWO hands on service opportunities as extensions of our Back to School Donation Drive! 1. Help Food for Thought pack the food bags on Tuesday, September 8th from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We have 10 spots available for adults and children. Contact Gary Williams at gtwilliams1619@gmail.com or call the church office (434-384-6231) to claim your spot. 2. Serve as a volunteer shepherd at our Weekday School Study Hall any weekday between 8:30 am and 12:15 pm. We are looking for an additional 8-10 volunteers to join our current crew in helping the children of our weekday school teachers complete their virtual schoolwork, enjoy games, spend a little time reading, and have fun together! If you are interested in being a part of this flock, contact Peter at peter@fpcly.org or contact the church office.

The sanctuary remains closed for worship on Sunday mornings until further notice. Worship at 10:30 A.M. will continue to be live on the radio (105.9 FM) and Facebook Live.

“Outside” – 9:00am Worship of Prayer & the Word will be continued each Sunday this Fall (weather permitting). Come as you are. Stay in your car. Bring a blanket and/or chair. Worship will be around 30 minutes.

Offices and Facility: The church offices are open M-F from 8:30am to 5:00pm **by appointment and reservation only**. Please call the church office to schedule. Self-screening, temperature checks, face masks, and hand washing will be required for entry for everyone.

Have you liked us on Facebook or checked out our updated website? We want to continue to encourage you to visit www.fpcly.org or FPCLY’s Facebook page for updates and information on how you can be more connected during this time. Whether it is a scripture verse and prayer of the day, devotional, book reading, or chat board, we welcome your participation! We welcome all to actively share your stories and songs as to what you have going on in your life, family, home, or neighborhood.

If you have an emergency and need to talk with Peter, please call him directly. Members Helping Members are also available by phone.

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