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September 6, 2020

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT Freuden Zart

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace, and joy, and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body take your part:
To God all praise and glory!

Prayer of the Day and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 149:1-5, 9c

New Testament Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

"I am! Praise! Put on! the Lord!"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Lord, When I Came Into This Life

Land of Rest

Lord, when I came into this life You called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself, responding to Your claim.

Within the circle of the faith as member of Your cast,
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
let Your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

So, help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering
Offertory Anthem

Your Hands

JJ Heller

Whitney and Robert O'Brian

*I have unanswered prayers I have trouble I wish wasn't there
And I have asked a thousand ways That you would take my pain away You would take my pain away
I am trying to understand How to walk this weary land
Make straight the paths that crooked lie Oh Lord, before these feet of mine Oh Lord, before these feet of mine
When my world is shaking, heaven stands When my heart is breaking, I never leave your hands
When you walked upon the earth You healed the broken, lost and hurt
I know you hate to see me cry One day you will set all things right Yeah, one day you will set all things right
When my world is shaking, heaven stands When my heart is breaking, I never leave your hands
Your hands that shaped the world Are holding me They hold me still*

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

Prayer of Dedication and Benediction

***Postlude**

Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTDOOR CONCERT: Featuring Robert and Whitney O'Brian and maybe more! Saturday, September 12 at 4:00 P.M. in the FPCLY Parking Lot, the First Pres Presents Fine Arts Series would like to invite you to an outdoor concert. Bring a chair, a blanket, sit in the bed of your truck, or remain in your car. Bring your family and invite a friend or neighbor.

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! 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 5,400 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.

TWO hands on service opportunities are available 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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