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First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 27, 2020

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

The Holy Boy

J. Ireland

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer of the Day and the Lord's Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 148

New Testament Lesson: Luke 2:22-40

“Song of the Parking Lot”

Kathleen Lifsey

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Song of Simeon

Thomas Cass, soloist

Nunc Dimittis

*Now may Your servant, Lord, according to Your word, depart in exultation.
My peace shall be serene, for now my eyes have seen your wonderful salvation.
You did for all prepare this gift so great, so rare, fulfilling prophets' story—
a light to show the way, to Gentiles gone astray, and unto Israel's glory.*

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

Choral Anthem

In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born

Thomas Cass, soloist

Discovery

*In Bethlehem a Babe was born with love enough for all.
While kingdoms slept, the Lord came down to grace a manger stall.
And with a glorious light Angels appeared that night.*

*Refrain: Singing, “Come, come, Christ is born! Come, come, world forlorn.
The Child of peace and sacrifice is waiting to be found.”*

*Royalty and shepherds came to worship from a far,
Guided through the long cold night by one persistent star.
As each beheld the Son, strangers became as one,
Refrain.*

*The mystery of Bethlehem was long ago, they say,
But, miracle of miracles, the Baby lives today
In each new heart that hears love coming through the years.
Refrain.*

Benediction

Postlude

Toccatina on “Angels We Have Heard on High”

R. Elliott

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

THAT’S AWESOME!!! Worship Live on www.fpcly.org. Our new Live Video Streaming equipment has been installed for the Sanctuary and we are excited to welcome you to worship through this new outreach tool. Instead of tuning in and waiting for the right moment to connect on Facebook, you can now go to the home page of our website, www.fpcly.org, and access the “Worship Now” video link from there. It will lead you to a live streaming broadcast of worship through [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com). The video will remain available on the website for viewing or reviewing at an alternative time and be posted to Facebook.

Offices and Facility: The church offices will be closed for the Celebration of Christmas on Monday, December 28 and closed again for New Year’s Day on Friday, January 1.

Year End Reminders from the Business Office

- **Electronic Contributions:** Contribution information for gifts by credit card or draft of your checking account need to be given to Lori Wright by **December 21** for credit to the 2020 Tax Year.
- Make your **stock gift transfers right away.** This will allow time for the gifts to be transferred to our accounts and for proceeds to be received by year end.
- **2020 Contributions Deadline:**
Contributions *received in the office by close of business December 31* or **postmarked by December 31** will be posted to contribution statements for the 2020 tax year.
- **Expense Reimbursements:**
Please submit any requests for reimbursement of 2020 budget year expenses by December 28. Any checks written after December 31 will be charged to the 2021 budget.
- **Pledges**
Please contact Lori Wright if:
You have not completed your **2020 pledge** and have any questions about the balance outstanding.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Lori Wright in the Business Office.
434-384-6231 or lori@fpcly.org

Reopening update from Session: Your FPCLY Staff and Session continues to review the possibility of reopening the sanctuary for worship on Sunday mornings as well as the rest of the facilities without appointment or reservation throughout the week. As of Tuesday, November 17, the FPCLY Staff and Session acknowledges that nothing new has developed with the status of the virus to cause us to change our current protocols. We will continue to put safety first and stay the course as we have been following. The Staff and Session still feel strongly that to reopen the sanctuary at the level desired for effective worship, there needs to be better control of the virus with a stop of rapid spreading and much lower risk of transmission throughout Virginia for at least a two week period, an effective vaccine administered and distributed, or more effective ways to implement reopening within direct compliance of CDC guidelines. We are committed to continuing to review and assess progress of the pandemic and will be flexible to the possibility of opening as soon as possible.

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

Pastor on Call:

Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for December (phone only):

Elinor Ann Clark (434) 386-3889 and Gail Kowalski (434) 384-6058

“Rooted and Reaching” Campaign Status: We have now raised over \$2.55 Million in pledges to date!

Thank you to the over 180 of you who have already pledged. We very much appreciate your participation and leadership at FPCLY in this way. If you have not yet pledged, **WE STILL WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION!** Our goal is to contact each family of First Presbyterian Church in the next few weeks, so when you are contacted by a fellow member to schedule a personal visit regarding the “Rooted and Reaching” Capital Projects Campaign, we would be honored if you said “Yes” to the visit. If you would like to schedule your visit with a volunteer visitor sooner rather than later call the church office at 434.384.6231 to schedule.

Annual Stewardship Campaign Status: We have now received 170 pledges totaling more than \$608,000 for our 2021 Operating Budget! Thank you to all who have turned in their pledge and we look forward to continuing our coming together in this way. Since packets and pledge cards are accompanied by a visit concurrent with the Capital Projects Campaign, the process is taking a little longer to complete this year. If you have not yet been visited or called, please remain patient. We want to include everyone as best we can. If you would like to initiate a date and time for a visit, we invite you to call the church office at 434-384-6231) or email at office@fpcly.org.