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Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, January 3, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Irby

D. Cherwein

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Prayer of the Day and the Lord's Prayer

Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

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. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 147:12-20
New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel Lesson: John 1:10-18

"Homecoming"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Of the Father's Love Begotten

M. Larkin

Amy Pugh, soloist

*Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the Source, the Ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!*

*O ye heights of heav'n, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing:
all dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!*

*Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be,
honor, glory, and dominion and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!*

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

Prayer of Dedication and Benediction

Choral Benediction

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God Be with You

God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Antioch

Traditional

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

THAT'S AWESOME!!! Worship Live on www.fpclly.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.fpclly.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.

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, December 15, 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 January (phone only):

Ginny McCraw (434) 528-1927 and Sally deNoird (434) 384-8153

“Rooted and Reaching” Campaign Status: We have now raised over \$2.59 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 180 pledges totaling more than \$625,000 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.