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Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 24, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Cantilène religieuse

T. Dubois

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

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

Before our Father'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: 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

Gospel Lesson:

Ephesians 1:3-14

Old Testament Lesson:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

"Homecoming"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: We Are All One in Mission

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvogelein

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all,
A single, great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love

We all are called for service to witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same.
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Marcia Thom-Kaley, soloist

H. Hopson

*He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the tiny little baby in his hands
He's got all the little children in his hands
He's got you and me brother in his hands
He's got you and me sister in his hands
He's got all of us together in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands*

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

Marche-Sortie

T. Dubois

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office and Facility Update: On Tuesday, January 19 the Session approved, for the time period of January 20 to February 20, to close the facility to group gatherings of session committees, classes, and circles, with the exception of the FPC Weekday School, Al Anon, Scouts, and the Facilities Committee (who have several projects to tend to at this time). Individual appointments are still welcomed with staff but check-in, temperature checks, masks and social distancing will still be enforced. This caution is being implemented due to the continual increase of Covid-19 cases in our local area. Session will continue to reassess and hopes to be able to lift restrictions of gatherings as soon as possible.

WALK WITH GOD will meet today at 4:30pm in the front parking lot. All are invited and encouraged to come be inspired with a brief devotional and friendly walk to the end of Peakland Place and back to the church.

MALAWI MISSION: Our hopes of returning to Africa for a mission to come alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ in Malawi this June are being put on hold until safer travel guidelines can be administered. The plan will be to reassess the possibility of travel with a group every three months with a goal of scheduling a trip six months in advance of departure. We ask that all pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Malawi and for God to help prepare and call the right team of people from Lynchburg to go and participate. Please stay tuned for updates on organizational planning and educational meetings happening soon. Please reach out to Bill Perkins or the church office if you are interested in more information about Malawi Mission.

FAMILY-CENTERED WORSHIP EVENT GOING VIRTUAL. Join us TODAY, January 24 at 3:00pm for song, dance, a message, and virtual BINGO. This event will take place over Zoom. Please RSVP at this link (<https://forms.gle/piNxxctLXtvYk3ZB7>) by 1:00 PM today for time to receive all Zoom and bingo information by email. All are welcome to grow, learn, and discover together! Invite your friends and family! Future family centered worship events will take place on February 28, March 21, and April 18!

Confirmation Class 2021: Confirmation will be meeting today!!! We will participate first in the worship and fellowship event from 3 to 4 pm on zoom and then join back together for a class on belonging, believing, and behaving from 4:30 to 5:30 pm also on zoom.

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 deNiord (434) 384-8153

“Rooted and Reaching” Capital Project Update:

1. We have now raised over \$2.6 Million in pledges to date! Our goal is \$3 Million to do everything outlined in the Campaign Focus. Booklets and Brochures with more information are available in the church office.
2. The Steeple Replacement project is underway led by Bill Perkins and Sutton Tinsley. Construction is scheduled to take place this April.
3. The Organ Renovation project has been affirmed by Session, contracted with Foley-Baker, and will be led by Rob Cleland and Cory Whittier. The initial stages of the renovation are scheduled to begin this summer with construction to start early in 2022. The construction phase will be 12 to 14 months from start to finish.
4. Other projects are in the planning stages with more information to come.

Annual Stewardship Campaign Status: We have now received 185 pledges totaling close to \$630,000 for our 2021 Operating Budget! Thank you to all who have turned in their pledge. Annual Stewardship packets and pledge cards were passed out concurrently with the Capital Projects Campaign visits, so if we have missed you in any way, please know that was not our intention and let us know. We want to include everyone. 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@fpcl.org.