





Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 23, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Chancel Ringers

Arr. D. Robert

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn # 324: Open My Eyes

Open My Eyes

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart, and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Prayer of the Day: "Come Now to Find Us" and the Lord's Prayer

Ted Loder

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

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

The Message

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:22-27

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn # 319: Spirit

J. K. Manley

Refrain: Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, You called to the deep,
then You coaxed up the mountains from valleys of sleep,
and over the eons You called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” *Refrain.*

You swept through the desert, You stung with the sand,
and You gifted your people with a law and a land,
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then You spoke through Your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain.*

You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill,
then You whispered in silence when the whole world was still,
and down in the city You called once again
when You blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain.*

You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions Your people arise. *Refrain.*

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Draw us in the Spirit’s Tether

H. W. Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit’s tether, For when humbly in Thy name,
Two or three are met together Thou are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment’s hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.*

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S SERVICE

Prayer of Dedication and Benediction

Choral Benediction: God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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

Trumpet Tune

J. Clark

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in growing closer to God and others? How about learning more about FPCLY? We believe we are here to worship, grow, love, and serve. We welcome any opportunities to build relationships with one another and would love to walk alongside you in God's gift of life. Conversations, coffee, and church tours can be arranged by calling the church office (434-384-6231). Peter will look forward to hearing from you and talking with you soon.

Today at 4:30pm: WALK WITH GOD! All are invited to gather in the front parking lot prepared to be inspired with a brief devotional and friendly walk to the end of Peakland Place and back to the church.

Today at 5:00pm: First Pres Presents ONLINE Evensong! Enjoy a special musical worship featuring the men and women of the St. John's Episcopal Church choir. They are preparing for a weeklong choral tour in England this summer. This service gives them the opportunity to practice with a different organ and at a different location. Cory Whittier will serve as the accompanying organist. Check it out on www.fpclly.org!

Reopening Update in Response to Covid-19: In support of new scientific data and recommendations offered by the CDC and Governor of Virginia, the Session is excited to announce their unanimous consent for the FULL REOPENING of First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg. The reopening of the office and facility to individuals and groups became effective May 17, 2021. This reopening includes the following important highlights:

- No protocols such as masks, social distancing, temperature checks, sign in, etc. will be required.
- Unvaccinated persons are encouraged to wear masks and socially distance as recommended by CDC guidelines.
- In-person worship in the Sanctuary will begin on Sunday, May 30, 2021 @ 10:30 A.M with a soft reopening. On Sunday, June 6th, we will celebrate the Grand Reopening with the dedication of the new steeple.
 - *Why not open Today?* The primary reason is that Peter is away celebrating his graduation and receiving his Doctor of Ministry Degree. The secondary reason is that this extra week allows the Sanctuary to be fully restored for in-person worship and no restrictions.
- The Nursery will be available from 8:45 A.M to Noon for children ages 3 and under starting Sunday, May 30, 2021.
- The Parking Lot Worship of Prayer and the Word will continue at 9:00 A.M. each Sunday throughout the summer.
- Live Video Streaming on YouTube and Live Radio on WLNI will continue at 10:30 A.M. each Sunday.

Monday, May 31: Church offices will be closed for observance of Memorial Day.

Dedication of the New Steeple: Sunday, June 6 @ 9:00 A.M., everyone is invited to gather outside in the front circle for a Service of Dedication for the New Steeple. Following the Service of Dedication, refreshments, fellowship, artwork by FPC Weekday School students, a photo opp with the old steeple cross, and a time to reunite in-person will be available. Our time of fellowship will conclude with a congregational procession into the Sanctuary for worship at 10:30 A.M. We hope you all will plan invite a neighbor and be present for this historic FPCLY event.

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 May:

Stannard Preston (434) 851-2414 and Janice Barrett (917) 576-0059

Bible Sponsorship Program: Through your generous and faithful support, we were able to raise over \$3,300 to provide bibles to children and youth of this church community. That equals over 150 bibles and 26 FULL sponsorships!! Thank you for your generosity.

Giving to FPCLY: Visit www.fpclly.org or upload the Give+ app on your phone. Every gift makes a difference!

“Rooted and Reaching” Capital Project Update: Thank you to everyone who has been so generous in helping make the Rooted and Reaching Capital Project Campaign a success. We are now just under \$350,000 shy of our goal of \$3 Million to do everything outlined in the Campaign Focus. Booklets and Brochures with more information are available in the church office.

1. The Steeple Replacement project is now complete! Evidence can be viewed by the beautiful new steeple now filling the horizon. Photos and videos can be viewed on the church website and social media pages. Many thanks to Bill Perkins and Sutton Tinsley for serving as project managers. Also, many thanks to Bill Gayle, Emma Tinsley, Catherine Adams, Jamerson-Lewis Construction, and Campbellsville Industries. A city built on a hill cannot be hid! Let us let God’s light shine and God’s love be shared.
2. The Organ Renovation project has been affirmed by Session and contracted with Foley-Baker. Rob Cleland and Cory Whittier are serving as project coordinators. Members from the Foley-Baker team were in the organ chambers last week taking measurements and working in the space. Construction is scheduled to start early in 2022. The construction phase will be 12 to 14 months from start to finish.
3. External and Internal Wayfinding (Directional) Signs, as an important hospitality upgrade to the facility, have been approved as a part of the Facility Improvements Focus. The external signs are scheduled to be installed the first of June and the internal signs toward the middle of June. Thank you to Michael Trexler for working with Staff and McBride Signs to see this project through.
4. Ministry Support comes in many different ways. Right now at FPCLY, the Session unanimously agrees that investing into hired staff to encourage and inspire relationship building through educational and outreach opportunities is what is most needed. Search committees for these two full-time positions are in progress and we look forward to updating the congregation soon. A search committee for a part time Parish Associate for Pastoral Care is also in progress.

Images clockwise beginning at the top right:

- *Dove of Fire* by Vickie Conde
- *Holy Spirit Come* by Beverly Gulliams
- unknown; sourced from <https://newgracebaptistchurch.wordpress.com/2020/02/10/the-things-god-has-freely-given-us-1-corinthians-2/>
- *The Holy Spirit* by Alfonso Garcia
- *You Will Receive Power When the Holy Spirit Has Come* by Veronika Dimac
- (central) *Holy Spirit Dove* by Throne Bernini
- (top of inside page) Pentecost mosaic image by Holger Schué

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