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# Service of the Lord's Day

August 8, 2021

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

*Children are welcome and encouraged to remain in Worship. If needed, Nursery (in Room 8) is available for ages 0 to 3. Please ask an usher or greeter if you need any assistance locating the Nursery.*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Adagio Cantabile

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Hymn #275: God of Our Life**

Sandon

*God of our life, through all the circling years,  
we trust in Thee;  
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,  
Thy hand we see.  
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,  
we own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.  
God of the past, our times are in Thy hand;  
With us abide.  
Lead us by faith, to hope's true promised land;  
be Thou our guide.  
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,  
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.  
God of the coming years, thro' paths unknown  
we follow Thee;  
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone;  
our refuge be.  
Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,  
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of abundant grace, we confess that we have often elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you fully. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. In your great love, fill us with the gift of your abundant grace. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation;  
the old life has gone, and a new life has begun.

All: **In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*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.*

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1**

**My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Moment**

Kathleen Lifsey

**Prayer for Illumination**

**New Testament Reading: John 6:56-69**

(pew Bible NT, p. 98)

**"Kingdom Stories Worth Retelling"**

Peter Thompson

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn #364: I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**

Grand Isle

*I sing a song of the saints of God,  
Patient and brave and true,  
Who toiled and fought and lived and died  
For the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
And one was a shepherdess on the green:  
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean,  
God helping, to be one too.*

*They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
And God's love made them strong;  
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,  
The whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast;  
And there's not any reason, no, not the least  
Why I shouldn't be one too.*

*They lived not only in ages past,  
There are hundreds of thousands still;  
The world is bright with the joyous saints  
Who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
In church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
For the saints of God are just folk like me,  
And I mean to be one too.*

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**Call to Offering  
Offertory Anthem**

**Be Thou My Vision**

Thomas Cass, Soloist

Arr. Pacheco

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one*

*High King of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all*

**\*Doxology**

Hymn #592

*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.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE**

**\*Hymn #339: Be Thou My Vision**

Slane

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

**\*Benediction and Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ**

**Postlude**

**Psalm 19**

B. Marcello

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**Worship Leader: Judy Stowers**

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

### Sunday, August 8

9:00 a.m. Outside Worship  
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary, radio, & livestream)

### Wednesday, August 11

12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)

### Thursday, August 12

7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)

### Sunday, August 15

9:00 a.m. Outside Worship  
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary, radio, & livestream)

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**Pastor on Call:** Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

**Members Helping Members for August:** Janice Berkley (434) 384-6925 and Marilyn Hartman (434) 384-7075

**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.

**Kingdom Stories Worth Retelling** is our Summer Sermon Series for 2021. From June 13 to September 5, the Gospel of Mark and the Gospel of John will reveal a series of stories teaching us about the secrets of the Kingdom of God and the good news of Jesus. There is no doubt these stories are worth retelling to our children and to others, but to retell them we must know them to begin with.

**Parking Lot Construction Update:** Our back parking lot & sidewalks and our main hallway roof will be under repair and renovation over the next couple of weeks. **Please plan to enter the church through the main entrance for worship, meetings, nursery and Weekday School access, and Scouts. Until further notice, the rear lot and playground will be closed throughout the construction.** Thank you for your patience and understanding!

**First Pres Presents:** Piano Quartet, *Opus87*, in concert in the FPCLY Sanctuary. Join us Wednesday, August 18, at 6:00 p.m. to hear local musical talent partnered with musicians from New York, North Carolina, Europe, and beyond, to deliver an exciting line-up of world-class chamber music. This concert is part of the Seven Hills Festival which grew out of Opus87's yearly summer performance at First Presbyterian Church. It has expanded into a full, week-long festival, with in-school presentations, masterclasses for budding musicians, and three full concerts of chamber music featuring their festival faculty. Join us for an evening of wonderful music!

**SAVE THE DATE: September 12, 2021. COME BACK HOME!** September 12 marks the opening day for all of us to reengage and actively participate in opportunities to worship joyfully, grow spiritually, love boldly, and serve faithfully. Program opportunities will be available for all ages (0 to 100). Worship in the morning will include bible presentations, teacher commissioning, and joyful singing. Opportunities to grow, love, and serve will begin in the late afternoon. We look forward to seeing you all and growing together.

**New Worship + 2 programming schedule for fall 2021! YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!** Worship + 2 is a programming model that builds upon God's call for the church to worship, grow, love, and serve. The practice of worship together on Sunday mornings is at the very heart of our call as Christians to praise and glorify God and participate actively in the life of the church. Our worship of God serves to fuel all other ministries. Two of the most prominent ministries that serve as tentacles to worship are categorized as education and outreach. Education is important as an embodiment of Jesus as a teacher. Education (grow) encourages further engagement with God's Word and helps form one's faith and knowledge of God. Outreach (love and serve) is important as an embodiment of Jesus as healer and servant leader. Outreach encourages interactions with others through love, hospitality, and service to those in need. Worship on Sunday morning may be the only engagement someone has in the life of the church and for them, we would like to encourage the addition of both education and outreach. Whereas worship on Sunday morning may be the only engagement for some, educational or outreach opportunities are the primary connection others have in the life of the church. For these, we would like to encourage the addition of participating in worship on Sunday mornings. Thus, worship + 2.

\*\*\* Many events, programs, and meetings are occurring at FPCLY;  
we encourage you to view the church calendar on [www.fpcl.org](http://www.fpcl.org) for all the upcoming activities. \*\*\*