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Service of the Lord's Day

August 15, 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

Offertorium

C. Gounod

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn #430: Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
Let courage be our friend, Let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue often lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and can, without even knowing it, turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. In your mercy, may we be freed to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayer of Confession

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.**

*Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

*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's 60-61**

I am made right with God only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart. When I say that by faith alone I am right with God; it is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me. Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God. And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Mark 7:1-23

(pew Bible NT, p. 42)

"Kingdom Stories Worth Retelling"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #419: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord**

Repton

*How clear is our vocation, Lord,
When once we heed Your call:
To live according to Your word,
And daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That You are Lord of all
And will not let us fall.*

*But if, forgetful, we should find
Your yoke is hard to bear,
If worldly pressures fray the mind
And love itself cannot unwind
Its tangled skein of care:
Our inward life repair.*

*We mark Your saints, how they became
In hindrances more sure,
Whose joyful virtues put to shame
The casual way we wear Your name,
And by our faults obscure
Your power to cleanse and cure.
In what You give us, Lord, to do,
Together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new,
May we not cease to look to You--
The cross You hung upon--
All You endeavored done.*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

We Give Thee but Thine Own

W. W. How

*We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

*May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give.*

*To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lonely in distress, Is angels' work below.*

*And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be;
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.*

***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 #418: God, Bless Your Church with Strength**

Ich Halte Treulick Still

*God, bless Your church with strength! Wherever we may be,
Upbuild Your servants as we work In common ministry.
Urge us from fledgling faith To venture and to soar
Through open skies, to sing the praise Of Christ whom we adore.*

*God, bless Your church with life! May all our branches thrive,
Unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit, Abundantly alive.
From You, one holy vine, In freedom may we grow;
Sustain us in our mission, Lord, Your love and peace to show.*

*God, bless Your church with hope! Despite chaotic days,
May we in chaos shine to light A pathway through life's maze.
May justice be our aim, And kindness ours to share,
In humbleness O may we walk, Assured our God is there!*

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

Postlude

Rondo in G

J. Bull

August Outreach Focus:

Back to School- Educational systems, including our very own FPC Weekday School, are gearing up to help students explore, discover, and grow. All are encouraged to keep educational administrators, support staff, teachers, aids, parents, and students in prayer as both excitement and anticipation of a new school year take center stage. If you are able and willing, please reach out to a school near you to offer words of encouragement and support or step up to volunteer a few hours of your time.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, August 15

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

Wednesday, August 18

12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)
6:00 p.m. First Pres Presents: *Opus87* (Sanctuary)

Thursday, August 19

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

Sunday, August 22

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

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

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

The rosebud on the baptismal font today is in celebration of the birth of Owen Pieter Milam, born on June 16, 2021. His parents are Kim & Brad Milam and grandparents are Marcia & Rick Milam.

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.

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) throughout the day on Sunday, weekly, and monthly. Worship on this Sunday 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 Opportunities Beginning September 12, 2021:

Adult Bible Class	9:15 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.	Martin-Gifford Room
Teachers: Beth and Gary Williams		
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:30 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.	Sanctuary
Gathering and Praise	4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Walk with God	5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Front Parking Lot
Exploring God through Art	5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Teachers: Tyler and Jess Hutchison		
Supplies Provided- Registration Required- Max 12 adult participants		
I'll Take Both: Faith and Sports	5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Martin-Gifford Room
Teacher: Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson		
HS and MS Youth	5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Youth Rooms/Outside
Kidmin (4 yrs. To 5th grade)	5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	2nd Floor, Rm 126, etc.
B.Y.O. Picnic Dinner	6:00 p.m.	Back Playground, Fellowship Hall
Immerse Bible Study	Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.	Martin-Gifford Room
Teacher: Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson		
A Coed Version of Men's Bible Study		

*** Many events, programs, and meetings are occurring at FPCLY;
we encourage you to view the church calendar on www.fpclly.org for all the upcoming activities. ***