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Service of the Lord's Day

August 22, 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, from Fantaisie in C Major

C. Franck

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn #559: We Gather Together

Kremser

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be Thine!*

*We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender will be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us in your loving kindness. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.**

*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: Psalm 46**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Matthew 13:44-53

(pew Bible NT, p. 15)

"Kingdom Stories Worth Retelling"

Erik Koroneos

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #379: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

Solid Rock

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)*

*His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

***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 #145: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!**

Marion

*Rejoice ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.*

Refrain:

*Rejoice! rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Yes, on through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe. (Refrain)*

*At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. (Refrain)*

*Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King. (Refrain)*

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

Postlude

Venite!

J. Leavitt

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.

September Outreach Focus:

Hunger continues to be a major concern and challenge in our local community. Each month (on the last Sunday), we participate in the collection of the "2 Cents a Meal" offering to help contribute to hunger relief. In September, we are encouraging everyone to go one step further and snack and school supply items that will help support "Food for Thought" at Parkview Community Mission, the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry, and the FPC Weekday School. More details coming soon!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, August 22

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

Wednesday, August 25

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

Thursday, August 26

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

Sunday, August 29

9:00 a.m. Outside Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary, radio, & livestream)
11:45 a.m. Steward Training (Officers' Room)

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.

Adult Bible Class- Sunday mornings, 9:15 to 10:10 a.m. beginning September 12 - Teachers will be Beth and Gary Williams. Exploring, discovering, and growing together in God's Word.

Exploring God through Art (6-week workshop) - Sunday evenings, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. beginning September 12 - Workshop leaders will be Tyler and Jess Hutchison. Supplies provided. Registration required <https://www.fpclly.org/adults.html>. Max 12 adult participants.

I'll Take Both: Faith and Sports (4-week workshop) - Sunday evenings, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. beginning September 12 - Workshop leader will be Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson. Discussion will be formed around Peter's doctoral dissertation entitled *Christian Worship and the Communal Practice of Sports*.

Immerse Bible Study - Thursday mornings, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. beginning September 16 - Teacher will be Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson. Exploring, discovering, and growing together in God's Word.

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.

Other opportunities to connect and grow beginning September 12, 2021:

Coffee Café	8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Officers' Room
Lemonade and Cookies	11:31 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Narthex
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
HS and MS Youth	5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Youth Rooms/Outside
Children's Workshops (4 yrs. to 5 th grade)	5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	2 nd Floor, Rm 126, etc.
B.Y.O. Picnic Dinner	6:00 p.m.	Back Playground, Fellowship Hall

*** 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. ***