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# Service of the Lord's Day

August 29, 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 3 and under. Please ask an usher or greeter if you need any assistance locating the Nursery.*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Prelude on Rhosymedre (Lovely)

R. Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Hymn #276: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Faithfulness

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.*

*Refrain:*

*Great is Thy faithfulness!*

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**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: 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: Mark 7:24-37**

(pew Bible NT, p. 42)

**"Kingdom Stories Worth Retelling"**

Peter Thompson

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn #361: How Firm a Foundation**

Foundation

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."*

**Moment for Stewardship**

Donna Whitehouse

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

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**

**Lord, Who Knows My Heart**

D. Burton

Psalm 139

*Lord, who sees my every thought, Lord, who hears my quiet need,  
Lord, who walks the path I travel, Lord, who knows my heart.  
When I stand and when I sit, he is always close at hand;  
Every word upon my lips he will understand.  
Nowhere here in earth or heaven could I ever run away  
From the God that gently guides me to the day.  
If I take the morning's wings, soaring to a distant sea,  
There his loving hand will meet me: Lord, who knows my heart.*

**\*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 #399: We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**

Dunlap's Creek

*We walk by faith and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
From Christ Who spoke as none e'er spoke;  
But we believe Him near.  
  
We may not touch His hands and side,  
Nor follow where He trod;  
But in His promise we rejoice,  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"  
  
Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound  
To call on You when You are near  
And seek where You are found:  
  
That, when our life of faith is done,  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold You as You are,  
With full and endless sight.*

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

*The Two-Cents-A-Meal offering will be collected in baskets as you leave the Sanctuary. Please give as you are able.*

**Postlude**

**Fanfare**

J. Lemmens

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**Worship Leader: Jenny Osinga**

**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 29

- 9:00 a.m. Outside Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary, radio, & livestream)
- 11:45 a.m. Steward Training (Officers' Room)
- 4:30 p.m. Walk With God (front parking lot)

### Wednesday, September 1

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

### Thursday, September 2

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

### Sunday, September 5

- 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

**Members Helping Members for September:** Dorothy Niles (434) 384-1680 and Diana Smack (434) 384-7046

**Interested in growing closer to God and others? In 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 on Sunday mornings, 9:15 to 10:10 a.m. beginning September 12:** Beth and Gary Williams are leading to explore, discover, and grow together in God's Word.

**\*ONLY 6 SPOTS LEFT\* for Exploring God through Art (6-week workshop) on Sunday evenings, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. beginning September 12:** Workshop leaders will be Tyler and Jess Hutchison. Supplies provided. No experience necessary. Registration required <https://www.fpclly.org/adults.html>. Max 12 adult participants.

**I'll Take Both: Faith and Sports (4-week workshop) on 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 on Thursday mornings, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. beginning September 16:** Led by 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 dedications and teacher commissioning as well. 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:

Nursery	8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Room 8
Coffee Café	8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Officers' Room
Adult Bible Class	9:15 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.	Martin-Gifford
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:30 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.	Sanctuary
Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Lemonade and Cookies	11:31 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Narthex
Nursery	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Room 8
Gathering and Praise	4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Workshops for all ages ( <i>see below</i> )	5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	
Walk with God		Front Parking Lot
"I'll Take Both: Faith and Sports"		Martin-Gifford
"Explore God Through Art"		Fellowship Hall
HS and MS Youth		Youth Rooms/Outside
Children's Workshops (4yrs to 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)		2 <sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.fpclly.org) for all the upcoming activities. \*\*\*