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# Service of the Lord's Day

September 5, 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**

**Prelude On St. Columbia**

R. Cundick

## Welcome and Announcements

### **\*Hymn #28: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

In Dulci Jubilo

*Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart, and soul, and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before Him bow,  
And He is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice,  
With heart, and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
And we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice,  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all,  
To gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!*

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of Love, so often we pursue power and money, yet you come in weakness. So often we covet great material gifts, when you offer what is lasting. Through the work of your son Jesus, our Lord, who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, correct us. Then open our lips, that we may sing your praise with the angels, and remake our lives, that we may witness to your transforming love. Through 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.**

*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:** adapted from the Ecumenical Version of **The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and our salvation, came down from heaven, and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and became truly human. Who, for our sake was crucified, suffered death, and was buried. Who, on the third day rose again, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God. Who, will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and whose kingdom will have no end.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Moment**

Kathleen Lifsey

**Prayer for Illumination**

**New Testament Reading: Mark 8:27-38**

(pew Bible NT, p. 43)

**"Kingdom Stories Worth Retelling"**

Peter Thompson

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn #371: Lift High the Cross**

Crucifer

*Refrain:*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)*

*Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
Your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)*

**Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**

**Amazing Grace**

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*Russ Hovda, Soloist*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.*

**Congregation: Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.**

**\*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 #29: Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

Go Tell It

*Refrain:  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.  
While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.  
The shepherds feared and trembled,  
When lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angels chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth.  
Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.*

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

**Postlude**

**Nun Danket Alle Gott**

F. Bock

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**Worship Leader: Bianca Childress**

**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, September 5**

4:30 p.m. Walk With God (Front Parking Lot)

**Monday, September 6 – Church Offices Closed**

**Wednesday, September 8**

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

**Thursday, September 9**

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

**Sunday, September 12 – Come Back Home Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Outside Worship

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class (Martin-Gifford Room)

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

\*\* Please see a listing of opportunities below. For a full listing, visit our website [www.fpcly.org](http://www.fpcly.org).

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

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

**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 <sup>th</sup> grade)	5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	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. \*\*\*

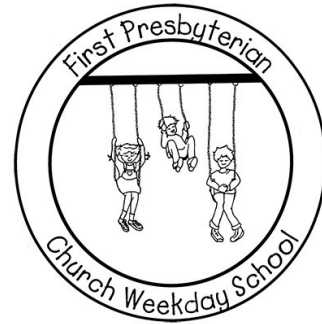


SEPTEMBER

# SNACK AND SUPPLY DRIVE

Come, pour out your love this September as we carry out Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors. Help us collect over 5,000 individual items thru our annual Snack and Supply Drive! This drive will help support children and families in the Lynchburg community. We are partnering with Food for Thought, Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry, and our own FPC Weekday School.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Food for Thought is part of the umbrella of programs that make up Parkview Community Mission that FPCLY continues to support. FFT puts together "weekend" backpacks for children who may otherwise go without a meal during that short break from school. Items from this drive will provide supplemental snacks for between meals and needed hygiene supplies. FPCLY will be hosting a packing event at FFT in October! Be part of the team that packs over hundreds of backpacks in 1.5 hours! For more information, contact Gary Williams [gtwilliams1619@gmail.com](mailto:gtwilliams1619@gmail.com)!

## FPC WEEKDAY SCHOOL

The FPC Weekday School operates as one of the most vibrant ministries of FPCLY and it has way since its beginning in 1946! The 2021 school year marks the beginning of our 75th year of operation providing Christian based educational opportunities for children in our community. With nearly 100 students ages 1 to 5 and nearly 25 staff filling classrooms, hallways, and playgrounds, God's love and joy abound as the next generation is inspired for Christ.



## RIVERMONT AREA EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Since the 1990s, First Presbyterian Church has partnered with five other churches in the Rivermont area to offer hunger relief through the RAEFP. "Clients" are referred to the RAEFP through the neighborhood churches and receive food kits. Items from this drive will help the pantry keep the pantry stocked. FPCLY also takes a turn packing starter kits, full food kits, and hygiene kits. To join the packing team or learn more, contact Tracy Baker at [swhee2ths@comcast.net](mailto:swhee2ths@comcast.net)!

## REQUESTED ITEMS

cereal and fruit bars  
nut and granola bars  
oatmeal (single servings)  
raisins (individual servings)  
peanut butter or cheese crackers  
tuna, vienna sausages, or chicken  
pouches  
canned fruit (15 oz. cans)  
disinfectant wipes  
baby wipes  
white cardstock paper (8.5" X 11")  
colored copy paper (8.5" X 11")  
bars of soap/new wash cloths  
toothbrush/toothpaste  
feminine hygiene products  
deodorant

**Donations may be dropped off in the FPCLY  
Main Entrance foyer:**

Sundays 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sundays, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

