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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

September 19, 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 children under 3. Please ask an usher or greeter if you need any assistance locating the Nursery.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude **Prelude on Hyfrodol** J. Jonghurst

Choral Introit **Be Joyful in the Lord** D. Moore

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn #324: Open My Eyes That I May See** Open My Eyes

*Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.*

Refrain:

*Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes (ears, heart), illumine me,
Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear. (Refrain)*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear,
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share. (Refrain)*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not always loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not always listen. You ask us to love, but we often walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We even condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent to you in spirit and truth, admit our sins, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

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: A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Worship Workshop (age 4 to kindergarten) and *Gateways to Worship* (grades 1st and 2nd) ... Temporarily Suspended

Choral Anthem

Thy Wisdom, Lord, All Thought Transcendeth

Traditional Russian

*Thy wisdom, Lord, all thought transcendeth; High as the heaven Thy starry way;
Yet here Thine equal mercy lendeth All that doth bless our earthly day:
On men Thy love which knows no measure, Pours Thine abundance of Thy treasure*

*More wide than space is Thy dominion, Deep as eternity Thy love;
Beneath the shadow of Thy pinion We put our trust, O God above:
Our darkling faith Thy power sustaineth; Unchanging might the world maintaineth.*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: James 3:13- 4:3, 7-8a

(pew Bible NT, p. 230)

"Turning the World Upside Down"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #263: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!*

Minute for Stewardship and Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Arr. R. Shephard

*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 and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
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*

***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 #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.*

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Threefold Amen

Traditional

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

D. N. Johnson

Share the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Worship Leader: Bobby O'Brian

Upcoming *Worship and Music* Opportunities:

Gathering and Praise- Sundays from 4:30 to 4:55 pm- Sanctuary... **Temporarily Suspended**

Outside Worship with Word and Prayer- Next Sunday @ 8:30 am- Front Parking Lot

Service of the Lord's Day Worship- Next Sunday @ 10:30 am- Sanctuary (Live Video and Radio)

Chancel Ringers- Rehearsal on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:15 pm- 2nd Floor Gathering Room

Chancel Choir- Rehearsal on Thursdays from 7:15 to 9 pm- Choir Room, Sundays from 9:30 to 10:10 am- Sanctuary

First Pres Presents: Farewell to the Organ Recital- Saturday, October 16, 2021 @ 4 pm- Sanctuary

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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/or church tours can be arranged by calling or emailing Peter at the church office (434-384-6231, peter@fpcly.org).

Opportunities to *Grow*:

Adult Bible Class- Sunday mornings, 9:15 to 10:10 a.m. beginning September 12

Teachers are Beth and Gary Williams

Study sources include Scripture and *Unshakable Hope: Building our Lives on the Promises of God* by Max Lucado. (Zoom Option)

Exploring God through Art (6-week workshop)- Sunday evenings, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.- Fellowship Hall
WORKSHOP FULL

Walk with God- Sunday evenings in September, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Leaders are Noel and Bob Thomas

Devotion and 45-minute walk on Peakland Place- All level of walkers welcome!!!

Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study- Thursday mornings, 7:00 a.m.

Leader is Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

Explore, Discover, and Grow in God's Word with other brothers in Christ! (Zoom Option)

Immerse Bible Study - Wednesday mornings, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. beginning September 15

Leader is Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

Explore, Discover, and Grow in God's Word with other sisters and brothers in Christ! (Zoom Option)

Opportunities to *Love*:

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

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

Prayer Chain, Prayer Shawls, Cards of Encouragement: Email peter@fpcly.org or stroudiane@comcast.net

Opportunities to *Serve*:

September Outreach Focus: Snack and Supply Drive- See Bulletin Insert for More Information

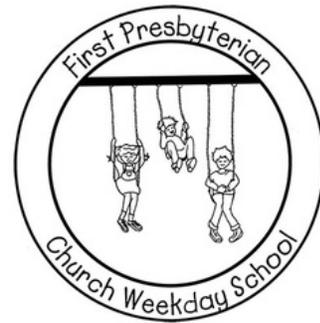
Two Cents a Meal Offering: Collection received the last Sunday of the Month during Worship

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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.



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 leading 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!

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. If you'd like to be a guest reader, playground support, or serve another way contact katie@fpcwds.com



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 swee2ths@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 sausage, 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.

