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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

September 26, 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

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

D. Schack

Choral Introit

The Eyes of the Lord Are Upon You

D. Moore

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn #420: God of Grace and God of Glory**

CWM Rhondda

*God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown the ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us,
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to love and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armored with all Christlike graces,
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee,
that we fail not them nor thee!*

*Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.*

**Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession**

God of abundant grace, we confess that we have often elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you fully. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. In your great love, fill us with the gift of your abundant grace.

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: Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39**

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Behold, Now Praise the Lord (Psalm 134)

E. Titcomb

*Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.
Ye that by night, stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: James 5:13-20

(pew Bible NT, p. 231)

"With the Lord on Our Side"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

***Hymn #555: Now Thank We All Our God**

Nun Danket Alle Gott

*Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms
Hath blessed us on our way*

*With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God,
Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son
And Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
The God who was, and is,
And shall be evermore.*

Minute for Mission and Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Standing on the Promises

Marcia Thom-Kaley, Soloist

R. K. Carter

*Standing on the promises of Christ my King, Thro' eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing on the promises that cannot fail, When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail, Standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, Standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing on the promises I cannot fall, List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all, Standing on the promises of God.*

***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 #285: God, You Spin the Whirling Planets**

Austrian Hymn

*God, you spin the whirling planets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,
Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, Call forth sunshine, wind and rain.*

*We, created in your image, would a true reflection be
Of your justice, grace and mercy, And the truth that makes us free.*

*You have called us to be faithful In our life and ministry:
We respond in grateful worship Joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image, Focus us and make us whole,
Healed and strengthened as your people, We move onward toward Your goal.*

*God, your will is still creating, Calling us to life made new,
Now reveal to us fresh vistas Where there's work to dare to do.
Keep us clear of all distortion, Fashion us with loving care,
Thus new creatures in your image, We'll proclaim Christ everywhere.*

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction
Postlude**

**Twofold Amen
Fanfare**

Greek
J. Lemmens

Share 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.

The **Chancel Flowers** this Sunday have been given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Anne North Howard, by Dennis Howard, Margaret Hill, and Elizabeth Howard.

Upcoming *Worship and Music* Opportunities:

Outside Worship with Word, Prayer, and Communion- Next Sunday @ 8:30 am- Front Parking Lot
Service of the Lord's Day Worship with Communion- Next Sunday @ 10:30 am- Sanctuary, Video, 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

Members Helping Members for October: Sheila Modjeska (434) 384-2021 and Sue Thornton (434) 384-5299

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

Opportunities to *Serve*:

Food for Thought Packing Event: Saturday, October 23 @ 9:30 am @ The Plaza, Contact Gary Williams if interested.

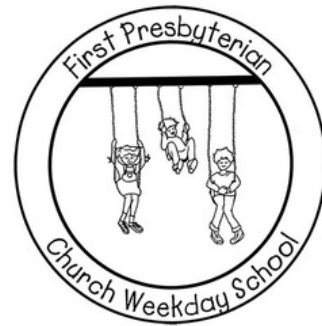
Presbyterian Cemetery Clean-up: Help prepare this sacred space in celebration of Veterans' Day.
Saturday, October 9 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, Contact Noel Thomas if interested.

VISIT WWW.FPCLY.ORG FOR CALENDAR AND MORE

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 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 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.

