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# Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

October 31, 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 3 and under. Please ask an usher or greeter if you need any assistance locating the Nursery.*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude** **Prière à Notre-Dame** L. Boëllmann

**Choral Introit** **O Worship The Lord** Anonymous

**Welcome and Announcements** (*Psalm 146*)

**\*Hymn #482: Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty** Lobe Den Herren

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration!*

*Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

*Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge that we are often more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove all the obstacles preventing us from being your faithful representatives to a broken world and awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.**

### Silent Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

**Leader:** 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. Say the good news with me:

**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: The Apostles' Creed** Hymnal, p. 14

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Choral Anthem

### There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

M. Bevan

*There's a Wideness in God's mercy Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in his justice Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgement given.  
For the love of God is broader Than the measure of man's mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow By false limits of our own;  
And we magnify his strictness With a zeal he will not own.  
There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head.  
There is grace enough for thousands Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations In that upper home of bliss.  
If our love were but more simple, We should take him at his word;  
And our lives would be all gladness In the joy of Christ our Lord.*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

(pew Bible NT, p. 223)

"Sacrifices Must Still Be Made"

Peter Thompson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Minute for Mission and Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

### Draw Near, All Ye People, From Elijah

F. Mendelssohn

*Harrison Reed, Soloist*

*Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, This day let it be known that Thou art God,  
And that I am Thy servant! Lord God of Abraham!  
O shew to all this people That I have done these things according to Thy word.  
O hear me, Lord, and answer me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,  
O hear me and answer me, And shew this people that Thou art Lord God.  
And let their hearts again be turned!*

\*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 #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)*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

D. Moore

**Postlude**

**Toccata**

L. Boëllmann

*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.*

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**Chancel Flowers:** Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Meg Nexsen and Dan Brodeck

Upcoming *Worship and Music* Opportunities:

**Outside Worship with Word and Prayer** - Next Sunday @ 8:30 a.m. - Front Parking Lot

**Service of the Lord's Day Worship** - Next Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary, Video, Radio

**Chancel Ringers** - Rehearsal on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gathering Room

**Chancel Choir** - Rehearsal on Thursdays 7:15 to 9 p.m. - Choir Room, Sundays 9:30 to 10:10 a.m. - Sanctuary

**All Saints Service of Remembrance** - Monday, November 1 @ 11 a.m. - Columbarium

**First Pres Presents: "The King's Singers" - February 25, 2022- Tickets Available Online**

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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](mailto:peter@fpcly.org)).

Opportunities to *Grow* :

**Adult Bible Class - Sunday mornings, 9:15 to 10:10 a.m.**

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)

**Walk with God - will not meet today, Sunday, October 31**

**Will meet at 4:00 p.m. starting November 7**

Leaders are Noel and Bob Thomas

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

**I'll Take Both: Faith and Sports - November 7, 14, 21, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Leader is Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson, Senior Pastor

How can our participation in and with sports be a faithful act of worshipping God? Let's talk about it.

*Nursery care available 4:45 to 6:15 p.m.*

**Christian Outreach - November 7, 14, 21, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Leader is Alex Collier, Director of Outreach

Outreach is an act of who we are and not just what we do.

*Nursery care available 4:45 to 6:15 p.m.*

**Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study - will not meet this Thursday, November 4**

Leader is Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson, Senior Pastor

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.**

Leader is Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson, Senior Pastor

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 November:** Katy Nunn (434) 384-0011 and Treena Koroneos (434)944-9014

**Prayer Chain, Prayer Shawls, Cards of Encouragement:** Email [peter@fpcly.org](mailto:peter@fpcly.org) or [stroudiane@comcast.net](mailto:stroudiane@comcast.net)

**Opportunities to *Serve* :**

**Share the Warmth:** Now through November 22!

This is a winter clothing drive supporting *One Community, One Voice* of Lynchburg. Our congregation has thus far collected 159 coats and 81 winter accessories. Please drop off new or gently used coats, gloves, scarves, hats, and belts for all ages in the church foyer!

**\*\*\*CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2\*\*\***

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