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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

November 14, 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 "The Ash Grove" D. Wood

Choral Introit Be Joyful in the Lord D. Moore

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn #465: Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather Tokyo

*Here, O Lord, Your servants gather, Hand we link with hand;
Looking toward our Savior's cross, Joined in love we stand.*

*As we seek the realm of God, We unite to pray:
Jesus Savior, guide our steps, For You are the Way.*

*Many are the tongues we speak, Scattered are the lands,
Yet our hearts are one in God, One in loves' demands.*

*E'en in darkness hope appears, Calling age and youth:
Jesus, teacher, dwell with us, For You are the Truth.*

*Nature's secrets open wide, Changes never cease;
Where, O where can weary souls Find the source of peace?*

*Unto all those sore distressed, Torn by endless strife:
Jesus, healer, bring your balm, For You are the Life.*

*Grant, O God, an age renewed, Filled with deathless love;
Help us as we work and pray, Send us from above*

*Truth and courage, faith and power needed in our strife:
Jesus Savior, be our way, be our truth, our life.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, forgive us.

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: Our World Belongs to God, st. 42-43

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners, called to be holy, dedicated to service. Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others. Knowing our own weakness and failures, we bring good news to all sinners with understanding of their condition, and with hope in God. We grieve that the church, which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and spans all time, place, race, and language, has become a broken communion in a broken world. When we struggle for the purity of the church and for the righteousness God demands, we pray for saintly courage. When our pride or blindness blocks the unity of God's household, we seek forgiveness. We marvel that the Lord gathers the broken pieces to do his work, and that he blesses us still with joy, new members, and surprising evidences of unity. We commit ourselves to seeking and expressing the oneness of all who follow Jesus.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Choral Anthem

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

T. Dwight

*I love Thy kingdom, Lord, The house of Thine abode,
The church our blessed Redeemer saved With His own precious blood.
I love Thy church, O God; Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, And graven on Thy hand.
For her my tears shall fall, For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given, Till toils and cares shall end.
Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, Her hymns of love and praise.
Sure as Thy truth shall last, To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield And brighter bliss of Heaven.*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25

(pew Bible NT, p. 224)

"Still A Need for Church"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 417: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Regent Square

*Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And our confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call You,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted lovingkindness
Hear Your people as they pray.
And Your fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway.*

*Here bestow to all Your servants
What they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Your glory
Evermore with You to reign.*

*Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,*

Ever Three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.

Minute for Stewardship and Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Give Thanks

H. Smith

Marcia Thom-Kaley, Soloist

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us."
We give thanks to You, O Lord. We give thanks.*

*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 #343: Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Threefold Amen

Traditional

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God from Cantata No. 79

J. S. Bach/ V. Fox

Share the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Worship Leader: Mark Strosnider

Upcoming *Worship and Music* Opportunities:

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, Video, Radio

First Pres Presents: Chancel Choir Advent Concert - Saturday, December 4 @ 4:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

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@fpclly.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.

Also via zoom.us Meeting ID: 863 5324 3600 Passcode: 335664

Walk with God - Sundays @ 4:00 p.m.

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 14, 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 14 and 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.

Also via zoom.us Meeting ID: 839 0053 2876 Passcode: 137929

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

Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study – Thursday mornings, 7 a.m.

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)

College Cares - Wednesday Evenings @ 6:00 p.m.

Leader is Marcia Thom-Kaley, Director of Educational Ministries

A weekly gathering of young adults who are about to enter college or are college aged. The group meets to discuss spiritual challenges and opportunities presented by growing into independence on a college campus.

Upper teens – to mid-twenties are welcome to join!

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@fpclly.org or 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.

Please drop off new or gently used coats, gloves, scarves, hats, and belts for all ages in the church foyer!

Fall Church Workday – Saturday, November 20 @ 9:00 a.m. (weather permitting)

Looking for eager hands to assist in cleaning up the church grounds. Dress warmly and bring your garden gloves, weeding tools, tarps, and water. With helping hands, the project is expected to last about 2 hours. Contact Rob Cleland if interested in participating.

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