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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day with Communion

January 2, 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 No. 5, Op. 101

C. V. Stanford

Choral Introit

Joy to the World!

Watts/Handel

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn #461: God is Here**

Abbot's Leigh

*God is here! As we Your people Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit Into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit; Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, Here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome In the Shepherd's flock and fold,
Here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living To believe and to adore.*

*Lord of all, of church and kingdom, In an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel, Help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, All we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without You, We adore you! We believe!*

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.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Choral Anthem

Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty

Leander/Lang

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.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

(pew Bible NT, p. 201)

"Committed to Christ"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Marcia Thom-Kaley, Soloist

***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 #435: We All Are One in Mission**

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvoegelein

We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,

Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.

A single, great commission Compels us from above

To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service To witness in God's name;

Our ministries are different, Our purpose is the same:

To touch the lives of others By God's surprising grace

So every folk and nation May feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united And let our song be heard.

Now let us be a vessel For God's redeeming word.

We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,

Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Twofold Amen

T. Adams

Postlude

Venite!

J. Leavitt

Share the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Upcoming *Worship and Music* Opportunities:

Service of Ordination and Installation of Elders and Teacher Commissioning

Next Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary, Video, Radio

Welcome, Gathering, & Praise - Beginning Sunday, January 9 @ 4:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

Chancel Ringers - Rehearsal on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:10 p.m. - 2nd Floor Gathering Room

Chancel Choir - Rehearsal on Thursdays from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m. - Choir Room,

Sundays from 9:30 to 10:10 a.m. - Sanctuary

First Pres Presents: "The King's Singers" – February 25, 2022

TICKETS AVAILABLE @ WWW.FPCLY.ORG/GIVING

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).

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Opportunities to *Grow*:

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

Teachers are Beth and Gary Williams

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!!!

Worship +2 Workshops for ALL ages - Sundays @ 5:00 p.m.

Workshops immediately follow Welcome, Gathering, & Praise

(Beginning January 9 - please see bulletin insert for details)

Immerse Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 10:00 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. (resumes January 12)

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!

Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study - Thursdays @ 7:00 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)

Opportunities to *Love*:

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

Members Helping Members for January: Ginny McCraw (434) 528-1927 and Sally deNiord (434) 384-8153

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

Opportunities to *Serve*:

Receptionist/Greeters Needed: Smiling faces are needed at the front door to help direct phone calls and greet visitors during the week. Flexible 3-hour shifts. Please contact Karen Wydner (434) 384-6231 for more info.

Ushers Needed: Help welcome your fellow congregation members on Sunday mornings and at occasional special events throughout the year. Please contact Donnie Ore or Karen Wydner if interested in helping.

Church Offices will be closed January 3

*****VISIT WWW.FPCLY.ORG FOR CALENDAR AND MORE*****



Get ready for Worship +2!

Sundays, beginning January 9, 2022!

Worship +2 is our programming model that emphasizes worship as the very heart of our call as Christians (to praise and glorify God) AND encourages us to spiritually feed ourselves and others primarily through education and outreach. Through this model we offer opportunities for all ages and stages to worship, grow, serve, and love!

WORSHIP (Sunday mornings)

9:00am - 12pm, Nursery available for kids 3yo & under

9:15 - 10:10am, Adult Spiritual Growth Bible Class

9:30 - 10:10am, Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30am, Worship (Sanctuary, livestream, & radio)

Worship Workshop (for 4yo-Kindergarteners) and Gateways to Worship (for 1st-2nd graders) will take place after the Children's Moment in worship for children to learn the practices and purposes of worship.

+2 (Sunday afternoons/evenings)

4:00 - 6:00pm, Nursery available for kids 3yo & under

4:30 - 4:55pm, Welcome, Gathering and Praise

5:00 - 6:00pm, Workshops for ALL ages

(see the back for a breakdown for children, youth, & adults)

6:00pm, bring your own picnic dinner (B.Y.O.D.)



Children's Workshops

Children between 4 years and 5th grade will be divided into four age-based groups to explore and learn about Bible characters and stories through music, play, art, & story telling!

Age groups: (4yo & 5yo, K & 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th)



Youth Workshops

Middle School Youth (6th–8th grades) and High School Youth (9th–12th grades) are invited to explore their own faith and learn more about God through Bible study, service opportunities, outreach experiences, and community building activities.

Adult Workshops

Couples Adventure Workshop

Led by Peter & Barrett Thompson and Caskie & Becky Giles

Have fun, laugh, and be encouraged as you and your partner learn and grow together.

Contemporary texts and scriptural references will be applied to real world issues.

Faith and Life

led by Chal and Katy Nunn
ZOOM only

Explore and discover more about faith in everyday life in this discussion based class on contemporary issues. We will begin our exploration through the book *Jesus and John Wayne*.

KÓMÉ-Connecting with the Village

led by Alex Collier,
Director of Outreach

This two-week workshop is an opportunity to connect and engage with other folks in the FPCLY community!

For more details on Worship +2 and additional opportunities to worship, grow, love, & serve during the week go to fpcly.org!