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Worship... Service of Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning

January 9, 2022

**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 **Berçouse** L. Vierne

Choral Introit **O Worship the Lord** D. Moore

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn #523: God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian** Bethany

*God the Spirit, guide and guardian, Windsped flame and hovering dove,
Breath of life and voice of prophets, Sign of blessing, power of love:
Give to those who lead Your people Fresh anointing of Your grace;
Send them forth as bold apostles To Your church in every place.*

*Christ our Savior, Sovereign, Shepherd, Word made flesh, Love crucified,
Teacher, Healer, suffering Servant, Friend of sinners, foe of pride:
In Your tending may all *pastors Learn and live a Shepherd's care;
Grant them courage and compassion Shown through word and deed and prayer.*

*Great Creator, Life-bestower, Truth beyond all thought's recall,
Fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, Giving and forgiving all:
As You know our strength and weakness, So may those the church exalts
Oversee her life steadfastly, Yet not overlook her faults.*

*Triune god, mysterious Being, Undivided and diverse,
Deeper than our minds can fathom, Greater than our creeds rehearse:
Help us in our varied callings Your full image to proclaim,
That our ministries uniting May give glory to Your name.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. Forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

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: The Apostles' Creed**

Traditional, Hymnal p. 14

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Today, following the Children's Moment, children 4yo-2nd graders and one grown-up from each family unit represented are invited to come with Kathleen to explore the spaces and learn more about the Worship Workshop and Gateways to Worship programs for children that are starting up again.

Choral Anthem

Here I am, Lord

D. Schute/O. Young

*I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save
I, who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart
I, the Lord of snow and rain I have borne my people's pain I have wept for love of them They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone Give them hearts for love alone Who will speak my word to them Whom shall I send?
I, the Lord of wind and flame I will tend the poor and lame I will set a feast for them My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide 'Til their hearts be satisfied I will give my life to them Whom shall I send?*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

(pew Bible NT, p. 60)

"Declaring Commitment"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning of Elders

Commissioning of Spiritual Growth Teachers and Leaders

*Hymn #419: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

*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.*

Call to Offering Offertory Anthem

Come, Celebrate the Call of God

Wren/Hopson

*Come, celebrate the call of God that awakens and renews,
and chooses from us, for our good, the bringers of good news.
The Spirit's blessing all ordains to show what God has done,
yet brings to focus and contains the many in the one.
A chosen one today replies, and fit and ready stands.
Their calling now we recognize with prayer and loving hands.
A servant leader, truthful friend, we gladly will receive,
to stir and comfort, shake and mend, be glad with us, and grieve.
Great Spirit, give their word and breath in Christ to live and speak,
and shield against the powers of death the outcast and the weak,
Their flag of faith, above defeats, in heaven's breeze unfurled,
as all their deepest gladness meets the hunger of the world.*

***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.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*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

Toccata

G. Mushel

Share the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

A note about today's Prelude and Postlude: Beginning today and continuing through January 30, the preludes and postludes played will be intended to glorify God through repertoire meant to utilize the organ to its fullest and most expressive capacity, and to pay gratitude to its nearly 71 years of service. The pieces selected will likely be familiar and are intended to invoke memories and appreciation for this mighty instrument's many years of enhancing worship. Beginning January 31, the Foley-Baker company will begin dismantling the organ for its extensive renovation!

Upcoming *Worship and Music* Opportunities:

+2 Welcome, Gathering, & Praise - TONIGHT @ 4:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

Service of the Lord's Day Worship - 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: "The King's Singers" - February 25, 2022 - TICKETS AVAILABLE @

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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

Zoom Option: 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!!

+ 2 Workshops for ALL ages – TONIGHT @ 5:00 p.m.

Workshops immediately follow Welcome, Gathering, & Praise

(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

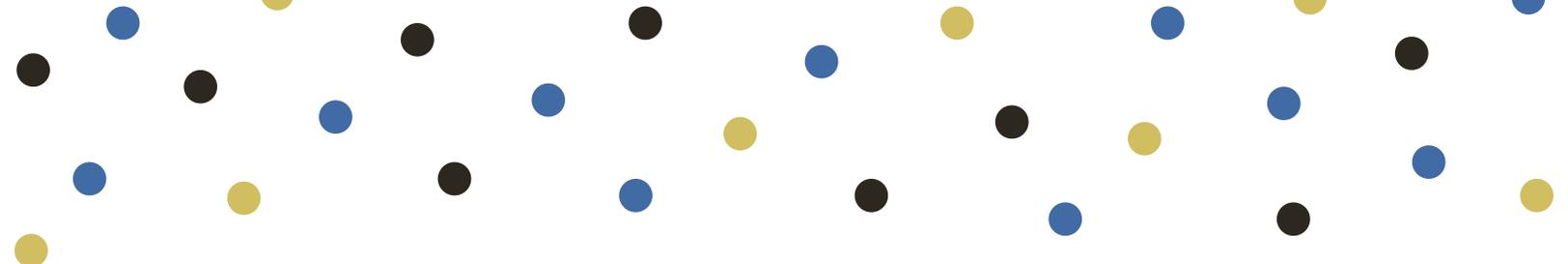
Prayer Chain, Prayer Shawls, Cards of Encouragement: Email peter@fpclly.org or stroudiane@comcast.net

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.

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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!