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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

July 17, 2022

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** Music by William M. Runyan; arr. by Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn 276: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10, 000 beside

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, for the things we have done against Your will and for the things we have not done against Your will, we praise You for Your faithful mercy and forgiveness. For all the times we have acted without love and for all the times we have reacted without compassion, we praise You for Your faithful mercy and forgiveness. For all the times we have withdrawn care for others and for all the times we have failed to forgive others, we praise You for Your faithful mercy and forgiveness. For hurtful words said and helpful words left unsaid, we praise You for Your faithful mercy and forgiveness. God of all time, You are the God of life and the God of love and the God of healing, help us to lean into You with trust and abiding faith.

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 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: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong- body and soul, in life and in death- to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

After the Children's Moment, children preschool - 2nd graders are invited to participate in a combined Worship Workshop and Gateways to Worship experience in Room 101 to learn more about the practices and purpose of worship.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Mark 5:21-42

(pew Bible NT, p. 39-40)

"Impossible Possibilities: Life Giving"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 394: There Is a Balm in Gilead**

Balm in Gilead

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Some times I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,

But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for knowledge He'll not refuse to lend. (Refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say "He died for all." (Refrain)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering
Offertory Anthem

Your Hands
Marcia Thom-Kaley, Soloist

JJ Heller and Katheryne Herzig

*I have unanswered prayers, I have trouble I wish wasn't there
And I have asked a thousand ways that you would take my pain away. You would take my pain away.*

*I am trying to understand how to walk this weary land
Make straight the paths that crookedly lie Oh Lord, before these feet of mine. Oh Lord, before these feet of mine.*

*When my world is shaking Heaven stands
When my heart is breaking I never leave your hands.*

*When you walked upon the earth You healed the broken, lost, and hurt
I know you hate to see me cry, one day you will set all things right. One day you will set all things right.*

*When my world is shaking Heaven stands
When my heart is breaking I never leave your hands. Your hands
Your hands that shape the world are holding me, they hold me still
Your hands that shape the world are holding me, they hold me still.*

***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 399: We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**

Dunlaps Creek

We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Christ Who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found:

That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.

***Benediction**

***Postlude:**

Victory in Jesus

E.M. Bartlett

Share the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

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Stewardship: God wants to partner with YOU

When asked about why he remains so involved in First Presbyterian, Rob Cleland said, "Even today after being in the church for more than 50 years, I am still meeting new people and developing relationships which is a blessing. It also makes me feel very proud when someone comes up to me and tells me something good about one of my children."

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Walk with God - Today @ 10:45 a.m.

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

Summer Choir

An opportunity for anyone to participate in leading worship through song no matter your musical training!

Meet at 8:45 a.m. on the following Sundays: **July 24, August 7, August 21**

Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study @ 8:00 a.m. (every Thursday through August 18)

This weekly Bible Study will continue throughout the summer with weekly topics chosen and led by various members of the group. The topics will focus on how God is speaking into our lives.

In-person and via Zoom. **Zoom Meeting ID: 840 2716 9088 Passcode: 883182**

GODspeaks - Sunday mornings @ 9:00 a.m.

In this 30-minute class, our conversation will revolve around your favorite verses (GODspeaks) and how they speak into our lives. This will be *informal and interactive* in nature. All are welcome to attend!

In-person & via Zoom. **Zoom Meeting ID: 8635 324 3600 Passcode: 335664**

FPCLY IMPACT week - July 24-30

Experience a week of transformational IMPACT through service opportunities in the Lynchburg area and within our own church community. Check out all the service options and sign-up on the easels in the Narthex or bby hovering your phone over the QR code to the right. Contact Alex Collier for more info at alex@fpcly.org.



IMPACT week Pizza & Devotions – July 27 @ 5:30 p.m.

Let's come together for pizza, a short devotion, & engage in a few of our church-based IMPACT week activities. It's a great avenue for working adults and families to engage in IMPACT week outreach outside of the work day & it's a great time to be together! Sign up in the Narthex or using the QR code above.

Hillcats Baseball Game Night – July 30 @ 6:30 p.m.

We're excited for a night at the ballpark as a fun time to be together in the community! All tickets will be covered by the church. We just ask you to sign up on the IMPACT week boards in the Narthex or using the QR code linked above.

“Come and Be Fed” Fellowship Dinner Series – July 31 @ 4:30 p.m.

All are invited to our last “Come and Be Fed” dinner as a time to reflect and share what we’ve learned from our ministry partners this summer and “IMPACT” week. Personal experiences and stories will be shared. Our potluck entrée will be ham with hot dogs for the kids. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with 4-6 people. Children’s opportunity available during the program time.

*** 15 oz. cans of fruit will be collected for Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry***

**** Please view the calendar at www.fpcli.org or call the church office for more information. ****

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