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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

August 28, 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 3 and under. Please ask an usher or greeter if you need any assistance locating the Nursery.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Andante Sostenuto

F. Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn 420: God of Grace and God of Glory**

CWM Rhondda

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy pow'r;
crown Thine ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flow'r.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail Thy ways.
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to Thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
That we fail not them or Thee, That we fail not them or Thee!

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not always loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not always listen. You ask us to love, but we often walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. At times, we even condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

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: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Marcia Thom-Kaley

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: 1 Peter 4:7-11

(pew Bible NT, p.235)

"Impossible Possibilities: Good Stewards"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Minute for IMPACT

Offertory Anthem

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

D. Forrest

Amy Pugh, Soloist

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

***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 339: Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

*Benediction

Postlude

Rigaudon

A. Comprà

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.*

Stewardship: God wants to partner with YOU!

After being asked about a foundational message of grace or hope being involved in the church has taught him, Ruling Elder Robert O'Brian, Jr. offered, "Being involved in the church, or on Session, has enabled me to build relationships with other church members that I don't think I would have without being involved. These individuals feel like extended family members. I truly believe I could go to any of them for whatever reason and they would be there for me as well as my family; and, of course I would be there for them if needed. As crazy as our world is today it's comforting to know I have more people I could lean on for support. Having these relationships helps provide a sense of hope."

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Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Prayer Service- Sunday Mornings @ 8:00 a.m.- FPCLY Chapel

All are welcome to join together for a time of prayerful worship guided by scripture readings and applicable prayers of the people and for the world. The Prayer Service will begin precisely at 8:00 a.m. and conclude around 8:30 a.m.

Stated Session Meeting- Today @ 11 a.m.- Officers' Room

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

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

“Let’s Go!” Spark Sunday is September 11th

It’s almost time to kick-off fall programming! Are you ready? We have a full slate of Sunday and weekday opportunities for adults, youth, and children to worship, grow, love, and serve. It’s going to be awesome! Stay tuned for more details and get ready for it all to begin on September 11!

Sister Stories Luncheon – September 11 @ 12pm

Come, let us break bread, learn about one another, and hear from guest speaker Bianca Childress as she shares a bit about her life journey from California to Lynchburg and everything in between. All are invited to this catered luncheon in the Fellowship Hall! Cost is \$10 to be collected at the door. Sign up on the sheet in the main foyer, by calling the church office, or online.

Weekly Bible Studies are Back!

“Singing Our Theology: A Study of Hymns” will be our focus this Fall.

Leader is Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

Immerse Bible Study- Wednesdays @ 10 am- Library or Zoom

Join Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87119305941?pwd=aXJhSjJLMERSdIlvRXBvdTBZVmpPUT09>,
Meeting ID: 871 1930 5941, Passcode: 687683

Colin Caldwell Men’s Bible Study- Thursdays @ 7 am- Library or Zoom

Join Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84027169088?pwd=ZG44MDFuV3ptTVZDWW1JS1BWeDIFdz09>,
Meeting ID: 840 2716 9088, Passcode: 883182

Malawi Virtual Trip

Join us on Wed., Sept 14 and Thur., Sept 15 for a two part Live Virtual Mission Trip to Malawi, hosted by one of FPC's world partner organizations: Medical Benevolence Foundation. The "tours" begin at 8am each morning, and will include hospitals, health clinics, and nursing schools MBF supports in Malawi. We will be watching live on the TV in the Martin-Gifford room, and will have the chance to ask questions during and after the tours. Sign up with Alex if you would like to attend or receive more information.

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

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