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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

September 4, 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

Communion

C. Gounod

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn 324: Open My Eyes that I May See

Open My Eyes

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear,
and while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev'rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere.
Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my mouth, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess before you and each other that our lives are not pure and holy apart from the cleansing we have from the work of Christ. And we confess that too often Christ in us is hidden by our actions that can wound rather than heal, that can tear down rather than build up. Open our eyes, that we may see you in the ones we say we love. Open our ears, that we may be quicker to listen than to speak. Open our mouths to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors. Open our hands in generosity and help us let go of clenched fists. Open our hearts to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience to your will and your way. We pray trusting in your forgiveness and in the power of your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in paths of justice and righteousness for your name's sake.

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: The Apostles' Creed**

Hymnal, p. 14

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Marcia Thom-Kaley

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

Anthem

Speak to the Mountains

C. McClarney

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

(pew Bible NT, p. 192)

"Open Wide"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Minute for Education

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

The Lord's Prayer

A. H. Mallotte

Cory Whittier, Organ; Tonya Robertson, Piano

Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

***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 415: Come Labor On**

Ora Labora

Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."

Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share;
to young and old the gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubt and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here.
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's righteous will.

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done, well done!"

***Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary from *Suite for Organ*

J. Stanley

Share the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Chancel flowers today are in celebration of the marriage of Kelsey Thomson and John Regan.

Stewardship: God wants to partner with YOU!

When asked about a fond memory in the church that helps encourage him to be involved in the church now, Ruling Elder Robert O'Brian, Jr. shared, "I have many fond memories growing up at FPC. Youth group was a very special program. It was something we all looked forward to Sunday evenings during the school year. I remember many of my contemporaries participating. My hope is the youth today get involved and have similar experiences; I believe they would appreciate what it has to offer. My fondest memories of YG were when we would come up with the worship service with each person doing a different role at the end of the year and also the "Lock-ins"...."

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Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

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!!

*******IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT EFFECTIVE SPARK SUNDAY- SEPTEMBER 11, 2022*******

Last Sunday, August 28, the Session approved a motion brought to them by the Worship Initiative that will keep our corporate worship gathering on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. followed by a short time of "Lemonade and Cookies" fellowship before spiritual growth classes from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. After much deliberation and discernment, it was felt that the 9:30 a.m. corporate worship time on Sundays provides the needed flexibility for all possible Sunday morning activities, most notably educational and spiritual growth opportunities. It is believed that the 9:30 a.m. worship time on Sundays supports and encourages, to the greatest extent possible, participation in educational and spiritual growth opportunities for all ages. Keeping worship at 9:30 a.m., as it has been throughout the summer, allows groups such as the Chancel Choir, worship leadership, and ushers and greeters, to have the full opportunity to attend classes which would not be possible if they were to be held prior to worship. It is also believed that hosting educational and spiritual growth opportunities immediately following worship (as opposed to before or later in the afternoon) will enhance the overall worship experience by providing a platform for post-worship discussion, pondering, reflection, and insight, within the educational and spiritual growth classes.

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.fpcli.org or call the church office for more information. ****

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