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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

September 18, 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 **Sonata No. 4, III. Allegretto** F. Mendelssohn

Choral Introit **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee** Hymn to Joy

Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship

Leader: O Give Thanks to the Lord, call on God's name.

All: We remember the wonderful works He has done, His miracles and the judgements He has uttered.

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to the Lord. Glory in God's holy name. Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Praise the Lord!

***Hymn 359: More Love to Thee, O Christ** More Love To Thee

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best;
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, when we face trials, it is natural to fear. But even in our fear you call us to trust in you. There are times, O Lord, when you ask us to take risks, but our faith is lacking and we become complacent. Forgive us, O God. Help us to remember that you are a God to be trusted. Help us to lean on you and step out in faith.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn Response: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

*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 ten thousand bedside!*

*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!*

*Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. 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.

Choral Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Arr. C. Young

*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.
Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great father, I thy true son; O thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
High king of heaven, my victory won; may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall; O still be my vision, thou ruler of all.*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: John 21:1-17

(pew Bible NT, p.115-116)

“Do You Love Me?”

Nancy Dawson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Minute for Stewardship

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

Arr. C. Young

*Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;
The fields are wet with diamond dew; The worlds awake to cry
Their blessings on the Lord of life, As He goes meekly by.
Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, Shout with their shout of praise;
See how the giant sun soars up, Great lord of years and days!
So let the love of Jesus come And set thy soul ablaze.
To give and give, and give again, What God hath given thee;
To spend thyself nor count the cost; To serve right gloriously
The God who gave all worlds that are, And all that are to be.*

***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 335: Though I May Speak**

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Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

***Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Postlude

Sonata No. 4, IV. Allegro maestoso e vivace

F. Mendelssohn

*All are invited to share the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ following worship in the Narthex, while
enjoying some lemonade and cookies. Spiritual Growth opportunities for all ages will follow at
10:45 a.m.*

Stewardship: God wants to partner with YOU!

When asked for 3 reasons he feels it is important to give to the church financially, Ruling Elder Gary Williams offered, "We try to be faithful in making God the priority of our lives. We know that all things were made through Him, thus we, and all that we have, belong to God. We know that we belong to Christ through His great redemptive love and sacrifice and thus are a part of His Body, called to be a living sacrifice, in all of who we are and in all that we have. We know that God's eternal plan is in and through Christ, and thus His Church. Christ tells us to lay up our treasures in heaven and not on earth. Our giving is simply a faithful response, knowing where our treasure and heart is."

*****Worship, Grow, Love, Serve*****

Communal Worship- "praising God corporately"- is a catalyst...

The Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Common Worship shares that corporate worship is "at the very heart of the church's life. All that the church is and does is rooted in its worship." We are all invited to come and participate in corporate worship as often as possible. Our primary time for corporate worship is each Sunday morning @ 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Alternative ways to worship on Sunday mornings include Live Video Streaming and Live Radio Broadcast on WLNI 105.9 FM @ 9:30 a.m. Our worship of God together on Sunday is a catalyst to the many ways we are called to "bring praise to God," such as building relationships, learning and growing spiritually through study, loving others in care and nurture, serving others in mission, and giving our tithes and offerings. Our worship of God together helps to enhance and inspire us all into faithful discipleship as the Church.

Spiritual Growth Opportunities for ALL Ages- Sunday Mornings @ 10:45 a.m. and Midweek

For various class offerings or assistance of any kind, please ask an usher or visit www.fpcl.org.

Walk with God - Today @ 4:00 p.m.

Leaders are Noel and Bob Thomas

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

High School Youth Group-Today @ 6:00 p.m.

All High School Youth "9th-12th grade" are invited to gather at the home of Bob and Myra Dendy at 6:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship, food, and fun! For more information call or text Marcia at 434-610-7784.

Weekly Bible Studies- "Singing Our Theology: A Study of Hymns"

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

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

Upcoming *Rooted and Reaching* and Facilities Projects

Over the next several weeks you will see two facilities projects begin to take place outside the church building: painting of the exterior of the building and the Front Entrance Sidewalks Project. Stay tuned for more information with project details. There is a project board at the main entrance with information about the Front Entrance Sidewalks Project.

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