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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

October 16, 2022

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus

D. Wood

Bell Introit

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Chancel Ringers

Arr. A. B. Sherman

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn 467: How Great Thou Art**

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Oh Lord, my God! When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. Whether we have sinned in thought, word, or deed, by what we have done or by what we have left undone, we pray you would help create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew the right spirit within us.

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: from 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. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image. We deserve God's condemnation, yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. The spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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 experience in Room 101 to learn more about the practices and purpose of worship.

Bell Anthem

It is Well With My Soul

Arr. B. Ingram

Chancel Ringers

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 17:32-47

(pew Bible OT, p.261-262)

"Becoming"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

**Call to Offering
Offertory Anthem**

To God Be the Glory
Marcia Thom-Kaley, Soloist

A. Crouch

*How can I say thanks For all the things You've done for me?
Things so undeserved Yet You gave to prove Your love to me.
The voices of a million angels Could not express my gratitude.
All that I am And ever hope to be I owe it all to Thee
To God Be the glory For the things He has done.
With His Blood He has saved me, with His power He has raised me
To God be the glory For the things He has done.
Just let me live my life And let it be pleasing, Lord to Thee
And should I gain any praise Let it go to Calvary*

***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 and Benediction**

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

***Hymn 430: Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!**

Darwall's 148th

*Come sing, O church, in joy. Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!
Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!
Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!
Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed O'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!*

Congregational Meeting

Postlude

God of Grace, and God of Glory

P. Manz

We encourage all to share the love, joy, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ with one another. All are also encouraged to join in the Narthex for lemonade and cookies before participating in one of the many spiritual growth opportunities available for all ages.

The chancel flowers this Sunday are given in loving memory of their parents Scott and Dippy Reams from Gwen and Phil Maddox.

*The rose bud on the font is to announce the arrival of Tanner Peter Thompson born on September 16, 2022.
Tanner's parents are Rev. Dr. Peter and Barrett Thompson.*

Stewardship: God wants to partner with YOU!

After being asked about 3 reasons why giving financially to First Presbyterian is a priority for him and his family, Ruling Elder Robert O'Brian, Jr. offered, "I have been a member of FPC for my entire life. I was baptized here, married here, and my biological children have also been baptized here. When our family became able to give financially there was never a question that we would not. What we questioned was how much do we give? Giving to the church makes us feel good and we owe it to our church for all it has done for me and our family for many years. Honestly, I would not feel comfortable in the church if we did not pledge. Not only do we pledge, but we also give what we can during the offering every time we attend worship. Even our children give their own money during the offering sometimes! They already see the importance of giving."

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Called Congregational Meeting- TODAY immediately following worship

Session has called this congregational meeting for the purpose of electing *one* Ruling Elder to serve on Session in the class of 2023 and *four* Ruling Elders to serve on Session in the class of 2025. Bio information for these five individuals is included on the bulletin insert. In the Presbyterian Church (USA), it is the responsibility and privilege of the congregation to elect active and skilled individuals to serve as a representative body of ruling elders called the Session. The Session is elected, ordained, and installed to serve in governance and leadership of the ministries of God's church here at FPCLY.

Weekly Bible Study- "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=aXJhSjJLMERSdlluRXBvdTBZVmpPUT09>

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

IMPACT Saturday – Next Sunday, October 22

IMPACT is back, this time in a one-day package! Sign-ups begin TODAY join in mission with various community partner. Check out the sign-up sheets in the Narthex during Lemonade and Cookies or hover your phone over the QR code to the right.



First Pres Presents *All Saints Day Concert*- October 29, 4:00 pm

The First Presbyterian Chancel Choir will be joined by singers from Southern Virginia University and an orchestra of local musicians, to perform Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living*. This work, in observance of All-Saints Day, "is a prayer for rest- traditionally, for the deceased. The five movements...however, form a narrative just as much for the living, and their own struggle with pain and sorrow, as for the dead." We hope you'll join us for this collaborative event of beautiful and powerful music. Admission is free and a free-will offering will be available.

Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 30, 4-6pm

Last year's Trunk or Treat event saw several hundred folks come through the back parking lot, and we'd love to go even bigger this year! Sign up with Alex to reserve a spot to pass out candy, and bring your family out to be a part of this fun community outreach event!

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

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