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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

November 13, 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

Enigma Variations, "Nimrod"

E. Elgar

Choral Introit

O Worship the Lord

Traditional

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn 554: Let All Things Now Living**

Ash Grove

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Til shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine,
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

Sacrament of Baptism:

Josephine May Absher
Parents: Will and Blair Absher
Session Representative: Johnny Alford

Presentation

Questions to the Parents, Congregation, and Children

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

Act of Baptism

... I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. You are now a child of the covenant, may God bless you, and keep you, and may you always be open to God's guidance.

Prayer and Welcome

Leader: Josie has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Josie into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support her, and her parents Will and Blair, to share the good news of the gospel with them, and to help them know and follow Christ.

*Hymn #304: Jesus Loves Me!

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Catherine Adams

After the Choral Anthem, 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.

Anthem

Pie Jesu
Amy Pugh, Soloist

G. Faure

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

(pew Bible NT, p.198-199)

"Prevailing Peace"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

God's Peace

C. J. Adams

*Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's face.*

*In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.*

*Come, then, children, with your burdens-- life's confusions, fears and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them-- he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.
Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;*

***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 555: Now Thank We All Our God**

Nun Danket Alle Gott

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given
the one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore;
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God from Cantata No. 79

J. S. Bach/ V. Fox

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.

Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Ginny Harris, Tim and Susan Timmons, Ed and Susan Hunt, and Doug and Nancy Brockman in memory of Carolyn Sparks.

Christmas Poinsettias!

Order forms are available to order 6" pot poinsettias as a memorial or in honor of a loved one. Please have your orders placed by Nov. 27th. Cost is \$18/6" plant. The plants can be picked up on Dec. 18th.

Stewardship: God wants to partner with YOU!

On Sunday, December 4, the Session will be meeting and one of the main focuses of that meeting will be the 2023 proposed operating budget. As has been shared over the last couple of months in announcements, a congregational letter, and a published narrative budget, the demand for financial resources to help support the work God is calling FPCLY totals a demand budget of \$1.2 Million. At this time, the congregation represents pledge gifts in the total amount of \$370,302 for 2023. Thank you to all who have made your 2023 commitment and pledge to partner with God and God's church in 2023. To meet and support the goals and needs outlined in the narrative budget, a tremendous amount of faith and commitment is still encouraged for all involved in the life and ministries of First Presbyterian Church. Whatever your capacity of giving and generosity is at this time, we welcome your participation. Your prayers are also encouraged as the Session deliberates and discerns operational decisions at this time and in this place. As you know, the decisions we make today can have great impact on the possibilities of tomorrow.

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

"Share the Warmth" Fall Coat Drive – through November 19

We are once again partnering with *One Community, One Voice* to "Share the Warmth" this fall! Drop off gently used coats, scarves, hats, socks, or gloves in the bin in the lobby, which will then be distributed to folks in our community this fall and winter. All ages, sizes, and styles needed!

First Pres Presents the Lynchburg Symphony Youth Orchestra- November 19, 4:00 pm

Come enjoy the Lynchburg Symphony Youth Orchestra as they present their fall concert at First Presbyterian Church! First Pres Presents is thrilled to host this ensemble made up of fine, high school and middle school musicians in the Lynchburg and surrounding communities. The program will feature a variety of orchestral music and will be sure to be an exciting event! Tickets are required for this concert which are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students. They can be purchased at the door or by visiting www.fpcl.org

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed – November 28th-30th @ Boonsboro Kroger

Help us ring the bell to collect donations that will assist folks in our community this holiday season! First Pres is aiming to fill time slots Nov. 28-30 (10am-12pm, 12-2pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm, and 6-8pm) at the Boonsboro Kroger. Sign up on the easel board in the Narthex. Contact Sally Leslie (cicver@msn.com or (434) 942-4859) for more information or additional dates and times.

Interested in Joining the Members Helping Members or Bereavement Teams?

The Care & Nurture Committee is looking for folks to join these wonderful opportunities to serve members of our congregation. *Members Helping Members* entails being "on call" for half of one month for rides to appointments, meal deliveries, or visiting with folks, while *Bereavement* helps with receptions after funerals. Contact Alex Collier or Jackie Hill (665-6552) for more information or to join!

The Christmas Story

All children are welcome to participate in *The Christmas Story*, December 11 during 9:30 a.m. Worship. Please use the QR code on the letter you received to sign up and/or contact Marcia Thom-Kaley for more information.

Griefshare- Surviving the Holidays

Nancy Dawson will lead a special *Griefshare* class on Tuesday Nov. 22 from 11:30-1:30 in the library (bring your lunch). All are welcome to attend. Materials will be provided. Please contact Nancy Dawson or Marcia Thom-Kaley for more information.

Fall Sunday School classes will end Nov. 20th.

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

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