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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church- Lynchburg, VA

Whether you are at First Presbyterian for the first time, a repeat visitor, or a long-time member...

Whether you are familiar with reformed traditions or find some of it a bit different...

Whether you grew up Presbyterian or Baptist or Episcopalian or Lutheran or Methodist or Jewish or Agnostic...

Whether you are in search of comfort or wanting to be challenged...

Whatever reason brought you to worship today, you are welcome here. As God's children and Jesus' disciples, we believe it is important to take seriously God's commandment and Jesus' teachings to love God, love one another, and love our neighbors. We don't all look alike, act alike, or think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions and carry different burdens. Still, every Sunday we are called by God to worship together as one unified community. Our worship style is traditional and true to our Reformed heritage. At the same time, we seek to bring our faith into conversation with the world around us and the events of our lives. We do our best to sing with joy and pray with honesty. Hospitality is important, and friendship is holy. That's why we gather for fellowship, cookies, and lemonade in the Narthex after worship. We hope you will join us in sharing the love, joy, and peace of Christ with one another during this time.

If you're looking for a perfect church, although there are many wonderful things happening in the life and ministries of First Presbyterian, perfect is not in the cards. We're real people. We do the very best we can, but we don't always get it right. We understand how much we all need grace in our lives. And we believe that God's love, which never gives up and never lets go, is for everyone. We truly believe this a place for all God's children to be a part of celebrating God's grace and inspiring the next generation for Christ.

Run the Race, Fight the Fight, Keep the Faith,
Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

Building Hospitality

Our building is a wonderful resource. It can also feel like a labyrinth when you are learning your way around. A few key locations may be helpful to you: Accessible Restrooms can be located down the main hallway from the Foyer. The Elevator is also located down the main hallway from the Foyer. The Nursery is located on the ground floor just outside the elevator. In addition to locations, there are two supports available to worship participants should they be needed: Hearing-assist devices and Large Print Hymnals can be found in the Narthex. Ushers are available and willing to assist you in finding your way or answering other questions. Wayfinding signs are also posted at all intersections throughout the building.

Welcoming Children

Just as Jesus welcomes the little children to come, so we welcome children of all ages in worship. We believe we are better when all members of God's family are included! In order to make the worship service as welcoming for our littlest ones as possible, we provide worship carts with a variety of resources to make a worship bag. After the children's moment, 4 years to 2nd grade aged children are invited to participate in worship workshop in room 101 or stay for the remainder of worship. It is always a joy to have your children and all the wiggles, giggles, questions, noises, and insights they bring. If you have any questions about how to enhance your child's worship experience, or if you're looking to get involved with our children's ministries, please contact Dr. Marcia Thom-Kaley (marcia@fpcly.org) or Catherine Adams (communications@fpcly.org).

Interested in joining?

If you'd like to be here in a more official capacity, you are invited to join First Presbyterian as a member. Everyone who is part of our community is treated the same. Joining isn't about special treatment, but rather about a commitment you make to following Jesus alongside others trying to do the same. New member gatherings take place throughout the year based on interest. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson (peter@fpcly.org) or Alex Collier (alex@fpcly.org).

Service of the Lord's Day

April 30, 2023

*From the beginning of the early church, God's people have met to worship on the first day of the week, the day Christ Jesus rose from the dead. We **gather** to praise the Triune God, confess our sin, and seek God's grace. We **hear** the good news of the gospel and are invited to **respond** to that good news in prayer, mission, offering, and celebrating the Lord's Supper. We are **sent** forth to glorify God through the service of daily living.*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

All are invited to join together in saying liturgy printed in bold.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Ye Watcher and Ye Holy Ones

D. Schack

Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist

Choral Introit

Praise the Lord, For He is Good

H. Davies

Chancel Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

***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!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We often overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are often deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we often despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to transform our lives and make us new.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we 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: based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-7; Colossians 1:15-20

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Marcia Thom-Kaley

Choral Anthem

The Lamb

J. Tavener

Chancel Choir

*Little Lamb who made thee, Dost thou know who made thee
Gave thee life and bid thee feed, By the stream & o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing wooly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice!
Little Lamb who made thee, Dost thou know who made thee
Little Lamb I'll tell thee, Little Lamb I'll tell thee!
He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek & he is mild, He became a little child:
I a child & thou a lamb, We are called by his name
Little Lamb God bless thee, Little Lamb God bless thee*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

(pew Bible NT, p. 233-234)

"God Offers A Way"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Call to Offering
Offertory**

He Shall Feed His Flock

J. N. Beck/ C. Courtney

Harrison Reed, soloist

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd;
He shall gather the lambs with His arm,
and carry them in His bosom,
and gently shall lead those that are with young.*

*He shall gather the lambs in His arm,
and carry them close to His heart;
and gently, so gently,
so gently shall lead those with young.*

***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 #387: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

Bradbury

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, early let us turn to Thee;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

***Benediction and Choral Alleluia**

Postlude

Fanfare

J. Cook

Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist

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.

Sunday, April 30

8:30 am Coffee & Conversation
 9:30 am Worship
 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
 11:00 am Sunday School Classes
 4:00 pm Walk with God

Monday, May 1

9:00 am FPC Weekday School
 2:00 pm Canterbury Crew
 6:00 pm College Cares
 6:00 pm Scouts - Cub Pack 7
 7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 7

Tuesday, May 2

9:00 am FPC Weekday School
 7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 49

Wednesday, May 3

9:00 am FPC Weekday School
 10:00 am Immerse Bible Study
 12:30 pm Al-Anon

Thursday, May 4

7:00 am Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study
 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
 6:30 pm Chancel Ringers Rehearsal
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 5

9:00 am FPC Weekday School

Saturday, May 6

7:00 pm Seven Hills Chorus Concert

Sunday, May 7

8:30 am Coffee & Conversation
 9:30 am Worship
 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
 11:00 am Sunday School Classes
 12:00 pm Bibles and Barbecue
 4:00 pm Walk with God

Notes for Today's Worship**Worship Leader:**

Gary Williams

Ushers and Greeters:

Elsie Howerton, Rick Milam, Laura Crumbley, & Calvin Milam

Worship Workshop Leaders:

Nancy Ann Gowen

Sound Technician:

Will Absher

Lemonade and Cookies Host:

Sally Leslie

Pastor on Call:

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Prayer Cares and Concerns

If you have a prayer request to share with the pastor or staff, you can write it on the blue prayer card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate (or the prayer box off the front hallway) or share your request online at fpclcy.org/ministries/care-nurture.html.

Connect with us!

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Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Called Congregational Meeting - Sunday, May 7- immediately following Worship

Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing the Nominating Committee to serve in 2023. The Nominating Committee is a committee of the congregation and is to be made up of representatives of the congregation. The responsibilities of the Nominating Committee are to help discern and recruit leaders to serve the ministries of the church including but not limited to Ruling Elders.

Bibles and BBQ Church Picnic – Sunday, May 7 @ 12:00pm – RSVP by TODAY!



We're having a good ol' Silver Pig BBQ and celebrating the gift of Bibles to our children! At this meal, we will have a short Bible presentation for our children who, due to the pandemic, haven't received their age-appropriate Bible from our Bible Sponsorship Program. The cost is \$10 per family (collected at the lunch) for the main meal; drinks, sides and desserts are covered.

RSVP by April 30 on the sheet on the table off the foyer or by scanning the QR code.

Youth Sunday – May 14 (Mother's Day) @ 9:30am worship

We cannot wait for you to hear faith lessons and music from the next generation as our children and youth "take over" worship on Mother's Day. We hope you will plan to be here for this special worship experience!

Sister Stories Luncheon – Sunday, May 21 @ 12:00pm – RSVP by May 15!

Let us break bread, learn about one another, and hear from guest speaker Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson, Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church, as she shares about her journey on multiple professional paths before finding a special home serving as a pastor. *RSVP up by May 15 on the sheet on the table off the main foyer.*

Vacation Bible School: Food Truck Party – June 5 - 9 - Registration closes TODAY!



A *Food Truck Party* is rolling into town for VBS where children will be reminded that everything we have comes from God and it is He who meets our daily needs! *Register a child participant* (Kindergarten through completed 4th grade) *or youth helper* (completed 5th grade and above) using the QR code to the left.



IMPACT Week Ahead! SAVE THE DATES – July 31 – August 5

We are excited for our second annual week of transformational IMPACT with service opportunities throughout Lynchburg and our own church community. If you want to join the 2023 experience and/or receive advanced information about the calendar and signing up, complete the form by scanning the QR code to the right and/or contact Alex Collier (alex@fpclly.org), Director of Outreach!



Check out ways YOU can partner with our Malawi Mission Team!

- Pray for the team as they continue to make plans and preparations.
- Donate the following items for our partners (soccer balls, ball pumps and needles, construction paper, used laptop computers [limit of 20 total], used SMART cell phones, and ball point pens).
- Mark your calendar for June 25th for a virtual ZOOM call with the team while they are in Malawi. More details to come in the weeks ahead.